

Welcome to Caledonia Tutors

Thank you for choosing Caledonia Tutors. This Welcome Pack contains important information about how our tutoring works, alongside useful guidance and resources for both parents and students. It covers lesson arrangements, communication, policies, and the support we provide throughout the tutoring process.



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About Us

Founded in January 2018, Caledonia Tutors has grown from a small team of one tutor offering support in five subjects to a network of over 200 tutors covering more than 30 subjects. We now provide in-person tutoring for students based in Edinburgh and Glasgow, as well as online tutoring for students across Scotland

Message from Aidan

In my final year of secondary school, my Advanced Higher Mechanics teacher encouraged me to consider applying to top universities such as Cambridge or Imperial, and to explore the possibility of 2nd-Year entry. He was younger than most of my other teachers and shared similar interests with my friends and me. Although I wasn't fully aware of it at the time, he was someone whose opinion I trusted and whose approval I subconsciously sought. His belief in me gave me the confidence to aim higher than I otherwise might have, and that quiet shift in mindset had a lasting impact. The self-belief he helped instil was a major reason why I went on to found Caledonia Tutors shortly after graduating from university.

This experience taught me just how powerful the right role model can be. At Caledonia Tutors, we strive to offer that same encouragement and belief to every student we support. Because our tutors are often close in age to their students, they're able to form a natural rapport that's not always found in more traditional tutoring settings. Having recently sat the same exams, they're also acutely aware of the academic pressures and emotional challenges students face - and how best to navigate them.

Our tutors combine academic excellence with empathy, dedication, and a strong work ethic. Many have recently sat the same exams and faced the same pressures as their students, making them uniquely equipped to offer targeted support and practical advice. Their recent experience allows them to connect with students not just as teachers, but as relatable mentors. It's my hope that, just as I once benefited from the belief of someone I looked up to, our students will find the same encouragement and support through their tutors.

Aidan Thomson

Owner, Caledonia Tutors

About the Team



Aidan Thomson
Owner



Harvey Wynn
Marketing Manager



Tutors
Russell Group University
Undergraduates and Graduates

Philosophy and Values

Empathy – Our tutors have recently sat the same or similar exams as their students, giving them a real understanding of the academic and emotional pressures involved, and helping them respond to each student’s needs with care and awareness.

Passionate – Tutors choose to continue studying the subjects they teach, which reflects genuine enthusiasm and subject mastery. This passion leads to natural engagement in lessons and a real desire to share their knowledge with the students they support

Integrity – We are committed to helping every student achieve a high standard, without exception. Testimonials often highlight our tutors’ reliability, professionalism, and strong work ethic.

Innovative – We make full use of technology to enhance teaching. Tools like cloud storage, web apps, instant messaging, video calls, and online whiteboards allow tutors to deliver efficient, flexible, and interactive lessons that fit modern learning needs

Role Models – While our priority is always to help the student gain a better understanding of their subject (and hence a higher grade), our tutors hope to leave a lasting impression on their students and inspire them to aim as high as they possibly can.

Recruitment Process

We aim to be as transparent as possible with our recruitment process, this document details the standards all tutors must meet.

Pre-interview

Minimum requirements of prospective tutors to be considered:

- An undergraduate or postgraduate at a Russell Group University
- Studying towards a relevant degree
- Achieving a minimum 2.1 in degree
- A grade achieved at level above level applying to tutor (e.g. A in 1st Year University Maths required to tutor Advanced Higher Maths)
- Tutoring experience or other relevant experience

Application process:

- Full page cover letter, marked against exemplary historical applications
- 1-2 Page CV, marked against exemplary historical applications
- Detailed transcript showing all university grades
- All school exam results

Interview

Applicants who make it to the interview stage will be tested in a 45-60 minute interview. The prospective tutor is marked out of 20 for the following categories:

- Mastery of content (tested through examination on relevant subjects and levels)
- Communication skills (discussion of CV/Cover Letter, teaching methods etc.)
- General application (Experience, degree performance, etc.)

