



# TREFOIL TUTORS

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## Welcome

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Dear Parents,

We hope this finds you well, and that the half-term gave you plenty of opportunities to enjoy spending time with your children. As they return to school next week, many will dive straight into revision - be it preparation for mock examinations, upcoming assessments or entrance exams. To offer our support and advice, we have put together some key tips for successful Mathematics and English revision from Vivek and Milda. We hope you find these useful!

With all our best wishes,

The Trefoil Tutors Team



### Tips for Successful Mathematics Revision

- 1. The best way to revise maths is to do maths.** Practise, practise, practise - maths is not a spectator sport!
- 2. Little and often is key.** 20 minute bursts are better than an hour without a break.
- 3. Do your corrections.** The only way to get the best out of a set of revision questions is to do them, but then review what you got wrong.
- 4. Revise a variety of topics rather than being bogged down in one.** A test will test your knowledge across a number of topics.
- 5. Do not cram mathematics the night before.** It is not a subject you can learn in one day!



### Tips for Successful English Revision

- 1. Read lots!** Reading will not only improve your spelling and comprehension skills, but also expand your analytical skills. Whilst revising, read short stories, news articles, poetry to explore different writing styles.
- 2. Learn your language techniques.** Whether in Y5 or Y11, being able to recognise and explain metaphors or alliteration will mean you won't go blank in comprehension tasks.
- 3. Expand your vocabulary.** You may wish to set yourself a target to learn (and use!) a number of ambitious new words each week.
- 4. Know your target.** Ask your tutor to show you what a top-grade answer, essay or story would look like and compare it to your own to identify points for development.



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# Education and Resources

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## Take part in Channel 4 series 'Child Genius'



The production company of the TV Show "Child Genius" have contacted us to inform that they are looking for 8 -12 year old participants to enter the competition devised in association with British Mensa. This will consist of five rounds to be filmed in February 2017. If you would like more information on the series or would just like to speak to someone about what is involved, please call 020 7241 9225 or visit their website: <https://www.walltowall.co.uk/childgeniusapplication.aspx>

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## Visit our Resource Centre



We are delighted to announce that we have updated our on-line Resource Centre with a multitude of past papers for 11+, GCSE and A-level pupils across a multitude of subject areas. Please visit <http://trefoiltutors.co.uk/resources/> to browse across the different subjects and levels. We hope you will find this a useful resource to help your revision!

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## DISCOUNT OFFER

In private tutoring, we know how important word of mouth recommendations are. A number of parents have recommended us to their friends and relatives in the past, and we would love to offer something in return to thank you.

From the 1st of November, we will offer:

**a one-off £40 discount off group lessons**

or

**a one-off £5 discount off one-to-one lessons**

when a person you have recommended signs up for lessons with us.

In order to qualify for the discount, please ask the recommended person to mention your name when contacting us. The discount will be applied after the recommended tutee has had their first lesson with one of our tutors.



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# Trefoil News

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## **Tutors attend a Professional Development Seminar**

In October, nine of our tutors attended a Professional Development Seminar titled “Communication skills, inspiring confidence and providing honest feedback”. Led by Milda Sabunaite, the seminar focussed on useful strategies in helping pupils engage with subject material, preparing engaging and interactive lessons, as well as ensuring that both pupils and parents receive regular and honest feedback on the lesson progress.



## **11+ Mathematics Mock Examinations**

Thank you and well done to all the Y6 pupils who sat the 11+ mathematics mock examination in the past two weeks! We hope the experience of sitting a model examination was useful and will help you prepare for the upcoming entrance exams to independent schools this January. We will be running similar GCSE Mathematics mock examinations for Y11 students later this year - we will keep you informed as soon as the details are finalised.



## **New Mathematics and Physics Tutor joins our team**

Our team of tutors is growing and this month, we are thrilled to welcome Alec, who will be tutoring Mathematics and Physics to GCSE and A-level students. Alec is a 2nd year Mechanical Engineering student at Imperial College London. If you would like to find out more about Alec, or book in lessons in either of the subjects, please email us at [office@trefoiltutors.co.uk](mailto:office@trefoiltutors.co.uk) or call 0203 565 0539. We look forward to hearing from you!

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# Your Announcements

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Congratulations to our tutor Raj and his wife Minal on the birth of their second son! We are delighted to welcome baby Karan to this world and hope he will bring lots of moments to treasure to the family.

