



Tutor Profile

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My name is Brian Cole and I will be your online tutor for Wolsey Hall.

I was born in Birmingham and grew up in the locality. I studied at a grammar school in Dudley and then attended the Universities of Sheffield and Loughborough. I gained both a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Mathematics. Following University, I worked for a short period in industry before deciding to become a secondary school teacher. I trained in Leicester but the whole of my teaching career has been spent in the West Midlands

I retired from full-time teaching in the summer of 2007. I had been teaching mathematics in schools for 34 years. My last post, which I had held since 1986, was as head of mathematics and a senior teacher at a comprehensive school in Walsall, a job I thoroughly enjoyed.

Since retiring, I have taken various part-time jobs in education. I have taught part-time at a sixth form college and I have worked as a teaching and learning consultant in two academies in Walsall. In addition, I have resumed duties as a Maths examiner for the international O-level and A-level specifications and also marked for

the International Baccalaureate. Recently, I have tutored a number of students on a one-to-one basis. This has proved to be very rewarding and successful for both the tutees and myself. I feel that with my wide experience I am able to tutor in all areas of mathematics at both GCSE and A-level.

In my private life, I have been married for 37 years and have two adult children, both of whom have long since flown the nest.

Mathematics has obviously been a major part of my life but this has run parallel to an active involvement in Athletics, where I started competing in 100m events at school and ended up running marathons and covering all distances in between. I also have a wide experience of coaching and officiating in Athletics. I am also an avid football fan and attend many matches.

Following my retirement, my wife and I have been fortunate enough to buy a retirement home in Turkey and this has become my latest passion although I am struggling with the language and I am looking for a Turkish tutor.