

## **Maths Tuition with Gary Thomson**

### **Terms & Conditions**

I strive to deliver a high quality private tuition service, taking into account students individual needs and their wider personal development and well-being. Throughout the tuition period I will provide clear feedback on students' progress and make recommendations to give them the best chance of achieving their goals. I cannot guarantee any particular result but aim to maximize students potential and exam readiness. While the majority of my students achieve or exceed their goals, some do not. I conduct analysis of exam results each year, both my own students, those studying locally and nationally to help inform continuous improvement in the services I offer. Yearly analysis clearly shows one dominant correlation – students who make a genuine attempt to reach their goals tend to achieve or exceed them, students who, regardless of their ability, attempt to get by on their natural intelligence, cram before an exam, or who hope for divine intervention on exam day almost always underachieve. The message for students receiving tuition is simple: I will guide you as best I can and will provide for you any resources I think may be helpful, but ultimately you have to take responsibility for your own learning. The following terms and conditions reflect the above statement.

- 1) Tuition will be conducted for an agreed upon time period, usually up until exams in the same school year, but either party has the right to cancel at any point.
- 2) My standard rates are £35 per one hour session for National 5, Higher and GCSE, and £40 per one hour session for Advanced Higher and A-Level. I will never exceed these rates but retain the right to use my discretion when setting rates for individual students.
- 3) Standard rates are inclusive of local travel and any materials that are used during tuition, including anytime access to online support materials.
- 4) Payment will be requested in the form of a monthly invoice which should be settled by BACS or PayPal. Electronic payment details will be included on the first invoice. Cash payments are acceptable if preferred and in that case may be paid per session or monthly.
- 5) Scheduled tuition sessions which are not attended and where no notice is given will be charged at the standard rate.
- 6) Cancellations within 24 hours of a session are subject to the standard rate. However, consideration will be given to mitigating circumstances and my preference would be to reschedule the session and retain other scheduled sessions. In other words, the student still receives the session but at another time and the tutor does not lose out.
- 7) All students will be placed on a one month probationary period after which both parties will discuss whether or not they think tuition is likely to be effective and, if so, what would be the most effective way to conduct tuition.
- 8) Students will receive a monthly summary of progress. If they are not progressing towards their stated goal then an intervention will be recommended. Interventions will generally take the form of a short-term intensive program of 90-minute sessions designed to initiate a step-change in performance. It is at the discretion of the student whether to take up the recommend intervention or not.
- 9) In the event that students are not progressing towards their stated goal, and have rejected a recommended intervention I will request that tuition be cancelled or a different approach taken.