



SEB



11+, Classics & Latin Tutor

Education

University of Cambridge: BA Hons Classics and Management (*1st Class*) (2017-2020)

A-levels: Latin (A*), Russian (A*), Maths (A*), Chemistry (A), Economics (A)

GCSEs: English Language, English Literature, Maths, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Geography, Russian, French, Latin (All A*)

Teaching Experience

I have been tutoring students for over 3 years, helping students realise their academic goals. I support any level from beginners to A Level and beyond. I have taught both struggling and high achieving students. I tutored and guided 2 students through Oxbridge applications for Classics last year involving personal statement support and practice interviews. Both received offers and A*s at A Level. Helping many GCSE students raise their predicted grades by 2 or more during the course of our tuition was a just as significant achievement. I particularly enjoy tutoring children for the 11+ as many progress incredibly quickly with targeted tuition. Over 50% of my pupils have managed to secure offers at grammar schools with tuition.

I am a friendly and patient individual with a track record of success.

Testimonials

“My son has struggled with Latin as he lacked confidence and interest in the subject but the way he has responded to Seb is fantastic. Seb is patient and extremely encouraging, making the sessions enjoyable for our son. We would not hesitate in recommending Seb to others as we can already see a huge difference in our son’s ability” (GCSE Latin student)

“Seb takes a lot of thought and care to tailor the lessons to our daughter’s needs. Seb is a charismatic person who promotes fun with learning. He has a good ability to empathise and understand my daughter’s weaknesses with the language. Seb has a mind full of knowledge and a love to teach.” (A Level Latin student)

“Seb is an extremely patient tutor and takes his time explaining to my son what he has to do. All the planning that went into the sessions was excellent and targeted. He made the lessons





fun yet challenging. I have never seen my son so excited to learn.” (11+ student - attained a place at Colchester Royal Grammar School)

11+ Tuition Approach

I take a very patient yet focussed approach to the 11+, ensuring that my students have a complete grasp of the topic before moving on and regularly testing their understanding. I typically divide the lesson in half, focussing on 2 out of the 4 topics tested in the 11+. After the first lesson, I will focus my tuition on those identified weak areas. With progress, I will begin to include short timed exercises so that children are familiar with a timed format. Following the lesson, I allocate exercises on a topic to do at home, which we will review in the lesson together. Having tutored primary children for over 3 years, I most importantly ensure they develop an enthusiasm for learning.

Latin Tuition Approach

I have a flexible approach to teaching as I know different students prefer different methods of learning. I plan lessons in advance based on what areas the student wants to cover and identified weaknesses. Topics are taught alongside student practice to consolidate understanding of any grammatical or literary issues. Following the lesson, I allocate work to do at home. I assess each individual's ability to ensure the lessons are at a challenging yet achievable level.

Classics/Latin Admissions Approach

Applications to university are unfamiliar and daunting. I provide targeted personal statement support and advice to ensure students are not handicapped, emphasising how to demonstrate learning and interest beyond the classroom. I provide recommended readings of articles and Classical texts for them to discuss in applications and interviews. Interview practice involves a relaxed academic conversation similar to the one-to-one supervisions at Oxbridge, the fundamental form of learning. I push students to think critically about topics and drive their lines of enquiry. There are no right or wrong answers as long as students can justify their approach. Most of all, I try to relax students before any interview and help them show their best self.

