



tutor profile

Sarah Shaw

sarah@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk

Guten Tag! My name is Sarah Shaw and I look forward to helping you to learn German, which is a language that I love and hope that you, over the course of your studies, will come to feel the same about.

I have worked as a Modern Language teacher for over 20 years. At the moment, I teach German and some French on a part-time basis at a state-sector school in Worcestershire. In 2009, I stood down from a successful fourteen year tenure as Head of German in this school because I married and moved to live with my husband in beautiful Gloucestershire. I have extensive experience of teaching German in schools from beginner's, through GCSE to Advanced Level and have also enjoyed working with adults in a Further Education environment. As well as working for Wolsey Hall, I also have a number of pupils of differing ages, whom I tutor at home.

I am keen to make your experience of German real, fun and interactive and am known for the personal and individual support which I give to all my pupils. I will ensure that the methods of study which we use contain variety and are best suited to your particular needs. It will be both a pleasure and a privilege for me to work with you.

My background in languages is that I studied German with French as a subsidiary subject at the University of Durham and then, after gaining bilingual secretarial qualifications, worked for a German machine tool manufacturer for

ten years in the UK. My roles there included that of company translator and personal assistant to the managing director. After having studied for the Institute of Linguists Final Diploma in German and Intermediate Diploma in French via evening classes, I left the company to study for my PGCE at the University of Birmingham and since then I have taught German and French.

I have been very fortunate in having lived in Germany for a year on two separate occasions. On the first occasion, I lived in Münster, an area near the Dutch border famed for its moated water castles and worked teaching English in a school. The second time, I lived in Nürtingen in the sunny wine-growing area of Baden-Württemberg and worked as a Personal Assistant to the company chairman of Gebr. Heller Maschinenfabrik GmbH. I have friends in Germany with whom I am in regular contact and we visit one another as often as we can. Throughout my teaching career, I have participated in frequent cultural visits to Germany and educational exchanges with German schools. I also keep my German up-to-date by visiting the Deutsche Welle website to make sure that I am well informed about German current affairs.

When I am not teaching, I am to be found walking in the Gloucestershire countryside with my husband, digging in my garden, where I grow flowers and vegetables, or meeting the exacting demands of my two cats. I also love to read and practise yoga, when time permits.