



GCSE

TUITION

2025/2026 Academic Year

Tutor: Shafika



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GCSE (9-1)
MATHEMATICS



About me

- I have been a Secondary School Maths Teacher since 2018. My last role was the Deputy Head of Maths for an Academy.
- I am in a unique position in that I have taught all 3 exam boards and understand the differences between each one.
- I am an examiner/ marker and have marked over 35,000 questions...! This again gives me an advantage on how mark schemes work.
- I personally know what you are going through!! My own son completed his GCSES in 2024 and had the opportunity to complete some subjects in year 10. That's two years of stress..! and now the A-Levels – arghhhh..! Trust me when I say I **understand your concerns** as a parent. If I think I cannot make progress with your child I will be honest and upfront within the first few sessions. This is not to offend in anyway, but I would like you to make an informed decision as I don't want to you waste your money and give false expectations.
- **Do not** expect immediate results. There may be no progress at the first set of mocks/ exams, but you need to stick with it, the more I work with a student the more I understand where to help them. Do believe me when I say I will tutor your child like I did my own.
- I do expect your child to take responsibility for **their** learning, there may be times where I challenge them a lot, but it is for **their** benefit, but at the same time for tutoring to work effectively I will need your support as their parent.
- If your finances permit then I would **highly** recommend taking daily lessons during the holidays if your child is in year 11. This forces your child to revise with structure & supervision instead of completing random revision.



- All tuition is 1-2-1 and conducted online via MS teams.
- There are two sessions available ; 1 hour or 90mins

Prices

- 1 Hour: £35
- 90 min: £45

Timings

- The sessions will take place on weekdays evenings during term time
- I find that sticking to a routine works best for kids.
- During school holidays it's beneficial to do sessions in the morning.

Technical Requirements:

Over the years I have found the most interactive way to tutor, is online.

- Students will need a tablet or laptop where they can download the latest MS Teams App and ensure it works, some older devices do not.
- You will also need a tablet pen or a stylus to help them write on the screen.

I cannot tutor without these as it will not be as effective.

- See recommendations page.

YEAR 11 – ADDITIONAL / BOOSTER SESSIONS

- During school holidays I offer daily sessions which can be classed as revision.
- These are highly recommended as they double up as revision but with structure.
- Students that revised daily in the holidays averaged a grade better than those that did not.



- Equipment Recommendations

For any ipad or tablet something similar to this.

[Click here for this link \(pen\)](#)



For laptops this is the best one I have used over the years.

[Click here for this link](#)

Or [Amazon Link](#)



Or you can shop around on ebay for cheaper second-hand deals.

Search “Star G640 – XP Pen”

T & C's

- Parents / student must agree consistent attendance. Without this we cannot make progress. If this is not adhered to then I will have to drop your child as a tutee as I wouldn't be confident in improving their skillset and them retaining and applying that.
- Payments are made a week in advance to session date. 1st payment will be £70. (£35 is retained as a deposit)
- Students must be punctual as the session will start at the agreed time. Any late minutes will be forfeited. For any lateness on my behalf I will make up that time so no minutes are lost during that session or a following session.
- For any cancelled sessions you must let me know 48 hours in advance. Any late cancellations will result in loss of payment for that week.
- I cannot **guarantee** grades.
- I am obviously a teacher first and foremost and there are some evenings where I have parent's evenings or twilight sessions. These will be communicated in advance and alternative slots offered

Next Steps

Please whatsapp me on +447729287651

I need the following information:

- Your Name, child's name and your location.
- School Year
- School name
- Exam Board
- Grade / Results from the last exams they did
- Predicted Grade
- Yours / students target grade.
- (if you can get hold of the end of year exam papers they completed in year 10 and send me a copy that would be very beneficial)

I will then schedule a call so we can have a chat.

For obvious reasons I only take a limited number of tutees per year.

These are some of the results from 2025. **(Awaiting testimonials)**

Student A (Higher - EdExcel): Started at grade 4, achieved grade 6 .

Student Testimonial

“It’s been a pleasure to be taught by you miss! You don’t tutor A-Level Maths right?”