Post-interview

The following additional documents are required before tutors are assigned their first student:

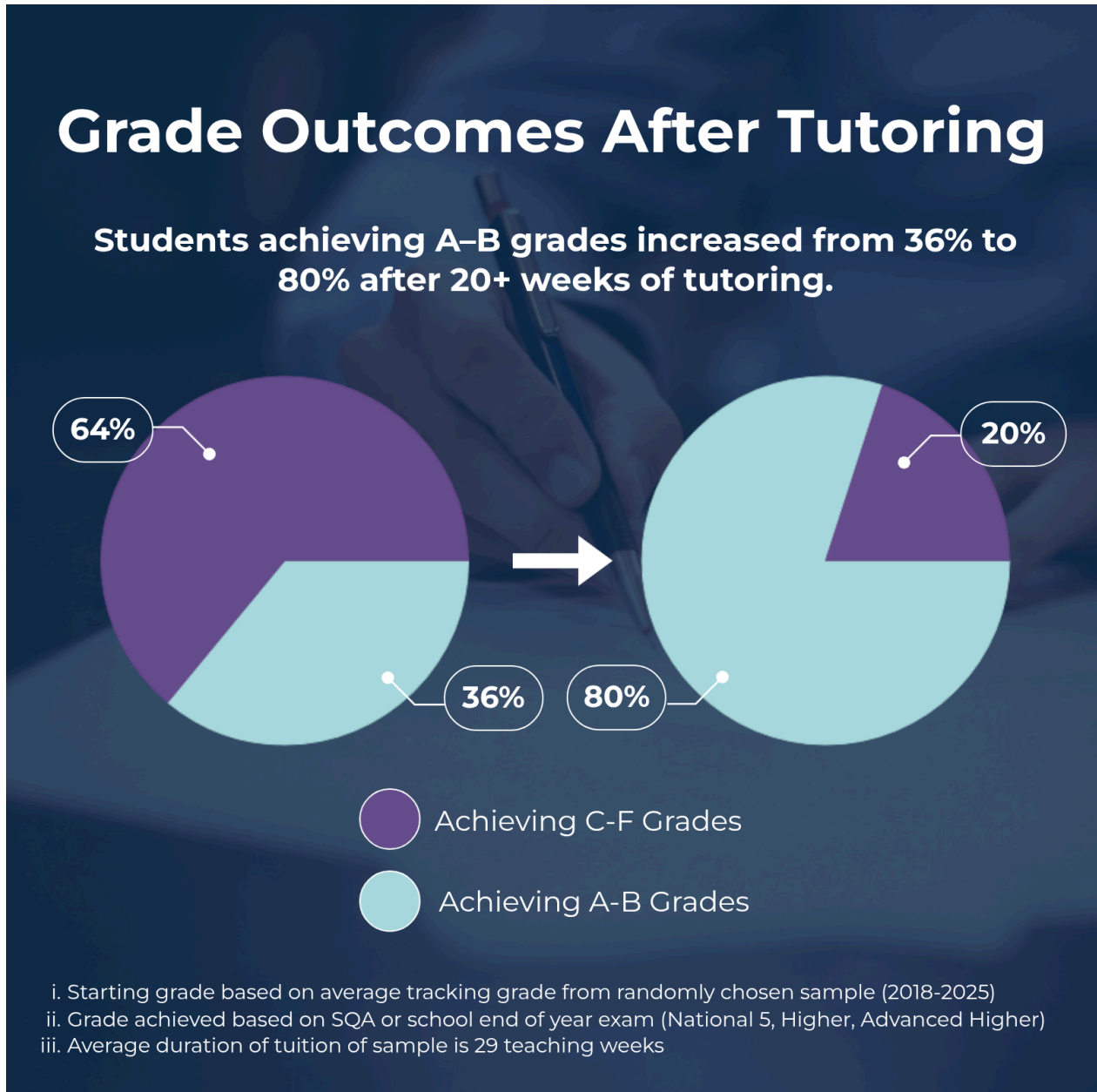
- Evidence of all exam results
- Disclosure PVG Membership
- Relevant personal details
- 2 references, academic and employer (where possible)

Active tutors

- Tutors are offered support whenever required, both in person and via online communications
- Tutors are provided with all necessary equipment and resources for tutoring

