

“At the forefront of the latest developments in the private tuition industry.”



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We hope you'll find our 11th newsletter useful in keeping you up to date with the latest happenings in the UK Tutoring industry. The newsletter is split into two sections 'Tutoring News' and 'Featured Articles'.

If you'd like to comment on any of the articles in this edition, please click on the 'comment' link at the bottom of each feature and tell us what you think.

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Tutoring News:

Private Arabic Lessons for Prince Charles

The Telegraph newspaper has reported that even Prince Charles is using the services of a private tutor to help him learn Arabic. Revealing the news to guests at a reception in Qatar, the Prince of Wales said that he finds learning languages difficult and his learning often “goes in one ear and out the other”. After being told by Dr Al-Sada that “It's never too late to learn”, Prince Charles disclosed that he is so keen to learn Arabic that he has been having private tuition for more than six months.

The Prince also speaks good French, some German, and has also had lessons in Welsh.

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“The demand for private tutors in Kensington and Chelsea is on the rise.”

Private Tuition in Kensington and Chelsea – Time Well Invested

According to the tuition agency Kensington & Chelsea Tutors, approximately 60-70 per cent of students who use the agency are from private schools. The number of students using their services has been steadily increasing ever since the west London private tuition agency opened its doors to students 10 years ago. According to Nevil Chiles, owner of the agency, their students normally use the service because they're having difficulty with a certain subject and benefit from close, one-to-one attention. Mr Chiles confirms that this does not necessarily mean there is a problem with the school, as even teachers with smaller class numbers cannot always give all their pupils the attention they need.

[Are you a Private tutor in Kensington and Chelsea? - Let us know what you think](#)



“16 tutors, seven parents and two pupils on the private tutoring boom.”

Parents and Tutors Share Their Views on Private Tuition

The Guardian newspaper have collated the opinions of several parents and private tutors on why there continues to be an increasing demand for private tuition. Split into two categories, 'parents' views' and 'tutors' views', the article makes for interesting reading and reveals some of the reasons behind the demand. Interestingly, one tutor disclosed:

'None of my clients strike me as being particularly wealthy and some are clearly on mid to low incomes. Approximately 75% of my current clients are from immigrant families.'

Another tutor gave their views on the private tuition boom:

'I think the boom is in part driven by a sense that money is better invested in 'topping up' state education rather than going private, and for the children that are in private education already, it's driven at least partly by the idea that only degrees from 'the best' universities are worth anything any more.'

The article also explores the opinions of parents, with one person explaining:

'I have three children and they have been going to private tutors since they were in reception. It cost me almost £300 a month. As a parent I believe it is worth the financial sacrifice, as it has benefited them immensely.'

Another parent explained:

'My son is Autistic. His mainstream school (with learning support) insists that he is a D & E student, but when I tutored him in Maths he rose to a B student.'

The full article can be read on the [Guardian website](#).

[What do you make of these opinions? – Leave us a comment](#)



“Seven of the tutoring agencies interviewed by the Guardian had registered significant growth in the past year.”

Private Tuition Agencies Report an Increase in Enquiries

The Guardian newspaper confirmed that parents on modest incomes and families from ethnic minorities are fuelling a boom in private tuition in the UK.

Janette Wallis, the senior editor of the Good Schools Guide, said the number of parents asking her publication for tutor recommendations has risen by almost 50% in a year and has increased each year for a decade.

The unseen story behind many of the comprehensives getting stunning exam results is how many parents at these schools use tutors," she said. "We are inundated with calls at about this time of year from parents wanting last-minute tuition for their kids.'

[Why do you think there has been an increase in people using agencies? – Post your views](#)



“The Tutor Website continues to be one of the fastest growing tutor directories in the UK.”

The Tutor Website Generates 408 Enquiries in April

The month of April has seen further demand for private tuition with our website generating over 400 enquiries.

Much of the feedback we receive from private tutors mentions how user friendly our website is. Our private and home tutor directory has been designed specifically with parents in mind. As the majority of enquiries tend to come from parents, we have ensured that finding a tutor is quick and easy.

Want to know how you can increase the amount of enquiries you receive through our site? Read our guide on [How to Make the Most of The Tutor Website](#).

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“An extract from our free teaching resource Ebook – 'The Tutor's Guidebook'.”

Featured Articles:

How To Improve a Student's Confidence

Some people believe themselves to be naturally unconfident doing certain tasks. Confidence however, is a skill that can be learned like any other, through practice. People who consider themselves to be confident in a certain situation, have at one point, embraced their uncertainty. Through practice and taking action, it is possible for someone to change their perception of how they perform and to achieve their goals.

Feeling in Control

If a student feels they are in control of their learning, they feel more confident in their ability to succeed in their studies. One way of improving a student's confidence is to create an agreed structure to future lessons. Familiarity and repetition can help a student adopt a resourceful mindset and aid their learning. The structure of lessons will vary according to the subject and the level being studied.

Positive Language

During your lessons, try to use positive language as much as possible, even when correcting a student's errors. Try reframing the idea of 'mistakes' into something more encouraging. If you highlight an error, give a constructive explanation that leaves the student feeling enlightened rather than deflated. By the same account, it's important not to be overly-positive and to praise mediocrity. By using positive language honestly and effectively your student will know when they have genuinely achieved in a task and will respect your feedback.

Replacing Limiting Beliefs

As an educator, it's important not to accept the word 'can't' as a reason for a student's shortcomings. If your student is struggling with a particular concept or process, break it down into small, manageable chunks and take the time to explain the minor details. It is often the minor details that make all the difference. Ask your student to explain exactly what they don't understand about what they are studying and give a clear, concise explanation of the practice.

Self Expression

Encourage your student to express their opinions on everything relating to their studies including your suggestions. After a day of classroom learning and being taught mostly through a one-way system, encourage your student to ask questions that they may not otherwise get the chance to ask in the classroom for risk of embarrassment or due to time constraints. By letting a student know that their opinions are just as relevant as yours or their teacher's, they will develop a stronger sense of self-worth, knowing that their thoughts are valued.

The Confidence Effect

When a student starts to see an improvement in their learning, their confidence grows and often they find that the techniques they have learned from one subject can be transferred to another. This can have a knock-on effect and students often see their grades improve in other subjects too.

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