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Kip McGrath™

EDUCATION CENTRES
REDDITCH

The staff there are all very professional and nothing is too much trouble for them

About us

Kip McGrath Redditch have been offering high quality English and maths tuition for primary and secondary students in the Redditch area and online since January 2020.

Our team is led by Hayley Farnell and Niki Brownlow, both secondary English teachers for over 20 years, and also includes primary and secondary maths specialists with a wealth of subject expertise.



We are currently working with over 20 local schools who fund students through their School Led Tuition grants, Pupil Premium funding or the Catchup Premium.

All of our tutors are fully qualified teachers and experts in their subject and Key Stage. We offer a full administration service including contacting parents or carers, timetabling lessons and monitoring attendance. Reports are written at the end of each block of lessons.

Tuition runs throughout term time, after school or during the school day for students not accessing mainstream education. Lessons are also offered in the school holidays.



In-centre lessons are 80 minutes long and are in small groups of up to 5 pupils. KS1 and KS2 lessons have a dedicated TA as well as the teacher.

Online lessons are 60 minutes and are delivered using our bespoke teaching platform. Live video links are used between the teacher and the pupil.



Our Tutors

Primary
Specialist



Cherril Day

"Tutoring allows you to get to know each child individually, helping them grow and mature as their skills and character develops."

I have been teaching for 22 years in Redditch, Barnt Green and Studley, where I worked as Assistant Head Teacher. I have been tutoring for Kip McGrath for 2 years, since the centre opened in 2020.

I enjoy tutoring as it enables each child to achieve their individual goals. We continue seeing progress as the students gain in confidence and resilience. Tutoring allows you to get to know each child individually, helping them grow and mature as their skills and character develops. With a maximum of 5 students per session, we have the time to give each child the attention they need.

In my spare time, I am usually visiting my house in France with my husband and 2 daughters, upcycling furniture, attending art classes or spending time with my gorgeous dog, Cyrus.

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Primary
Specialist

Alison Vincent

I have been a qualified teacher for 35 years and have taught for 27 of those. I taught as a secondary Biology and Chemistry teacher at Arrow Vale High School for 5 years. After having my family, I retrained as a Primary teacher and taught at Studley Infants School for 17 years. I then started to work for the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust in the Education Department and as a Primary Supply teacher.

I have been tutoring for 2 years, I really enjoy tutoring at Kip as it gives me time to listen to the child and with them identify where their areas of weakness may be. The targeted individual support I can give them allows for real progress to be made. It is lovely to watch their confidence in their own ability increase and to see them smile when they achieve things they previously thought they couldn't do. I also enjoy the 'buzz' of everyone working together to support each other.

I have just become a Nanny which is amazing. I have a cute cairn terrier called Jumble and love being involved with church activities.

Secondary English
Specialist



Beth Masters

"The aspect of tutoring I enjoy most is being able to help students who are struggling with skills in English, seeing their confidence grow, helping them 1:1 with their specific needs."

I have been a secondary English lesson for 23 years and have been tutoring for 1 year. I taught in a secondary school in Kidderminster for the whole of my teaching career.

The aspect of tutoring I enjoy most is being able to help students who are struggling with skills in English, seeing their confidence grow, helping them 1:1 with their specific needs. Generally making them feel that they can do their very best in the exams, not to worry and have faith in themselves.

I love changing my hair style/colour on a regular basis, I am a trained chef and spent 5 years as a catering manager. I read historical/detective books everyday and I have 2 cats and a border terrier.

Our Tutors

Gareth Evans



Primary
Specialist

"There's nothing more rewarding than seeing an under confident child burst with pride as they grasp concepts that they previously found tricky."

I began my teaching career 4 years ago, after spending over a decade as a copywriter. I trained through the Teach First Programme, graduating with a PGCE. I have worked in a range of schools over the last few years, from a large inner city Birmingham school, through to a small Alcester school. Although in my early teaching career I specialised in Years 5 and 6, I now tutor children all the way from Year 1 to Year 6.

While I enjoy being a classroom teacher, tutoring is my real passion. Working in small groups allows me to give each child the dedicated time they deserve, to learn and make progress at their own pace. There's nothing more rewarding than seeing an under confident child burst with pride as they grasp concepts that they previously found tricky.

I love to travel, having visited over 30 countries and lived in Argentina, where I learned Spanish and studied Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. More recently, my passion for words has translated into songwriting, co-writing songs with several local musicians.

Our Tutors

Primary
Specialist



Matthew Turner

"You can really see the progress they make in a short space of time because we are able to identify the gaps in their knowledge quickly and work towards improving specific areas of their learning."

I have been teaching for 13 years and tutoring for 1 year. I spent 5 years at St. Joseph's in Worcester teaching in Year 4 and 5. I then moved to St. Joseph's in Droitwich, where I have spent 8 years teaching in Year 3 and Year 5.

I really enjoy working at Kip McGrath because you can spend a significant amount of time talking with the students and supporting them where needed. You can really see the progress they make in a short space of time because we are able to identify the gaps in their knowledge quickly and work towards improving specific areas of their learning.

I have a PGCE Primary Teaching, Sports Studies BSc and a Sports Coaching HND. I love playing and watching any sports, especially football, golf, cricket and hockey!

Helen Wright



Secondary Maths
Specialist

"What I enjoy most about tutoring is watching the students grow in confidence and achieve higher back in their school environment."

I have been teaching for 25 years and tutoring for 20 years, 2 of those years have been working for Kip McGrath.

