



# How the Wolsey Hall homeschooling system works at Secondary



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## Introduction

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Wolsey Hall Oxford but before applying we recommend you take some time to understand how our courses work. In this brochure we explain what your child can expect on a Wolsey Hall course and the support that students and parents will receive.

At Secondary level we offer courses for Lower Secondary, IGCSE and A level. The Wolsey Hall learning system is designed to encourage students to become independent learners – a key skill for higher education and employment - and is based on our many years of experience helping thousands of students gain qualifications successfully while studying at home. Read our [testimonials](#).

# Structure of the courses

## Canvas

Your child will access all their course materials and submit assignments via Canvas, our online learning system. The system is easy and intuitive to use and detailed instructions about how to use Canvas will be sent to you on enrolment. All our courses are broken down into modules which allows our students to study the course in manageable chunks in their own time and at their own pace.

## Textbooks and Subscriptions

All textbooks required for the course are included in the course fee together with subscriptions to educational websites which offer our students considerable savings on individual subscriptions.

## Course materials

Our key aim is to provide a flexible, enjoyable, varied and multi-media method of studying that helps to develop independent learners. Our courses do not include any timetabled online lessons as students work through course materials at their own pace. However, all of our courses include enrichment and enhancement video content to complement, extend or test knowledge. Many courses also include subscriptions to a wide variety of educational and interactive materials. Many Wolsey Hall courses include quizzes to test knowledge and every module has an assignment that is marked by our fully qualified UK trained and experienced Tutors who provide detailed and encouraging feedback.

## Technical Requirements

Our Secondary courses work best when a family has a few essential items to support the learning at home. These include:

- Access to the internet
- Computer (desktop or laptop)
- Printer
- Scanner OR device e.g., tablet or mobile, that can scan documents

Some courses, such as art and science, may have some other equipment needed for the course and details can be found in the course information on our website.

## Assignments and Tutor Feedback

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

Learning by example is a key part of the Wolsey Hall learning system. 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.

# Support on the courses

## Student Progress Manager

When your child is enrolled on one of our courses they will be assigned a Student Progress Manager (SPM) who will be in regular contact with you and your child throughout their studies to help them stay on track with their course(s) and ensure that all is running smoothly.

On enrolment, your SPM will prepare an Assignment Schedule for your child showing when each of their assignments is due.

You should encourage your child 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 the schedule can be adjusted as necessary.



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## Tutor(s)

Your child will have a designated Tutor for each of their courses who will work with them throughout as their “learning coach”.

The Tutors will assess, grade and provide detailed feedback on your child’s assignments - answering any course-related questions they have along the way. We will send you and your child each Tutor’s profile when they are enrolled - so you will know quite a lot about them before meeting in your first video call. Tutors will mark and return assignments within 5 days. Your child will be alerted via Canvas when a marked assignment is ready to view.



# Support on the courses

## 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.

## Learning Support Manager

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

- Study skills coaching
- Mentoring
- Advice and specialist support for specific learning difficulties

These services are all delivered via video call and complement the work of our Tutors in helping your child succeed in their studies.



**If your child aims to attend university and would like help along the way, they should contact our University Advisor as early in the process as possible**

## 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 University Advisor as early in the process as possible.

If you feel your child would benefit from any of these services, please ask for more information.

# The Wolsey Hall Community

## Student Community

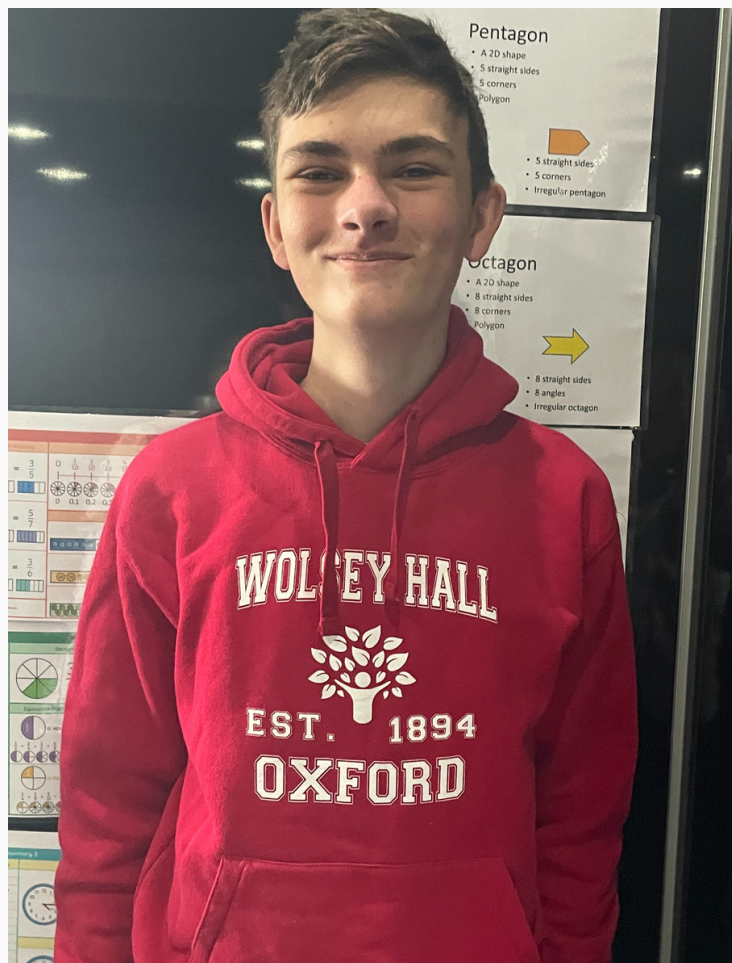
We have a thriving Secondary student community. No matter where you are homeschooling, every student has the chance to join in with the clubs and competitions.

Each month, new club themes are set to challenge the students. Clubs include Art and Design, Creative Writing, Debate, Cookery and Photography. Students can also connect with each other via the student forum to share ideas and successes.

We have a virtual library which offers a fantastic choice of e-books that students can borrow for free. Books can be accessed anywhere, anytime and on multiple devices.

We have a number of ways for parents to connect and stay informed of developments at Wolsey Hall too.

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## Recommendations

We understand that making the decision to homeschool your child is a big step so reading recommendations from others can be reassuring. Our Student Stories shine a spotlight on the variety of students we have.

Our Admissions Team can also put you in touch with other families studying in the same country as you.

We hope this information has been helpful and we look forward to welcoming you and your child to Wolsey Hall's international community of learners.

Best Wishes  
The Wolsey Hall Secondary Team