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*Cambridge Natural Sciences (Biological) Tutor*

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**Education**

University of Cambridge: BA Natural Sciences (2015-2018)

A-levels: Maths (A\*), Chemistry (A\*), Biology (A\*), Further Mathematics (A)

AS-levels: Physics (A\*)

GCSEs: 12 A\*s

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**Teaching Experience**

I have tutored four students applying for Oxford and Cambridge University, of which three were successful in gaining a place, helping them with interview and admission tests preparation.

I have tutored a range of subjects at GCSE and A level, receiving good reviews and with students returning for A level support after receiving my tutoring for their GCSEs.

I also teach science to primary school children as an after-school club teacher and so have lots of experience tailoring my teaching to different levels.

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**Testimonials**

“She was absolutely amazing, really helped me prepare for my interview.” (Oxbridge Admissions student)

“Brilliant, really supportive, as always” (Oxbridge Admissions student)

“Sharla is so helpful! She puts in extra time to find out things I have questions about and makes sure I understand them.” (Oxbridge Admissions student)

“Excellent teacher! She's happy to help with a wide range of subjects and explain things until you get them.” (Oxbridge Admissions student)

“Great teacher! She's very supportive and explains things well” (A-level student)

“Smart and knows how to help my child to improve! Thanks!” (A-level student)





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### **Tuition Approach**

My aim is to help the student improve however I can, tailoring my teaching to what works best for each individual; whether that be longer explanations, succinct points, diagrams or quizzes.

#### ***Oxbridge admissions tests***

I have resources to help prepare the student for admissions tests. I would give them example questions for them to work through during the lesson (as well as in their own time if the student desires this) and would mark them and give general advice. If there were any clear problem areas or gaps in knowledge, I would then tailor some lessons to go over these topics in more detail to ensure they're fully understood and memorised.

#### ***Oxbridge interviews***

Having done Cambridge interviews myself I can advise students on what to expect at interviews, the kind of questions they may be asked, and how to prepare for their interview. I would run mock interviews with the student, giving them feedback and tips.

#### ***Personal statement writing***

Using advice I was given myself when writing my own personal statement, in addition to tips I have acquired from friends and experience tutoring this in the past, I would help with how to structure a personal statement, how to avoid clichés and what to include to stand out and impress universities particularly Oxford and Cambridge. I can also help with structuring a personal statement if the student is applying for different subjects at different universities as I did this myself. I would ask the student to provide me with a draft of their personal statement which I would then go through with them, making corrections, and would continue this process until we both felt we had the best draft possible.

#### ***GCSE/A-level***

I will go over topics on the exam spec relating to the exam board the student is taking, particularly those they have highlighted to me as problem areas. I will construct a lesson around the topic, covering what they need to know for their exams and adding in higher level information to highlight points or if they would like more challenging material. I would also go over past exam questions and will happily mark any questions they complete outside of the lesson time. Homework would be set depending on if the student would like this. I would also do revision sessions during which I would test the student's understanding, give advice on how to revise productively and provide exam help.

