University of Hertfordshire: Suggested school work experience tasks - Secondary only

School:.........................................................................................................................................................

Dates of visits:....................................................................................................................... Total no. of days..............

Observation of the suggested activities below will support you in beginning to understand the role of a teacher.

☐ How entry to the classroom is organised and strategies used to gain the attention of the class; evidence of teacher preparation for the lesson.
☐ How the topic is introduced, including a recap of previous learning.
☐ The methods used to support pupil learning; reflect on why these help pupils to learn (modelling, demonstration, resources, visuals etc.).
☐ How pupil talk is used in the learning process (collaboration with peers, small group work, discussion).
☐ The strategies used to identify misconceptions in the development of subject knowledge and how the teacher enables pupils to overcome these.
☐ Strategies used to assess the learning throughout and at the end of the lesson.
☐ Routines at the end of the lesson for dismissal.

Following your visit/s, reflect on the experience and note key learning points below. Your notes may be helpful when either applying for a teacher training course or preparing for an interview.