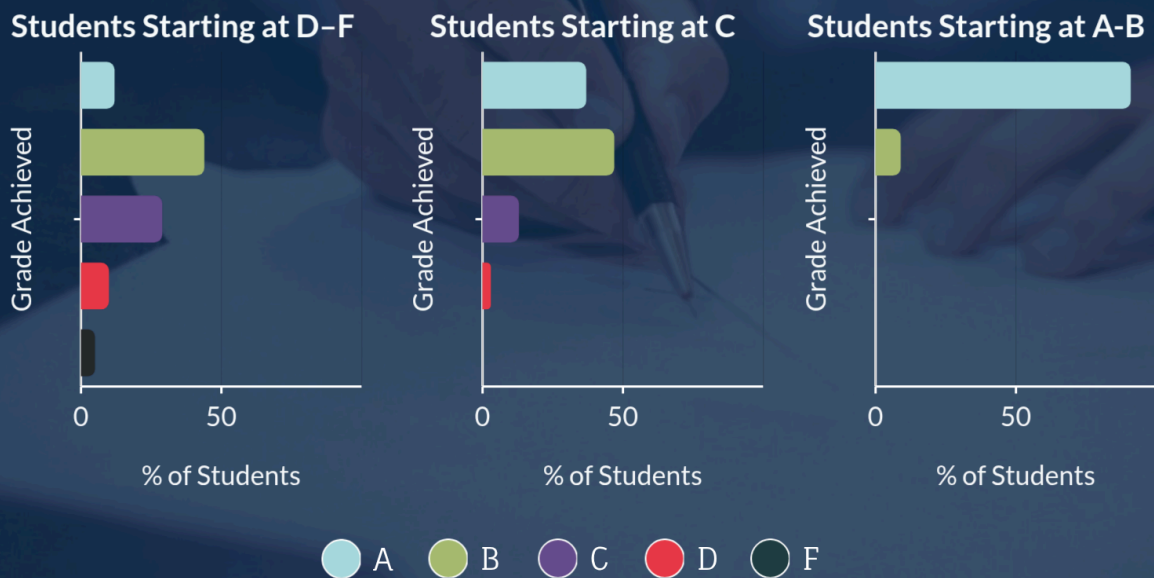
Results 2018-2025

Over recent years, we have tracked student outcomes and feedback across thousands of lessons. The infographics below summarise some of the key trends and results.



How Students Improve After Tutoring

Students improve by an average of 1.6 grades after 20+ weeks of tutoring.



- i. Starting grade based on average tracking grade from randomly chosen sample (2018-2025)
- ii. Grade achieved based on SQA or school end of year exam (National 5, Higher, Advanced Higher)
- iii. Average duration of tuition of sample is 29 teaching weeks

Schools and Areas Served

Over the years, we have worked with students from a wide range of schools across Scotland, including both state and independent schools.

Secondary Schools

Aberdeen Grammar School, Albyn School, Anderson High School, Annan Academy, Arbroath High School, Ayr Academy, Balerno High School, Bearsden Academy, Bellahouston Academy, Berwickshire High School, Boroughmuir High School, Breadalbane Academy, Broughton High School, Buckie High School, Calderglen High School, Castle Douglas High School, Clifton Hall School, Craigmoynton Community High School, Culloden Academy, Dingwall Academy, Dollar Academy, Drumchapel High School, Drummond Community High School, Dumfries Academy, Dumfries High School, Dunbar Grammar School, Edinburgh Academy, Falkirk High School, Fernhill School, Fettes College, Firrhill High School, Forres Academy, George Heriot's School, George Watson's College, The Glasgow Academy, Glenrothes High School, Govan High School, Gracemount High School, Greenock High School, Hawick High School, The High School of Glasgow, Hillhead High School, Holyrood Secondary School, Hutchesons Grammar School, Inveralmond Community High School, Inverness Royal Academy, James Gillespie's High School, Jordanhill School, Kelso High School, Kelvinside Academy, Kinross High School, Kirkcaldy High School, Kirkwall Grammar School, Larbert High School, Largs Academy, Leith Academy, Loretto School, Madras College, Marr College, The Mary Erskine School, Mearns Castle High School, Merchiston Castle School, North Berwick High School, Notre Dame High School, Oban High School, Peebles High School, Perth High School, Portobello High School, Preston Lodge High School, Queensferry High School, Robert Gordon's College, Ross High School, Rutherglen High School, St Augustine's RC High School, St Aloysius' College, St Andrew's High School, St George's School for Girls, St Joseph's Academy, St Joseph's College, St Margaret's School for Girls, St Mary's Music School, St Ninians High School, St Thomas of Aquin's R.C. High School, Stewart's Melville College, Stirling High School, The Royal High School, Thurso High School, Trinity High School, Turnbull High School, Tynecastle High School, Ullapool High School, Wallace Hall Academy, Williamwood High School.

