



Learning in England ∞ Tutoring

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Tutors are subject specialists who teach individual children or small groups of children. In the past they would probably have lived with the family. These days the tutor will go to the child's home or teach online.

There are quite a number of tutoring agencies that hold lists of tutors. They will have guidelines for parents about their standards and methods of teaching. The Tutors' Association² is the professional body that has been established to provide a Code of Ethics for individual tutors and a Code of Professional Practice across the tutoring agencies.

In the UK lessons are usually about an hour long and parents can expect to pay between £15.00 and £50.00 per hour depending on the age of the child and the subject that is being studied. So, French for a seven-year-old, will be less than Chemistry for an A Level pupil.

“Thom has been amazing. He’s helped me out so much when it’s come to genuinely understanding concepts rather than memorizing what the textbooks have to say about them. He’s been patient with all the questions I have had to ask, as well as willing to answer them. As a bonus he’s really chill and flexible which is always great. He’s also helped a lot with my application to Westminster School giving me tips and tricks and resources that have really helped a lot so far.”¹

Usually a tutor is taken on by parents where there is a learning need. For example,

- > the child may be dyslexic or dyscalculic, he or she needs help with reading or writing or with numbers
- > the child may have difficulty with a language or other subject such as Maths or Science
- > the child has been ill and missed school, so the tutor can help with catching up
- > the child has behavioural problems that mean learning at home will be more effective

¹ <https://www.keystonetutors.com/about/testimonials>

² <https://thetutorsassociation.org.uk/about> (16+ Maths student)



- > parents have moved to the UK mid-year, and children need tuition until they join the new school.

The tutor has the time and the expertise to support the pupil. He or she will fit in with the school requirements, the specification and resources that you have to hand, but may also offer a different and fresh approach that inspires your child.

Some parents will take on a tutor to support their child for example in preparing for

- > Entry to an Independent School
- > Common Entrance
- > GCSEs
- > A Levels
- > University
- > Oxbridge entrance.

We will be able to find a tutor for any subject, taught in school or indeed not available in school. It is unusual to find Mandarin is taught in an English school, but if that is what you need, we can find a Mandarin tutor for you!

We also know of parents from other countries who have asked for tutors from the UK to come and stay in their homes whether in India or the Middle East, to help their children for three months with GCSEs and A Levels.

Please contact Paths to Learning if you would like help to find a tutor.



My daughter is struggling in Maths. Her GCSE is next summer. Is it worth having a tutor to help her with her Maths?



It is essential for your daughter to pass her GCSE in Maths, for many reasons, not least if she wants to go to University, she will need to have a pass at Grade 5 or above.

It would be worth your while getting a tutor now. He or she would be able to give her the personal help she needs and provide a different approach to Maths which may facilitate her understanding.

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