

FAQs for Website



What are your fees?

Our tuition fees start at £80 per hour for face-to-face lessons (online lessons are £10 per hour cheaper). Fees vary depending on the tutors' experience. Our standard lesson length for students in Year 4 and above is one and a half hours, so the fee for the lesson would therefore be £120.

How do I register?

We request that you fill out our contact form to give us more information on your child and their availability/location/any areas of concern. This helps us to assign the correct tutor.

What is the assessment for?

We assess every new student that requires one-to-one tuition. The cost of each assessment is £120 per subject and papers are emailed to you for your child to complete at home. The assessments are there to enable us to guide you as to your child's tuition requirements and form an excellent basis from which their tutor can pitch the lessons at the correct level. The papers are marked thoroughly and you also receive a detailed feedback report, highlighting any strengths or areas for improvement.

How quickly can tuition start?

Once we have marked your child's assessments, we can pair you with a tutor within a few days, depending on your availability.

What if my child doesn't like the tutor?

If, for any reason, you are not happy with our choice of tutor, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible and we can discuss a change. We understand that, sometimes, the chemistry between tutor and student just doesn't work.

Do you offer revision courses?

For 11+, we offer booster courses throughout the year, usually during half-term holidays and the summer.

When is a good time to start tutoring?

If your child is working towards a particular exam level, such as 11+ or GCSE, it's a good idea to contact us about a year beforehand, so that we can assess them and check on their current level, to see what needs to be done in the run up to the exams.

What schools do you tutors have success with at 11+/13+?

Over the last few years, our tutors have helped students gain places at the following schools:

Alleyns, Benenden, Brighton College, Charterhouse, Cheltenham Ladies, City of London for Boys, City of London for Girls, Cranleigh, Downe House, Dulwich, Emanuel, Epsom College, Ewell Castle, Francis Holland, Godolphin & Latymer, Graveney, Harrodian, Harrow, Ibstock Place, JAGS, King's College Wimbledon, Kingston Grammar, Lady Eleanor Holles, Latymer Upper, Marlborough, Marymount, More House, North London Collegiate, Notting Hill, Putney High, Queen's Gate, Radley, Royal Russell, St Catherines, St James, St Paul's for Boys, St Pauls for Girls, Stowe, Streatham & Clapham, Surbiton High School, Trinity, Wellington, Wetherby Senior, Whitgift, Wimbledon High, Woldingham, Wycombe Abbey

Do you give homework?

Our tutors give homework after each lesson, usually to be completed by the next tuition session.

What is your cancellation policy?

We request 48 hours' notice for cancellation of lessons, otherwise we charge the full lesson rate.

Are your tutors fully qualified teachers?

Most of our tutors are fully qualified teachers or, if not, they are very experienced tutors. We personally interview and vet each tutor and are meticulous in our selection. Our directors also train each tutor to teach in the same way and everyone has access to a shared source of resources, some of which are bespoke to Exceptional Academics.

How do you decide upon the tutor choice?

Depending on your availability and that of each tutor, we can send you a couple of tutor profiles to choose from. We will always offer the best available tutor based on the outcome of your child's assessment, their personality and your schedule.

Can you help with 11+ and 13+ school search?

We offer a Schools consultation service with our in-house schools consultant, Vania Adams. Please refer to our 'Meet our Tutors' page to see her profile.

Do you teach the UKISET?

UKISET is an assessment designed for British curriculum independent and boarding schools. This also allows international students to apply. Here at Exceptional Academics, we can provide tuition to pupils looking to take UKISET assessments.

What are the 11+ Pretests?

Pre-tests are exams set by some independent senior schools to help determine a pupil's suitability for admission to the school. The tests are normally computerised, multiple-choice exams in English and verbal reasoning and Maths and non-verbal. Most schools advise that these tests should not be revised for. At Exceptional Academics, we can give students an idea of what type of questions may arise.

When and how often do we receive feedback on lessons?

Each lesson is logged on our online database, TutorCruncher and the tutors create a report for each. Depending on your preference, verbal feedback can also be given by arrangement.

Do you cater for children with Special Educational Needs?

We do! We have launched a specialist SEND department, with tutors specialising in teaching SEND students across a variety of subjects, we also offer initial assessments to provide recommendations about the next steps in making sure your child is supported. You can find out more about this here: <https://www.exceptionalacademics.com/send>

Do you cater for international pupils?

Through our online tuition, geographical restrictions no longer hinder providing the best education for our children. International pupils are accepted, most of which, are aiming to be accepted into the top performing UK schools. Our tutors specialise in preparing students for the rigours of the UK Education system.

Are you in The Good Schools' Guide?

Yes! Please check our review here: <https://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/tutors/tutor-company-reviews/exceptional-academics-review>

Which examination boards do you cater to at GCSE/IGCSE?

At GCSE Level, our tutors teach subject material specific to the following exam boards:

- IGCSE
- AQA
- Edexcel
- OCR

Which examination boards do you cater to at A Level?

At A Level, our tutors teach subject material to the following exam boards:

- AQA
- Edexcel
- OCR