



It is often said that children generally try and distance themselves as much as possible from their parents' professions, so having both parents as teachers would suggest that Cadi may have taken a different course in life.

But from an early age she was drawn towards a fondness of languages and was keen to transfer that interest to others.

"It's no surprise that having been brought up in a Welsh speaking household, the language has always been important to me. But language in itself has always appealed to me and in school I enjoyed English and French in the same way – I liked to consider how language is formed and how we use it to communicate."

Moving on to study at Aberystwyth University only strengthened Cadi's aspiration to share her love of the language, be that as the Welsh learners' officer for the students union or on the playing field as vice-captain of the Geltaidd rugby team.

She also took on an extracurricular role with the Mudiad Meithrin, helping non-Welsh speaking parents develop their use of the language to support their children.

By this point there was no doubt that she wanted to be a full time teacher, so it was back to North Wales for her PGCE.

"I knew in my heart that I wanted to find work close to my home, so I went to Bangor to do my PGCE and enjoyed training spells at Botwnnog and Ysgol Brynrefail, where I now have a full time role."

COVID did impact on Cadi's training, but she was fortunate to have secured a teaching post before the first lockdown and is now enjoying her first year as a newly qualified teacher (NQT).

"I have been very fortunate to have gotten a job in an area which I love, teaching a subject that I feel so passionate about. I am also taking on more pastoral responsibilities as head of year 7, and with an exciting new curriculum on the way, I am looking forward to working with colleagues to offer cross-curricular opportunities to our learners."

Cadi also has this advice for any future would-be teachers:

"I would encourage anyone to go into teaching – it is so interesting and varied, every day is different and at the same time so rewarding. I am really looking forward to seeing what the future holds."