



**WOLSEY HALL OXFORD**  
THE HOMESCHOOLING COLLEGE



**HOW YOUR CHILD WILL BENEFIT  
FROM A WOLSEY HALL COURSE**

## INTRODUCTION

Before applying for a Wolsey Hall course we want you and your child to understand just how the Wolsey Hall homeschooling system works. Below we set out what your child can expect on a Wolsey Hall course and the support they and you will receive.

At Wolsey Hall we encourage our students to become **independent learners**. Our system is based on over one hundred years of experience helping students gain qualifications successfully while studying at home.

## 1. SUPPORT



### Your child's Student Progress Manager

When your child is enrolled on one of our courses, they will be allocated to a Student Progress Manager (SPM). The SPM will call you both via Skype soon after enrolment and will be in regular contact with your child to help them stay on track with their studies. She will prepare an Assignment Schedule for your child and will liaise with you both as they progress through their course(s) to ensure that all is running smoothly.



### Your child's Tutor(s)

For each subject your child studies with Wolsey Hall, they will have a designated Tutor who will work with them through the course. He or she will be responsible for grading and providing full feedback on your child's assignments and answering any course-related questions they may have along the way. We send you and your child each Tutor's profile when they are enrolled, so you both will know quite a bit about them before "meeting" them in your Skype call.



### Our Exams Officers

If your child is taking an exam course, our Exams Officers are here to help you with any queries you may have about registering your child for their exams, such as finding a convenient exam centre.

### Additional Support Services

In addition to the support above we also offer the following two services for an additional fee:

#### *Learning Support Manager*

If your child has a special educational need, requires extra support in their studies or feels a lack of motivation to study, we offer a variety of options. These include:

- study skills coaching;
- mentoring;
- advice and specialist support for specific learning difficulties.



These services are all delivered via Skype and complement the work of our Tutors in helping your child succeed in their studies. If you feel your child would benefit from any of these services, please ask for more information.

### University Advisor

Our University Advisor can help your child:

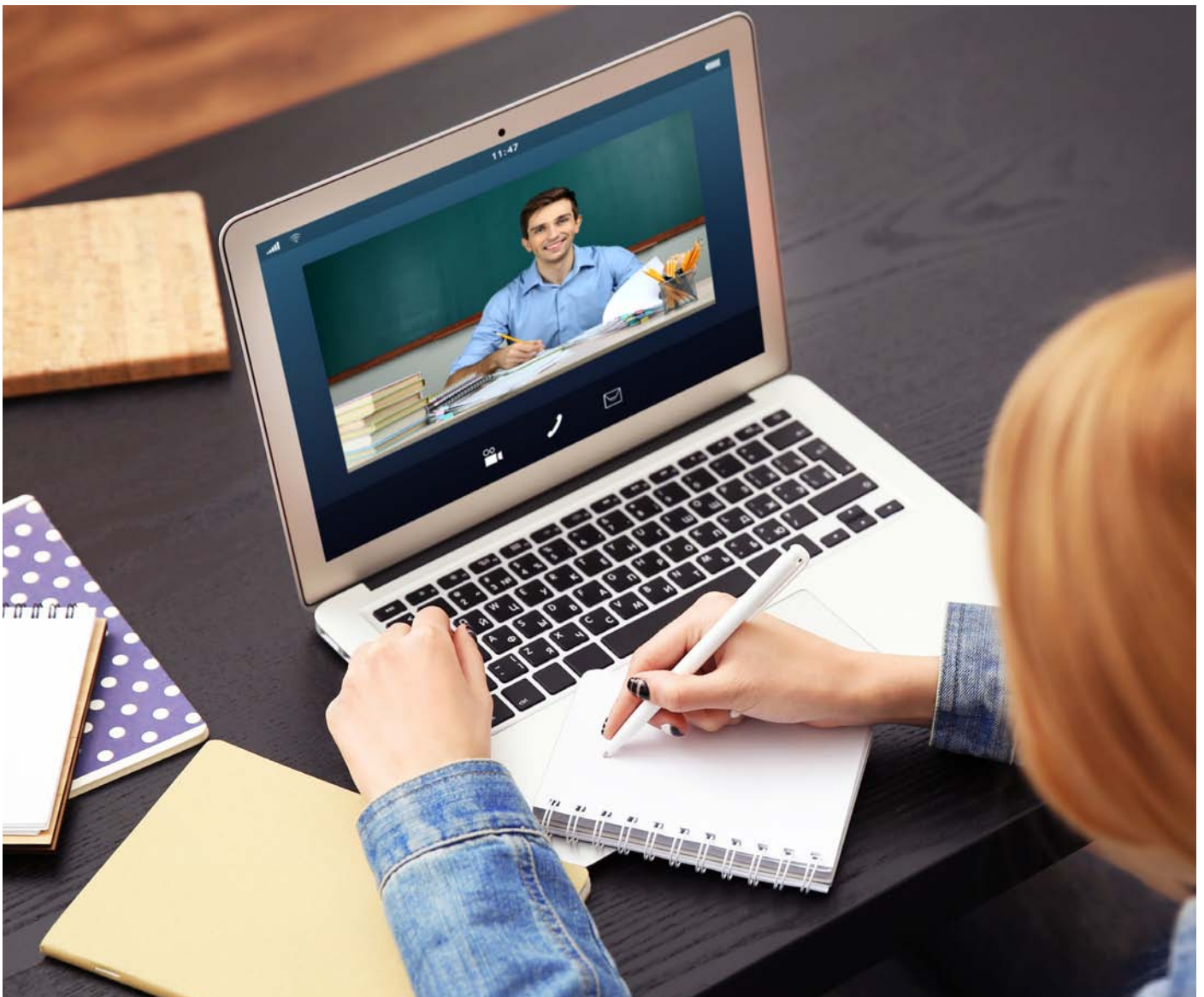
- select their GCE A Level subjects;
- choose a UK or international university that's right for them;
- prepare for their university application and interviews;
- write their personal statement;
- navigate the "Clearing" process (for UK universities) should that be necessary.



