



# Tutor Profile

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I'm simply passionate about science! I love finding out how plants and animals work, and I enjoy helping other people understand this even more so.

I have a first class degree from the Open University, a B.Sc in biology, physiology, immunology and evolution, and I'm now working toward a Masters Degree in Education. This has given me a real insight into studying at home, away from a tutor. And because of this, I'm aware of how daunting it can be to ask for help from someone you don't know and can't see. So you can ask me anything without feeling silly, and I'll always do my best to help you to understand things!

I worked as a chiropractor for many years, before I hurt my own back and could not carry on. So I changed careers and became a secondary school teacher. I teach Chemistry and Physics to GCSE level, and Biology to A level at a school in Cheltenham. As well as tutoring for Wolsey Hall, I also tutor for the Open University on a course for paramedics. As a result I'm experienced at helping students who are studying from home on their own.

I was born in Birmingham, and moved to the Cotswold Hills in Gloucestershire when I was 3 years old – well my parents moved and took me with them! I have a son of 13 and a Lurcher (a smallish greyhound) called Lucy, who is a golden colour. I enjoy walking in the Cotswolds with Lucy as much as I can, and going to Snowdonia to climb mountains and to practise my rusty Welsh.

My other passion is horse riding, which I've done since I was 3. I ride as often as I can on my sister's horse. She has two of them, so we can ride together, which is very enjoyable. Then there is cooking. I simply love being creative in the kitchen and trying out new recipes. This is much to the despair of my partner who looks at the washing up pile that I create and runs to hide!

I'm very much looking forward to chatting and working with you soon, to share the wonders of science with you, and to help you get the most out of your science studies.