We have also tutored undergraduates at all Scottish universities, and many Primary students at schools across Scotland.

Edinburgh – City Centre and surrounding areas

Glasgow – City Centre

Rest of Scotland – Online only

Getting Started

Online Tutoring

The vast majority of lessons arranged through Caledonia Tutors now take place online using Microsoft Teams alongside collaborative whiteboard software (usually Miro). Over the past few years, we have refined this process extensively through feedback from students, parents and tutors.

Most students adapt to online lessons very quickly, and many parents find they offer greater flexibility and convenience than in-person tutoring. Online lessons also allow students to work with the tutor best suited to their subject, level and learning style, regardless of location.

For Maths and Science subjects in particular, we generally recommend students use either:

- a graphics tablet connected to a laptop/computer, or
- an iPad/tablet with stylus support

This helps make lessons significantly smoother and more interactive.

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Getting Set Up

Lessons are usually conducted through Microsoft Teams together with collaborative whiteboard software called Miro. Both platforms are free to use and setup normally takes less than 10 minutes.

If using an iPad or tablet, Miro can be downloaded as an app and used alongside a stylus for handwritten working. Students without a tablet may prefer to use an inexpensive graphics tablet connected to a laptop or desktop computer.

Setup guidance for both options is included on the following pages.

If you experience any issues getting set up, please feel free to get in touch and we will be happy to help.

Device/Software Options:

- iPad + Miro + stylus + Teams
- Laptop + Miro + graphics tablet + Teams

Getting Started: *Teams/Zoom/Skype* + Miro (Graphics Tablet)

Step 1: Purchase a Graphics Tablet

If you do not already own a graphics tablet, we recommend purchasing the Huion H420. It can be purchased from Amazon on the link below. Set up is straightforward and simple to follow instructions are provided on the following page.

[Huion H420X Amazon Purchase Link](#)

Step 2: Sign up for a Miro free account

<https://miro.com/login/>

Step 3: Download Teams to your laptop or PC

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>

Step 4: Arrange a time for a first lesson and have Teams open at the Scheduled time.

Setting up Huion H420X Graphics Tablet

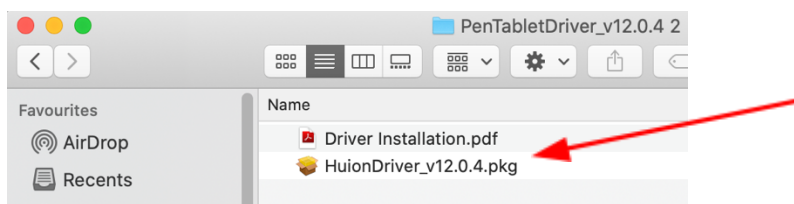
Step 1: Downloading the driver

Download the software from the link below. Ensure you select the most up to date software for the correct operating system (MacOS or Windows).

[Huion H420 Driver Download](#)

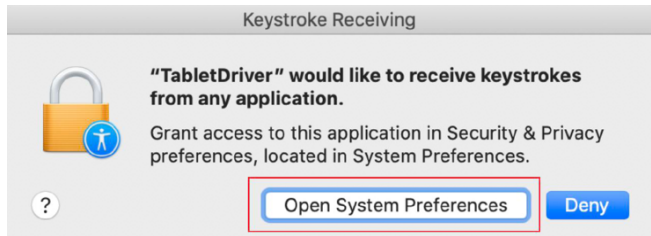
Step 2: Installing the driver

Double click on the downloaded Zip folder, this will be found in the 'Downloads' folder of both MacOS and Windows. Open the new folder and double click on the application to start the installation procedure.



Step 3: Confirm you have given permission to receive keystrokes from the tablet.

Open Settings/System Preferences and tick all available boxes.



Getting Started: Teams/Zoom + Miro (iPad/Android Tablet)

Step 1: Purchase stylus

There are many different options for styluses. Included below is a link to an inexpensive option with sufficient features for online tutoring.

[iPad/Tablet Stylus Amazon Purchase Link](#)

Step 2: Download Android/Apple Miro app

Search 'Miro' on the relevant app store and download it to your device.

