

# Teaching in England with

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## Steve, My Experience in England

During my convocation ceremony at the University of Calgary, I was approached regarding a Secondary Science position in the United Kingdom. Bob and Anita from R.R.R. were asking for suitable candidates, and that I would be a great fit for the position. Up to that point, I had never really considered teaching anywhere but in Alberta, where I was currently building teaching connections and networking. The thought of taking the job was immediately exciting, but also intensely scary. I would be leaving a lot behind, including a contract with the C.B.E., to embark on a life chapter unlike any I had before. I also knew that I would never forgive myself if I didn't take this unique opportunity. I had to take it!

Once I made the decision to contact R.R.R., everything moved very quickly and efficiently. I submitted my details, and within days I was having an interview with Bob and Anita, and soon after, the school itself. They walked me through all of the paperwork I needed to complete, and no surprises were left waiting for me. They even helped me get a bank account, and offered to help me find a place to live and assist my move in once I arrived!

About a week after I arrived, I began my job at the school. As you can imagine, it was an incredible shock. Regardless of where we end up teaching, all first years are difficult. In the first months I was incredibly busy with planning, organizing, and all the little things that University can never quite prepare you for. Now, add to that the new system, new organization and new culture.

Honestly, it has been one of the biggest challenges I have faced... Luckily, Bob and Anita found me a school with a department that has been incredibly supportive, and they are very open and periodically check in, should I ever need any help. Now, looking back, every week gets easier, and approaching Christmas, I feel more confident and on top of things. I am present in my classroom, feeling more organized and proactive, not reactive. I have formed some great teaching and learning relationships, and students of all abilities are proud of their accomplishments, and have produced some amazing pieces of work! I am looking forward to the next two terms, excited to look back on the growth and development of my teaching practice.

I have nothing but positive things to say about R.R.R. For example, they pay the full amount right from the start and that really helps when you are starting in a new country. I have met other Canadians earning less, so be careful.

