

Name

School

A day in

the life of...

...David Ward,
Clinical Director 543 Dental Centre Ltd



As soon as David arrives at the practice, he goes through the post and checks the emails.



He then goes down to the surgery where his nurse Debbie has set up and prepares for all the lovely patients visiting him that day.



David's first patient of the day is Payman. David discusses his general health, oral health and asks if he is happy with his smile.



David also asks Payman if he has any concerns and Payman explains he has been having problems with one of his teeth.



During Payman's check-up, David looks in his teeth, abnormalities, checks his soft tissues (cheeks) and gums and also looks for the problem Payman was concerned about. David also completes an oral cancer check and goes through his medical and social history (such as smoking and drinking). David checks the occlusion (the way the teeth bite together) and oral hygiene. David finishes the check-up by giving some diet and oral hygiene advice.



Payman is having a lot of discomfort from his tooth, so David decides to take an x-ray, so he can diagnose the problem. It is decided Payman needs to have some root canal treatment.



Because Payman is in pain, David decides to start the treatment there and then for him. David always does his best to get all of his patients out of immediate pain whenever he can.



Once completing the treatment for him, David writes a prescription for Payman to get rid of any residual infection.



Once Payman has left the surgery, David writes up all the notes for the treatment and examination that has just taken place.



David then washes his hands in-between patients, and the whole process starts again.



At the end of the day, David has been working very hard and has a well-deserved coffee!