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I am a highly dedicated and enthusiastic trained English teacher based in London, with over five years of experience teaching in state and independent schools, and as a private tutor. My undergraduate studies at Oxford instilled in me a deep commitment to the academic study of English and helped me realise teaching was the career I wanted to pursue. I have a strong academic background in my subject and a solid understanding of how to ensure students get the most out of our tutoring sessions. As a tutor, I am patient, engaged and committed to seeing my students achieve and surpass their academic goals.

Education

- Sep 2016 – Sep 2017** MA (Contemporary Literature), King's College London
Grade: Pending
- Sep 2015 – Jun 2016** PGCE (Secondary English), UCL Institute of Education
Grade: Qualified Teacher Status
- Sep 2011 – Jun 2014** BA (English Language and Literature), University of Oxford
Grade: Upper Second Class
- Sep 2005 – Jun 2011** A levels: 2A*s, 1A - English, History, Economics, Drama
GCSEs: 10A*s – English Language, English Literature, History, Drama, Geography, Malay, Islamic Studies, Economics, Maths, Chemistry

Tuition History

I have offered tuition services over the last five years, and have significant experience in the following areas:

- i. 11 / 13+: Verbal / Non Verbal reasoning, Mathematics, Science, English, interview preparation
- ii. GCSE level: English, English Literature, History, Economics, Geography, Religious Studies
- iii. A Level : English, English Literature, History
- iv. Supporting Oxbridge applications - currently 100% success rate

My approach to tutoring is highly personalized. I begin all my sessions with an initial consultation – identifying the student's strengths and weaknesses as well as discussing the academic goals they are working towards and what they hope to achieve through private tuition. As a tutor, I am patient, engaged and friendly – my students know that they can ask me about anything they are having difficulty with and we will work towards a solution together. I like to approach my sessions in a structured way, while also allowing time for open and interactive discussion. I am genuinely passionate about the study of English Language and Literature and I aim to pass on the same enthusiasm and love of learning to my students.

As a teacher, I have worked in a range of outstanding schools, both state and independent, including St Paul's Boys' and St Marylebone Girls' School. I thus have a solid understanding of the National Curriculum and exam syllabuses as well as different school entrance exams. My most recent students were all accepted into their first choice schools – Harrow, City of London and Highgate. Although I have plenty of experience as a classroom teacher, in my tutoring sessions, I like to explore alternative learning methods to enable my student to get the most out our sessions. My background working in a specialist Speech and Language school also makes me particularly equipped for tutoring children with additional needs, including dyslexia, ADHD and autism.

Most often, I find students struggle due to a lack of confidence or because they are not being sufficiently engaged by the material as it is taught in school. I thus always try to connect text-book material to their own personal interests and work to create an environment where students are

unafraid to challenge themselves. I try to instill in my tutees a positive and determined attitude towards learning that will help them succeed at all stages of their academic journey.

Employment History

Sep 2014 – Present

Private Tutor, London, Singapore and Malaysia (Pembroke Tutors)

Over the last year while completing my MA, I have worked as a private tutor in various capacities, both in London and internationally. I worked closely with a boy and his family in Singapore, helping him as he prepared for entrance to Harrow, as well as a boy and his family in London who were aiming for Highgate and City of London. I have also tutored students preparing for National Exams, particularly GCSE and A-Level English, as well as preparation for IELTS, ELAT and mock interviews.

May 2017 - Present

Research Assistant, UpRising

Responsible for researching and writing a report evaluating the pilot programme and presenting the research to key external stakeholders
Worked closely with the programme's creators to conduct telephone interviews, collect data and use both quantitative and qualitative methods to evaluate the programme's success

Jan – July 2016

English Teacher (PGCE), St Paul's Boys' School, London

Devised and delivered independent schemes of work to students age 13 - 16
Supported other members of the English department in planning, preparing and reviewing the curriculum
Organised and assisted in a range of school extra-curricular activities, including debating, poetry club and delivering sexual consent workshops

Oct 2015 – Dec 2015

English Teacher (PGCE), Greenford High School, London

Devised and delivered independent schemes of work to students in Years 9, 10 and 12, focusing on students who needed additional help with literacy
Supported other members of the English department in planning, preparing and reviewing the curriculum
Organised and assisted in a range of school extra-curricular activities

Sep 2014 – Jun 2015

Learning Support Assistant, St Marylebone Girls' School, London

Assisted teachers in all areas of the curriculum, with a focus on English Language and Literature
Responsible for providing in-class support to students with Special Educational Needs, including those with dyslexia, hearing impairments and Autistic Spectrum Disorder at the St Marylebone Bridge School, a specialist SLC school
Delivered one to one intervention sessions in numeracy and literacy for high-need students

Sep 2014 – Present

Columnist, The Malay Mail Online

Responsible for researching and writing a monthly column for national newspaper focusing on Malaysian current affairs, namely political, educational and youth issues

Achievements

- July 2014** **Speed Reading Championships**
I am Malaysia's fastest reader (ranked 11th internationally) and I have been competing in speed reading competitions since age 12
- Sep 2011** **Yayasan Dayadiri Undergraduate Scholarship**
Undergraduate scholar for three years at Oxford awarded by Malaysian sovereign wealth fund, Khazanah Berhad
- 2011** **Tunku Naquiyuddin All-Rounder Award**
Awarded to the highest achieving all rounder student in the year
- 2011** **Highest Score in Southeast Asia, CIE English Literature A-Level**
Awarded to high scoring students in CIE Exams, Southeast Asia
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Interests

In my spare time, I enjoy activities that stimulate my literary interests and so I can often be found at the theatre, concerts or public lectures. I'm also a fan of art and spend plenty of time wandering around galleries and museums, taking in exhibitions. Being from Malaysia where food is a huge part of our culture, I love eating out and sampling all the great restaurants London has to offer as well as trying out new recipes at home. I also enjoy running and playing netball.

References

Available on request.