Step 3: Sign up for a Miro free account

Step 4: Download Teams/ Zoom/Skype to your iPad/tablet

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>

<https://zoom.us/download>

Graphics Tablet Troubleshooting

1. Ensure the correct and most up to date driver is downloaded. Windows: Driver_12.4.2, MacOS: Driver_12.0.5 (As of 16/07/20)
[https://www.huion.com/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=lists&catid=16&myform=2&down_title1=420\(2048\)&down_os=&down_type=](https://www.huion.com/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=lists&catid=16&myform=2&down_title1=420(2048)&down_os=&down_type=)
2. Check the battery is oriented correctly in the pen, and that it is screwed closed properly.
3. Download the Miro app, this should help fix most lagging issues. For Windows if you're still encountering issues download the 32-bit version.
<https://miro.com/apps/>
4. Check the tablet is registered as an input device.
Mac OS 'System Preferences' – 'Security and Privacy' – 'Privacy' – 'Input Monitoring', and check that Huron Tablet Console and Tablet Driver are both ticked.

Windows 'Devices' – 'Pen and Windows Ink' – 'Let me use my pen as a mouse in desktop apps'

Help Videos

The below links show how to get the graphics tablet and Miro set up. If you are having any difficulties getting set up these should help.

Miro Account Set Up and Software Download Walk-through
<https://youtu.be/BFzmk7uV3IU>

Huion Driver Download – MacOS
<https://youtu.be/gJjilLacqV4>

Huion Driver Download - Windows
<https://youtu.be/RU3lW96BqKc>

Services and Prices

Subjects offered - Scotland

Subject	Primary-S2	National 4/5	Higher	Advanced Higher
Art	✓	✓	✓	✓
Biology	✓	✓	✓	✓
Business Management	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry	✓	✓	✓	✓
Computer Science	✓	✓	✓	✓
Drama	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Economics	N/A	✓	✓	X
Engineering Science	N/A	✓	✓	X
English	✓	✓	✓	✓
Environmental Science	N/A	✓	✓	✓
French	✓	✓	✓	✓
German	✓	✓	✓	✓
History	✓	✓	✓	✓
Italian	✓	✓	✓	X
Latin	N/A	✓	✓	X
Applications of Maths	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
Mandarin	X	✓	✓	X
Maths	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mechanics	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓
Modern Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓
Philosophy	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
Physics	✓	✓	✓	✓
Politics	N/A	X	✓	N/A
Psychology	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
Science	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sociology	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
Spanish	✓	✓	✓	✓
Statistics	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓

Subjects offered – English, International

We also have tutors available who can teach GCSE, A Levels and IB. The table below summarises the subjects we can offer tutoring for. If you're interested in a subject not listed here, please ask as we may still be able to help.

Subject	KS2/3	GCSE	A Level	International Baccalaureate
Biology	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry	✓	✓	✓	✓
English	✓	✓	✓	✓
French	✓	✓	✓	✓
Further Maths	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
German	✓	✓	✓	✓
History	X	✓	✓	✓
Maths	✓	✓	✓	✓
Physics	✓	✓	✓	✓

Subjects offered – College and University

We have limited availability for further education tutoring in the below subjects. We are not able to guarantee we will have tutors who can help with every module, particularly for 3rd, 4th and 5th year university undergraduates.

Subject	College	University
Applications	✓	✓
Biological Sciences	✓	✓
Chemistry	✓	✓
Engineering	✓	✓
English Literature	✓	✓
Law	✓	✓
Mathematics	✓	✓
Medicine	N/A	✓
Modern Languages	✓	✓
Physics	✓	✓

If you require a tutor for any subject not listed here, get in contact and we will see if we can help.

Supply Tutor Service

At Caledonia Tutors we realise that when you hire one of our tutors you expect to have access to them on a weekly basis for the full academic year. Therefore, if your assigned tutor is unavailable, get in contact and we will arrange a supply tutor. This service can also be used for one-off lessons in new subjects near to prelims and exams.

24/7 Help Service

Often small gaps in knowledge or misunderstandings of key concepts can hold back a student's learning. This is particularly true in maths and the sciences. Close to assignment deadlines, prelims and exams, students can contact their tutor directly to ask for revision guidance or solutions to problems. This allows student's revision to stay on track and keeps motivation high.