My first teaching job was in a private school in the Lake District, teaching secondary maths. I then moved back to the Midlands where I taught in a secondary school for 9 years and was assistant HOF. Later I moved to a middle school in Worcestershire and specialised in maths with years 6 to 8, gaining experience of preparing pupils for Key Stage 2 SATs. My current role is an Assistant SENCO/HTLA at a Middle School in Redditch.

I enjoy tutoring and working on a one to one level with pupils and with pupils in small groups. This enables you to get to know pupils and their individual needs more effectively. I love watching them grow in confidence and achieve success back in their school environment.

In my free time, I am a sports fanatic; I once ran the London Marathon and currently cycle several times a week - and randomly own a tandem!

Our Tutors



Sarah Merrick

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Online Maths Specialist

Art degree to maths tutor is not the most obvious of career paths, but I am very happy to have chosen it!

I have been teaching for 17 years, both secondary and post 16 and although I started out teaching both English and Maths, I gradually moved to just teaching maths. I have been working at Kip for 8 years and I really enjoy the combination of computer and face to face time - it is by far the best balance to teaching and learning I have experienced.

When I am not teaching, or looking after my 3 children, or running after my overly sociable dog, I continue to work on art projects - my latest one is portraiture photography, which I am enjoying immensely.

Our Tutors

Secondary English Specialist



Mike Fitzgerald

"Tutoring helps students develop self-belief, resilience, problem-solving and a whole range of other skills that will benefit them not only in school, but in their future careers."

I've been teaching for 5 years, I've been with Kip McGrath since September 2021. I started off teaching in sunny, rural Italy before returning to the (slightly less sunny) UK. I now teach in a large secondary school in East Birmingham.

It's a real pleasure to see our students master something that they previously struggled with, whether that be difficulty with spelling, reading comprehension skills or writing analytical paragraphs as part of an exam response. Perhaps more importantly, they develop self-belief, resilience, problem-solving and a whole range of other skills that will benefit them not only in school, but in their future careers. Our students have the time and space to grow, and it's great to be part of that.

I love travelling as a way to meet new people, experience new cultures and to enable my other main passion: eating!

Teaching Assistants

Cameron



Cameron is studying for his Level 3 Award in STLS and SEN. He specialises in Key Stage 2 and his favourite subject is maths.

Milly



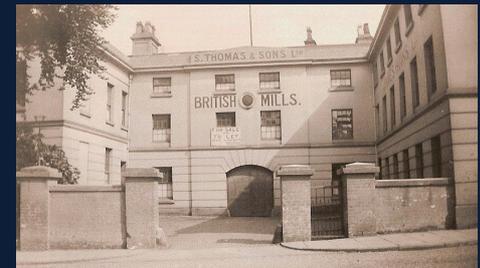
Milly oversees all of the administration, including enrolments, attendance and tracking the progress of our students.

Our Centre

Kip McGrath Redditch is located in British Needle Mills on Prospect Hill in Redditch, where needles and fish hooks were made. The factories were built in 1840 by Samuel Thomas.

"Today British Needle Mills stands as one of only a handful of examples of what a large Victorian Era needle factory was once like. Although much of the interior has been divided into more modern offices and small factory units, it still retains much of its 19th century character. Upon entering the interior walkway, one finds numerous courtyards and two and three-story side buildings with large windows. Remember this building was constructed before electricity and therefore required large windows in order to provide light to the various work areas. One immediately gets the feeling that each section had a specific purpose related to one of the processes in needle making; for example, one for stamping, one for hardening, another for pointing, one for scouring, etc."

(January 1843 edition of the Penny Magazine)



Kip McGrath Redditch Reviews

"Absolutely brilliant!

My son has loved it! Very relaxed but engaging atmosphere. I asked him about what he's learnt and his reply 'Mum, I actually get it now' so for me it said it all. Would definitely recommend."

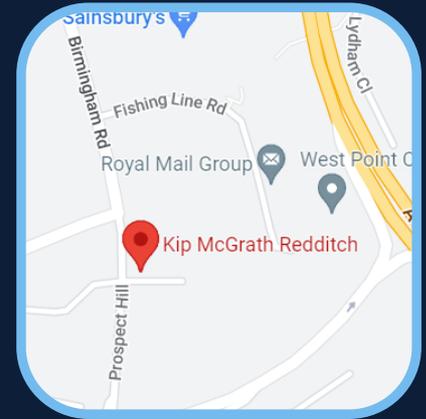
"My reluctant learners with ADHD love going to Kip in Redditch even after a day at school. The learning is done in a fun and innovative way which shows results. All of the tutors are gifted educators."

"We contacted the staff at Kip McGrath as my son wanted to improve his maths GCSE. He was predicted a 6 after mocks in 2019 and by March 2020 it had increased to an 8. So glad we invested in Kip McGrath. We sincerely thank the staff at the Redditch branch and will be using them again for my younger son when he returns to school."

"Can't recommend enough, ever since my son started I have seen such a change, his confidence has grown immensely which has followed through to school with his reading and comprehension just getting better."

"Both of my children have been at Kip McGrath Redditch since summer 2020 and have really benefitted. It has given them the extra support they have needed with English and maths during a very turbulent school year, due to COVID, and has helped them (and us as parents!) a great deal with their home-schooling. The work they do in the lessons, as well as the homework, compliments and supports what they are doing at school. All of the tutors that teach my children are fantastic and really take the time to get to know the children as individuals. The Kip points scheme (and associated prizes) are also a great motivational incentive! I would not hesitate to recommend the Kip team at Redditch."

How to find us



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