

PEMBROKE TUTORS

Chris

I have been a professional private tutor for two years since graduating from Oxford University with a 1st in Modern Languages. Since then, I have tutored children from 5 -21 years old. As such, I can provide a bespoke service, whether the client is seeking tuition for any independent school admissions process or indeed for national examinations (GCSE, A Levels etc.). Besides this, I also have considerable international experience, and regularly do residential tutorials with longstanding clients in the USA and Hong Kong for a wide range of subjects. I draw on a lot of experience across all subjects, as well as my time living abroad in France and Spain.

Education

Oct 2012 – Jun 2016 BA Modern Languages (French & Spanish), Pembroke College
University of Oxford
Grade: 1st Class Honours

Additional prizes:

- Oxford University Academic (Domus) Scholar
- Christopher Pratt Memorial prize for Spanish
- Outstanding performance in Finals oral examination for Spanish

Sep 1997 – Jun 2012 Clifton College, Bristol
A levels: 2 A*s - English Literature, Latin
2 As – French, Spanish
GCSEs: 11 A*s – Mathematics, English Literature, English Language, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, French, Spanish, History, Religious Studies, Latin

Teachables

I offer tuition services in the following areas:

- Pre-Prep School Preparation:** experience preparing tutees for schools such as Knightsbridge School and Westminster Under School.
- 11+ / 13+ tuition:** Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning, Mathematics, Science, English
- GCSE level:** English Literature, English Language, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, French, Spanish, Latin, Geography and Religious Studies.
- A Level:** French, Spanish, Latin, English Literature.
- Oxbridge: French and Spanish (& Interview technique)** - currently 100% success rate (2 pupils)

Tuition Experience

I find that private tuition works best when a tutor provides not only the answers, but also the methodology for answering problems. This applies as much to Maths as well as it does to the Humanities, such as English and languages. I am therefore unrelenting in making sure that all my tutees have a near-perfect understanding of the material required for their exams because this will enable them to work independently outside of tutorials. My ethos for teaching is perhaps not that of a conventional 'teacher' but of a mentor who is on hand to consolidate any weaknesses, as well as to stretch students in the areas where they are particularly proficient and want to be challenged.

My recent experience of the British education system means that I am familiar of many examination procedures and entrance requirements. This naturally feeds into the content of my lessons as and

when it is necessary. I am particularly attentive to exam technique because this is a critical area in which children are often insufficiently prepared for their exams.

It is also imperative for tutors to realise that no two tutees have identical ambitions or requirements. Therefore, I work with parents and students to develop a bespoke lesson programme which targets particular subject areas. This gives great transparency to the tuition process, but also demonstrates that I am working towards specific objectives for every client. I am always available to discuss the progress in these areas, and I pride myself on my client service outside of lessons.

Employment History

2016 - Present Full-time Private Tutor

I have spent the last year working as a full-time private tutor in London and the surrounding counties. I have also been asked to tutor children abroad including countries such as the USA and Hong Kong. In addition to general tuition services, I provide mock interview services targeted towards the British private school and university systems.

2016 Vacation Scheme placement at Kirkland & Ellis

A two-week placement at a corporate law firm in the City of London.

2014-2015 Year Abroad Erasmus placement (Erasmus scholar)

For my year abroad during my degree, I worked at a fundraising agency in Madrid which raised money for charities such as UNICEF, Save the Children and Oxfam.

Achievements

July 2013 Domus Scholar (University of Oxford)

This was received for my performance in the Year 1 Oxford Modern Languages Preliminary Examinations.

July 2013 Christopher Pratt Memorial Prize for Spanish (University of Oxford)

Awarded for excellence in first year exams.

March 2013 Pembroke College, Oxford Sporting Colours

Tennis

June 2012 Clifton College Academic Scholarship

Feb 2012 London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts Grade 8 in Public Speaking

- Distinction

Interests

I come from a sporting background, having a qualification to teach tennis. I also play competitive football on a regular basis and have started competing in sprint distance triathlons. More generally, I am a keen traveler, having recently backpacked through Central America in Guatemala, Belize and Mexico.

References

Available on request.