



## Maths Tuition with Gary Thomson

### Terms & Conditions, 2024/25

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've tutored many hundreds of students and have conducted many thousands of sessions. This experience has shown me one clear trend in outcomes - students who make a genuine attempt to reach their goals (regardless of natural ability) tend to achieve or exceed them but students who (regardless of natural ability) attempt to get by on 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 support and 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) All students are placed on a one month probationary period. If, after that period, I feel there are any impediments to working successfully together I will raise these for discussion.
- 2) 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.
- 3) My standard rates are £40 per one hour session for National 5, Higher and GCSE, and £45 per one hour session for Advanced Higher, A-Level or above. I will never exceed these rates but retain the right to use my discretion when setting rates for individual students.



- 4) All slots are subject to a one-off booking fee which guarantees the slot for the school year. The fee is £50 for new students and £25 for returning students.
- 5) Standard rates are inclusive of local travel and any contact time between sessions. I am always happy to answer queries or check / assign work between sessions.
- 6) Payment will be requested by a monthly invoice which should be settled by BACS where possible. Electronic payment details will be included on the first invoice.
- 7) Scheduled tuition sessions which are not attended and where no notice is given will be charged at the standard rate.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Students will receive a monthly summary of progress. If they are not tracking towards their stated goal then an intervention will be recommended. Interventions will take a form appropriate to the individual student's needs. This could be as simple as assigning homework or, for students who are significantly misaligned from their stated goal, a short-term intensive program of additional 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.
- 10) In the event that students are not progressing towards their stated goal, and have rejected a recommended intervention, I will suggest that tuition be terminated or a different approach taken.