



# Tutor Profile

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I love books. I *really* love books. Storytelling is one of the oldest and greatest gifts humans have, and I'm fascinated by the variety of ways we have found to write them down.

I was raised in West London and studied Latin, Classics and English to GCSE and A-Level. I went on to take English Studies with Classical Literature at the University of Durham taking modules in both English and Ancient Classical literature.

I took my Post Graduate Certificate in Education GCE at the Westminster Institute at Oxford Brookes, and later taught English, Classics and Latin at my first school. I loved introducing the youngest students to an extremely old language and culture, and linking it to their study of English texts to help them understand each subject better.

Having spent five years teaching in variety of Private and inner-city State schools I decided to take a break from classroom teaching and become a personal tutor in English and English Literature. Being able to work with pupils individually is always incredibly rewarding, for teachers and students alike. I work with pupils from all kinds of backgrounds and nationalities, and enjoy working out how best for them to gain from their education, and how to make it relevant personally to them.

When not teaching, I love travelling, and am picking my way through destinations

in Europe and the Americas that have significant Ancient cultural value, so I can see the places I have read about and studied, come to life. I think it's important to try and learn some of the language of wherever you visit and my favourite language to try and learn in the last few years has been Czech.

I also love to visit famous and beautiful bookshops around the world. One day I will have my own bookshop – with room for tutoring inside – but until then I'll have to make do with wafting through libraries, frenziedly piling books into each arm. Closer to home, I love going to see comedians and poets perform, and I also write and play around with photography.

The only thing I'm even more passionate about is helping others appreciate books, language and literature, and develop their *own* skills in those areas, so always feel free to ask anything, whether it's about links between Greek tragedy and sitcom, or simply the best way to approach an assignment.

Remember your tutors are here to support you and answer your questions, and we want to ensure that you are successful in your examinations. You've picked an incredibly rewarding subject and we'll help you make the most of it.