Support Offered

This support can take various forms, such as the following:

- Quick help on a difficult question
- Advice on approach to revision
- General support on the subject
- Guided homework tasks

Examples of these scenarios can be found on the following page. All conversations are recreations of real conversations our tutors have had with their students.

Prices up to 1st July 2026

Level Taught	Cost (inc. VAT)
Primary - Nat 5 (Online)	£27ph
Primary - Nat 5 (In-person)	£30ph
Higher (Online)	£31ph
Higher (In-person)	£33ph
Advanced Higher (Online)	£33ph
Advanced Higher (In-person)	£35ph
Travel Surcharge	£5

Prices from 1st July 2026

Level Taught	Cost (inc. VAT)
Primary - Nat 5 (Online)	£29ph
Primary - Nat 5 (In-person)	£31ph
Higher (Online)	£32ph
Higher (In-person)	£34ph
Advanced Higher (Online)	£35ph
Advanced Higher (In-person)	£37ph
Travel Surcharge	£5

Notes

- Lessons can be taken in groups of 2-3. £3 per extra student is added to the hourly rate. For example, 2 students would pay £19ph for online lessons at Higher level.
- GCSE level is charged at the same rate as Scottish Higher.
- A Level is charged at the same rate as Scottish Advanced Higher.
- Prices for any qualification not listed can be obtained upon enquiry.
- Prices are subject to change from 1st July each year.
- Travel surcharge will be required for most in-person addresses.

Cancellation Policy

To help ensure lessons run smoothly for both families and tutors, we have a straightforward cancellation policy.

Tutors reserve specific time slots each week and prepare in advance for every lesson, and for many this work is their sole source of income. Late cancellations or missed sessions can therefore have a significant impact on their schedule and earnings. The policy below is designed to keep things fair, consistent, and predictable for everyone involved.

More than 48 Hours before Lesson

Lessons cancelled with more than two full days' notice will not incur a charge.

24-48 Hours before Lesson

Lessons cancelled with 24-48 hours' notice will be charged 50% of the lesson cost. If your tutor is able to offer an alternative time that same week, you will not be charged for the missed lesson.

<24 Hours before Lesson

Lessons cancelled with fewer than 24 hours' notice will be charged at full price. Rescheduling is not available for cancellations made within this period.

Notes

- Tutors are asked to include all lessons cancelled outside the agreed cancellation periods in their monthly timesheet.
- Exceptions apply only in cases of illness or bereavement. Illness must be communicated to the tutor on the morning of the lesson for the exception to apply.
- Repeated last-minute cancellations attributed to illness may not be accepted as an exception, as tutors rely on consistent attendance for their income and preparation.
- All other reasons fall under the standard cancellation policy.

Tutors

Tutors are also expected to avoid late-notice cancellations wherever possible. If a cancellation is unavoidable, they are instructed to offer a replacement time - ideally within the same week, or the following week if that is not feasible.

Invoices and Late Payment Fees

Invoices are sent on the first working day of the following month. For example, lessons taught in March will be invoiced on the first working day of April.

Payment can be made via secure online payment through our payment provider, **Crezco**, or by BACS (bank transfer). If paying by BACS, please include the invoice number in your payment reference.

Bank Details (for BACS payment)

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Sort Code: 09-01-29

Account Number: 40044648

Reference: Invoice number

Invoices must be paid within 14 days of receipt of the invoice.

0-14 days

Payments made within 14 days of receipt of the invoice will not incur a charge.

14-21 days

A late payment fee of £10 will be charged for invoices paid 1-7 days late.

21-28 days

A late payment fee of £30 will be charged for invoices paid 8-14 days late.

>28 days

Lessons will be temporarily paused until the overdue balance + £30 late fee is paid.

Notes

- Late payment fees will be forgiven on one occasion.
- A reminder will be issued 10 days after the invoice has been sent.
- Late payment fees will be due on the following month's invoice.

Additional Information

Headstart Courses

We offer Headstart Courses across a range of subjects and levels during the summer holidays. These courses run over 5-6 weeks (typically over summer between late June and early August) and are designed to help students make a strong start to the new academic year by covering a substantial portion of the course in advance.

Students often find the transition into Higher and Advanced Higher particularly demanding, and many benefit from entering the school year already familiar with key topics and course content.