If your child aims to attend university after completing an A Level course and would like help along the way, they should contact our Advisor as early in the process as possible.

## 2. CANVAS – OUR ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM

Your child will access all of their course materials and submit assignments via Canvas, our friendly online system. This is where they will find the key course documents, materials, resources and assignments. You and they will find detailed instructions about how to use Canvas in the [Canvas Guide](#), sent on enrolment. You should both read through this **before** your child begins their studies.



### 3. THE PROGRAMME OF STUDY (POS)

At the beginning of every Wolsey Hall course on Canvas is a POS which gives an overview of the subject material your child needs to cover to complete the course. This is the single most important document on any course and your child should follow it closely throughout. It will act as their friendly guide throughout the course.

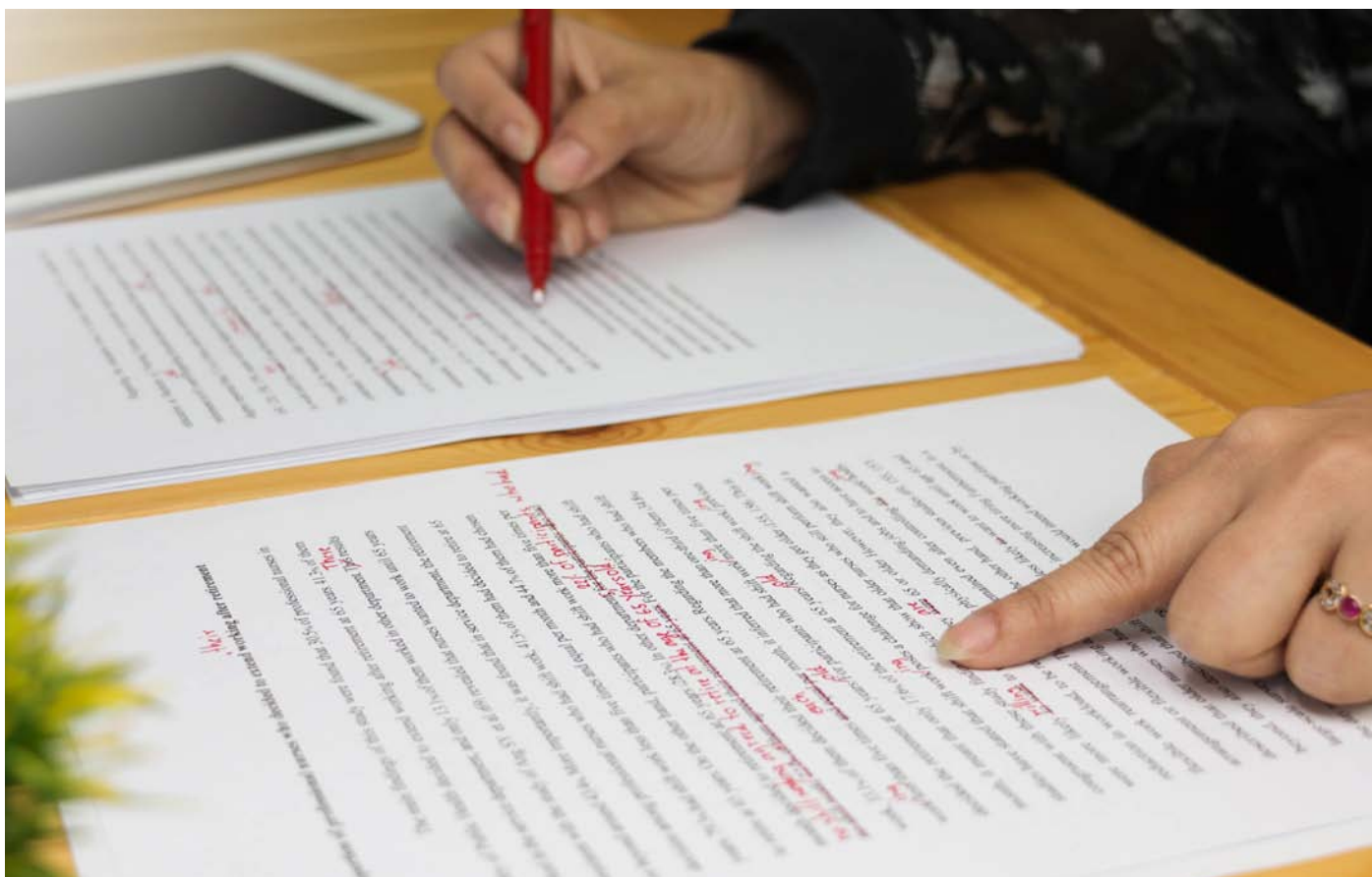
### 4. TEXTBOOKS AND RESOURCES

#### TEXTBOOKS

Every Wolsey Hall course includes one or more textbooks. For IGCSE and A Level courses, these are often endorsed by the relevant exam board. The POS will show your child which pages to read for each topic. We recommend that your child gets to know the textbooks well and completes any activities that are included.

Each course will contain additional resources to supplement the textbook. These may be online resources, such as useful websites, online articles, YouTube videos, online tutorials, games, quizzes, podcasts and revision aids. There may also be specific documents created by our Tutors.





## MARK SCHEMES AND SPECIMEN ANSWERS

Learning by example is an invaluable part of a Wolsey Hall homeschooling course. Exam courses all contain mark schemes so your child can see how an examiner would grade their response. Many of our courses also contain specimen answers, which are examples of high-scoring work from other Wolsey Hall students. Your child will have access to both mark schemes and [specimen answers](#) once each marked assignment has been returned by the Tutor. Make sure they read these through carefully to pick up advice and ideas on how to improve their grades.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many of our courses also come with subscription access to educational websites. Where this is the case, you and your child will be given a username and password. The [Programme of Study](#) (POS) explains when to use these websites, and your child will find links to them in the corresponding modules on Canvas.

