



## **Sophie Lawrance, Year 2 Teacher**

### **What attracted you to the role at Gateway?**

I was attracted to work at Gateway School because of the caring and supportive environment that the teachers provide, along with the bespoke education that tailors the teaching to each pupil's strengths, talents and qualities, to ensure that they achieve a fulfilled and happy life.

### **What skills and experience can you bring to Gateway?**

Currently, I teach in Year 3 in Croydon and have been teaching for 2 years. I have run an after school sewing club and I am keen to run a Crafting and fitness afterschool club. Before beginning my teaching career I travelled across Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia for 6 months which I thoroughly enjoyed every moment. This experience developed me as a person and so, I shall bring these qualities gained, along with my experience and skills learnt from teaching in Croydon, to strive to develop and progress each pupil in my class in September.

### **What's the best thing about being a teacher?**

The best part of being a teacher is providing each child with the building blocks to develop and grow through to adulthood. Nurturing and guiding their natural curiosity, then harnessing their strengths, talents and qualities, ensuring that they achieve a fulfilled and happy year in my class. As well as, being able to inspire a child through the lessons and experiences I provide them with.

### **What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

In my spare time I pursue my love of hockey, playing for my local club. Along with this, I am a keen baker, I particularly enjoy experimenting with new recipes, to my boyfriend's delight. Since returning from travelling, I have continued this fond interest by spending time visiting a variety of different countries.