Headstart Courses have been running for over 5 years and have received consistently positive feedback from both students and parents. While structured courses are not currently available for every subject, bespoke summer tuition can still be arranged on a student-by-student basis.

Further information about course structure, dates and availability can be found on our [website](#).

Headstart Courses (2026)

- National 5 Biology
- Higher Biology
- Advanced Higher Biology
- National 5 Chemistry
- Higher Chemistry
- Advanced Higher Chemistry
- National 5 English
- Higher English
- National 4 Maths
- National 5 Maths
- Higher Maths
- Advanced Higher Maths
- National 5 Applications of Maths
- National 5 Physics
- Higher Physics
- Advanced Higher Physics

Additional subjects may also be available on request.

Subject Choices and College/University Choices

If your child is considering studying a particular subject at college/ university and their current tutor doesn't specialise in it, let us know - we'll connect you with a tutor who does. They can offer first-hand insight into what the subject is really like at university level.

Our team includes a wide range of **undergraduates, graduates, and postgraduates** from leading universities, all of whom have direct experience with the subjects they teach. Whether your child is deciding between two degree options or simply wants to learn more about a subject they're curious about, our tutors can help bridge the gap between school and university.

They'll be able to share:

- An overview of what the course involves at different universities
- Sample lecture content, reading lists, past papers, and course notes
Their personal experience of the subject, including what they enjoy and what they found challenging
- Advice on summer schools, internships, placements, and other enrichment opportunities

As students and recent graduates themselves, our tutors understand how important it is to make an informed choice. We encourage all students to take advantage of this service - even a brief conversation with the right person can help clarify whether a subject is the right fit.

Degrees Our Tutors Study or Graduated In

- Accountancy (+Economics, Financial Modelling)
- Architecture (Part I, Part II, Part III)
- Biological Sciences (+Biochemistry, Zoology)
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biomedical Sciences (+ Infectious Diseases, Neuroscience, Pharmacology)
- Business (+International Business, Marketing)
- Chemical Engineering (+Petroleum Engineering)
- Chemistry (Chemical Physics, Medicinal Chemistry)
- Civil Engineering (+Environmental Engineering)
- Classics (+Ancient History, Classical Archaeology)
- Computer Science (+Computational Mathematical Finance, Mechatronics)
- Electrical Engineering (+Computers and Electronic Systems, Electronics)
- English Literature (+English languages)
- Geography (+Geology)
- History (+History and Politics, Scottish History)
- Law (LLB, LLM, Scots Law)
- Mathematics (+Applied Maths, Maths with Statistics)
- Mechanical Engineering (+Aeronautical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering)
- Medicine
- Modern Languages (French, German, Italian, Spanish, Translation Studies)
- Philosophy (+Sociology, Social Anthropology)
- Physics (+Astrophysics, Computational Physics, Theoretical Physics)

Universities our Tutors Study at or Graduated From

- St Andrews University (Scotland)
- University of Dundee (Scotland)
- University of Edinburgh (Scotland)
- University of Glasgow (Scotland)
- University of Strathclyde (Scotland)
- Durham University (England)
- Imperial College London (England)
- King's College London (England)
- St. Andrews University (England)
- University of Cambridge (England)
- University College London (England)
- University of Manchester (England)
- University of Oxford (England)

How You Can Help Us

We always aim to provide the highest possible standard of tutoring and support. If you've been happy with the service provided, we'd really appreciate it if you could take a minute to leave a review using one of the links below.

Review on Google: <https://g.page/caledonia-tutors/review>

Review on Trustpilot: <https://uk.trustpilot.com/evaluate/caledoniatutors.co.uk>

Reviews and recommendations make a huge difference to a small business like ours, and many of our new students come through word of mouth.

If your son or daughter has enjoyed their lessons and found them beneficial, we'd also really appreciate you recommending us to friends or family who may be looking for support. We offer 1 free lesson for every new customer referred to us. Free lessons are credited after the referral has completed 10 full-priced lessons.

Social

Like us on Facebook

We try and keep our Facebook page as up to date as possible. With announcements of new tutors, special offers, revision advice, important updates on our operations, and anything else we think you might want to see.



Follow us on Spotify

We have some specially curated study playlists from some of our tutors. Any suggestions are welcome!



Visit our Website

Check out our website for information on our tutors, answers to FAQ and our latest blog posts.