Parent Testimonial

I was initially unsure about online tutoring, as I believed in-person sessions were more effective. However, throughout the year, I often sat with my son during his lessons, and I was impressed by the progress he made. Shafika genuinely cared and was deeply invested in his success. Even without ever meeting him in person, she built a fantastic working relationship with him, despite only having one weekly session (with daily sessions during the holidays).

Shafika supported him not only with exam techniques and practice but also by revisiting topics he lacked confidence in. She adapted the pace of lessons with ease and quickly provided targeted questions, which, in hindsight, turned out to be one of the advantages of online tutoring. Although he narrowly missed a grade 7 due to this year’s grade boundaries, we couldn’t recommend Shafika highly enough.

Student B (Higher - EdExcel): Started at grade 5/6, achieved grade 7 (5 marks away from 8).

Testimonial Pending...

Student C (Higher - EdExcel): Started at grade 4/5, achieved grade 7 (awaiting remark).

Parent Testimonial

“Before my son started tuition, he had lost his confidence in achieving a high grade. However, once he started with Shafika his confidence returned, and he got 2 grades higher than what he started with at the beginning of year 11. I am really pleased with the tuition as it helped him fill all the gaps in his knowledge and understand all the topics he struggled with. I would highly recommend Shafika and I thank her immensely.

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Student D (Higher - OCR): Started at grade 5, achieved a grade 8.

Parent Testimonial

“Shafika tutored my son from September up until his GCSE Exams this year. His results speak to the incredible commitment, encouragement and support of Shafika as well as her knowledge. What particularly stood out to me and gave me assurance she was the right tutor was how organised and methodical her approach was, ensuring weaknesses were covered and explained. At first based on his end of year 10 exam result she predicted a grade 6 or 7. After teaching him for a few weeks she said he was capable of a grade 7. Just before his exams started she predicted a strong grade 7 and possibly a grade 8 based on the work they had completed together. She was right, he ended up with a grade 8. She doesn't sugar-coat to appease parents, she delivers. Highly recommended”

Student E (Higher - OCR): Started at grade 5/6, achieved a grade 7. (only completed 20 hours of tuition as last minute booster)

Testimonial Pending...

Student F (Higher - EdExcel): Started at grade 6, achieved a grade 7. (only completed 12 hours of tuition as last minute booster)

Testimonial Pending...

For obvious reasons I only take a limited number of tutees per year. I did drop two students due to attendance. These are some of the results from 2024.

Student A (Higher - EdExcel): Started at grade 3 / 4 achieved grade 6 .

Student Testimonial

“Jzk soo much for helping me reach that, I honestly wouldn’t have been able get that without you”

Student B (Higher - AQA): Started at grade 5 / 6 achieved grade 7 (4 marks away from 8).

Testimonial Pending...

Student C (Higher - Edexcel): Started at grade 6 /7 achieved grade 8.

Parent Testimonial

“Layla was achieving a level 6/7 in her mock GCSE exams. We knew she had the ability to achieve more. Shafika took the time to understand where Layla needs the most help. Together they were able to come up with a plan that worked best. Layla was able to achieve a high level 8 in her final GCSE exams. The sessions were online but this was no issue. I would definitely recommend Shafika”

Student D (Higher - Edexcel): Started at grade 6 achieved a high grade 8.

Parent Testimonial

“Shafika has been amazing with my son. He is the typical lazy boy that is capable but couldn’t be bothered. Shafika was honest after the first session about managing our expectations. I would be present sometimes during the sessions and I can see, she doesn’t waste time. There were some awkward silences where you can tell she was waiting for my son to push himself, initially I was a little concerned about this, but I now understand the reason for this was to promote independent thinking. Although online having never met/ seen each other they both developed a good working relationship – she could tell when he wasn’t himself or working to his potential and would often give him a good pep- talk (or sometimes a stern word). We couldn’t thank her enough for the confidence she gave him and the skills to achieve his potential, my sons words “Miss was just simply BOSS, her school students are lucky to have her” ”