

SKYPE TUITION

'Equally as effective as face to face tuition, as tracked by our half yearly literacy and maths assessments, together with our students' GCSE and A level results'.

It can be difficult to visualise what a lesson using Skype will look like and to make the leap from face to face to online teaching. This reticence is understandable, which is why students start Skype lessons with a 6-week trial period. This allows parents and students to experience Skype's potential as the perfect communication tool for learning support.

'Trying to find a tutor for my daughter that was local was impossible. When I discovered Brainwaves, I was dubious as I had never used Skype before let alone my 8-year-old. I can say this has been the best decision I could have made for helping my daughter progress with her education. Skype is easy to use and makes the whole tutoring experience more interesting for everyone. She has grown on confidence and has come in leaps and bounds at school. Jane and my daughter's assigned tutor are amazing. So helpful and knowledgeable. At the end of the phone whenever you need them!!'

A view expressed by one of our parents



SPECIALIST TUITION

Weekly Tuition - per 60 minute session

School years 1 to 8 - £36.00

School years 9 to 13 - 47.00

Study Skills Support - per 60 minute session

GCSE and A Level - £47.00

Higher Education & Further Education- £47.00

We have a shorter academic year compared to most schools. (34 weeks because we know our students get tired.)

For families financially affected by Covid-19 we are able to offer a staged payment schedule extending into the summer holiday period to help spread the cost of lessons.

For the 21st Century, where time is precious but you want the right expertise, Skype tuition using specialist, experienced tutors makes perfect sense.

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**Specialist 1:1 Tuition Services for
Children and Adults with Dyslexia and
Related Learning Differences**



SPECIALIST SKYPE TUITION

We are a specialist tuition company.

We support students with a range of differences: Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, ADD, Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and Specific Language Impairment.

However our support is not limited to students with a formal diagnosis. Our pre teaching appointment includes an assessment to help gauge what support is needed.

We have over 15 years of experience, with 5 specialist tutors, using Skype for literacy, maths and study skills support.

Skype tuition allows any student with a specific learning difficulty access to high-quality specialist support. Wherever you live, whatever your child's age, or your level of skills is, we are accessible to you. Our students are sent resources and have access to a comprehensive range of additional online specialist programmes. Side by side and step by step your tutor will be there to guide and teach you.

“PP and I are absolutely thrilled with his Brainwaves lessons. His confidence grows weekly and for the first time ever he looks forward to learning. 100 times yes to carrying on please!”

A reply from one of our parents in 2019 when asked if they wanted to continue with lessons after the 6-week trial period.

WHY IS SKYPE SUPPORT SO SUCCESSFUL?

A 21ST CENTURY WORLD

‘You would be amazed how quickly and confidently Skype is mastered by our students, remember students of today are IT natives, not IT immigrants. The number of students who continue after the 6 week trial period is evidence as to the effectiveness of Skype lessons’.

Jane Dupree

Nowadays most parents (and children) are very competent technically and have personal experience of using Facetime, WhatsApp or Skype to keep in touch with family and friends, therefore, the technical aspects of video calling are already familiar to most people. As a result the use of Skype is not seen as a barrier to learning, but a tool which allows access to high quality specialist support. Skype is freely available and, for first time users, is easy to use and quick to access.

A TYPICAL LESSON

Understandably parents ask us what a typical lesson ‘looks like’. Each lesson is planned as a personal and individualised lesson with appropriate targets. All of our lessons last 1 hour.

For younger children the lesson is divided into about four shorter activities.

For literacy these may focus on: developing phonological skills; teaching accurate reading decoding using structured cumulative multi-sensory programmes based on Alpha to Omega; developing reading comprehension and understanding, improving single word spelling, developing handwriting skills, developing sentence structures, grammar and punctuation.

This often needs to start with writing very short sentences, legibly written and accurately punctuated using a capital letter and full stop. We use board games, individually targeted worksheets, online learning resources-including Nessy Reading and Spelling and Units of Sound – a structured literacy-based programme. They use their exercise books and white boards to practise and consolidate skills.

‘I love my Skype lessons as they are on the computer. I like it because N listens to me and takes time with me when I don't understand something. I really like the computer games’

A year 5 student

For older students we begin to focus on their journey towards GCSEs and beyond. We continue to develop basic skills where necessary.

We use Google Docs, with and without voice to text software, to support their homework skills. We introduce them to the Edward De Bono CoRT Thinking Skill programme, which assists writing planning and organisation and Language Programmes that develop their higher order reading and writing skills. In addition, we begin to develop revision and exam skills. Use of Rocket Book technology allows students to instantly share their handwritten work.

Numeracy based lessons include skills such as: telling the time, learning times tables, developing key mathematical vocabulary, and focussing on how to answer mathematical questions embedded in ‘word problems’. This is an area that many students with Specific Learning Difficulties find challenging. The lesson will focus on the strands in maths that your child is finding difficult: Using and applying maths, Number, Shape Space and Measures or Handling Data, and our work continues to GCSE or functional skills level.

I am interested in finding out more and talking to you - what should I do?

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