## 5. THE WELCOME EMAIL AND INITIAL SKYPE CALL

On enrolment you and your child will both receive profiles of their Tutors. They will then receive a welcome message from both their Progress Manager and Tutor(s) in their Canvas inbox, inviting them to arrange an introductory Skype call. This is their and your chance to meet and get to know their SPM and their Tutor(s) and to ask them any questions they or you may have about the course.

If your child is under 16, a parent or guardian should be present during the Skype call. If your child prefers not to have the webcam on during the call, that is fine – SPMs/ Tutors will be happy to have an audio-only call.

## 6. THE ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

At the time of enrolment your child's Student Progress Manager (SPM) will prepare an Assignment Schedule for them, showing when each of their assignments is due. The schedule is based on the time available to complete their course, and it will allow time for revision before any exams at the end of the course.

You and they should check over the Assignment Schedule on receipt, and they should try to stick to it as closely as they can. If they fall behind this schedule for any reason, such as illness or holidays, they should contact their SPM so that you or they can adjust the schedule as necessary.

## 7. ASSIGNMENTS

At the end of each module on their course, your child will submit an assignment to their Tutor online via the Canvas online system. This is a chance for them to consolidate their understanding of the learning material covered to date.

## 8. TUTOR FEEDBACK

Tutors will mark and return assignments within **3-5 working days**. Your child will be alerted via Canvas when a marked assignment is ready to view. **They should go carefully through their Tutor's annotations on the assignment itself, as well as the overall comments in the right hand box.** If the Tutor has left audio feedback, they should listen to this carefully.

For homeschooling students, this feedback is a major part of the 'tutoring' on the course. It is vital that they reflect on it carefully and take on board the advice for improvement. They should assimilate this advice into their next assignments, which is why we ask that they **do not submit a new assignment until the last one has been marked.**

**Please note that our Tutors do not teach online or via Skype. We have students in over 90 countries and across many time zones. We therefore do not offer online classes or one to one tutorials. Your child's contact with their Tutor(s) after the initial Skype will be via email. Most students find that this gives them more study flexibility, as they don't need to attend classes at fixed times. But if your child does require online teaching then the Wolsey Hall system may not be suitable for them.**

