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Private Tuition – How To Find A Good Tutor

By Ciara McGrath

Many teachers earn a nice little tax free income by giving private tuition. This is not officially a tax free income, but very few declare it on their income tax return.

Private tuition can be extremely beneficial to students. It can boost their confidence, fill in knowledge gaps and give practice in answering examination questions.

Finding individual help for your son or daughter is not cheap. You may be able to find a teacher who will work at your house for £5 an hour, but, you have to ask yourself why he is prepared to work for such little reward.

A good tutor will have a full diary and will be able to command a reasonable hourly fee. I charge £25 for one hour with a GCSE student and £30 for AS or A2 work. I also have a full diary and do not need to advertise, as I get my tutees from word of mouth recommendations.

·How do you find a good tutor?

Ask friends. You may be given names to ring, or names to avoid.

Advertise in the newspaper or answer newspaper or postcard adverts from tutors. Ring a local school that you know has at least one good teacher in the subjects you are interested in.

·How can you check a tutor out?

Ask him, or her, for references. Find out which school or college the tutor works in. Ring and ask if there is a teacher there by that name.

·Is it worth going through an agency?

Tuition agencies take a very large slice off the payment you make to the tutor, typically about a third. Good tutors do not need to work for agencies. The agency has usually checked out the tutors it uses,

so at least you are not likely to be employing a paedophile.

·What precautions can I take?

Leave the door open in the room where the tutor and student are working. Listen to see how much teaching is happening. Go in and out a few times. Never leave your daughter in the house alone with a male tutor. Some tutors ask you to stay in while they are working, to avoid the possibility of malicious or unfounded allegations being made.

Private tuition can make an enormous difference to an individual's chances of success at GCSE or A-level, but only if you start early in the final school year. Leaving things until the Easter before the exams will just be wasting your money. It takes time to build trust between a tutor and student and to establish full two way communication.

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How to keep your child earning top grades in school.

By John Jones

There is one surefire way to keep your children earning the best grades and that is to get a private tutor. Most kids find themselves struggling in at least one subject but with the help of a private tutor your son or daughter can get all of the help they need to get their grades back up. If you have seen a decline in your child's report cards or if you have noticed that your child is just not progressing as you feel he or she should, then you need to start thinking about getting a tutor today.

There are a few of different kinds of private tutoring available to you and your child. Some of these people will come to your home for each of the sessions while others will have you go to them. And then you can choose to work with a tutor who works for a larger company or a university student who is looking to pick up a few extra bucks.

The fact of the matter is that all of the options that are open to you are good ones. Here are the pros and cons of each private tutoring option:

Tutor working for a company

PROS: These types of tutoring companies generally pride themselves on the abilities of their tutors.

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They are good at what they do and consistent which can make all of the difference.

CONS: These types of private tutors can be more costly and they will not come to your home, which makes them a little less convenient.

University student

PROS: Smart people who are usually pretty good at relating to children. They are still in school and are used to flexing the academic muscles. They can also be cheaper than some of the other options. Most of these types of private tutors will come to your house, which saves you, time and gas money.

CONS: The quality of these types of tutors can be more variable than from a company or service.

Knowing where to start when looking to hire a private tutor is probably the hardest part of the entire process. The best place to start looking for a good tutor is with your friends. Ask those that you know if they have ever hired a tutor. If they have then ask what they thought of this person, was he or she good at what they did, did they get along with the kid well? Were there any problems at all? Try to find out as much as you can, as everything will help you to make the right decisions concerning the tutoring of your children.

If you are going to choose a company for the private tutoring sessions then look them up online. Check out some client reviews to see how they rate with people like you, parents who are actually using them. And if you are thinking of choosing an unaffiliated private tutor then make sure that you get some references. Get at least five of them and call them. I know so many people that get the references but don't make the calls! It is so important, you are looking at spending a good amount of money and after all this is for your children's education. Choosing the right private tutor matters, so choose carefully and wisely.

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