



# Golden Brain Academy

**PRIMARY AND 11 PLUS PREP**



**"Thank you for your outstanding support throughout Sofia's 11+ journey. Her progress has been remarkable, and your guidance, responsiveness and genuine care for each child's success truly set you apart."**

**Exceptional Tuition  
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# ABOUT ME



## Ali Goulden

As a proud ex-Wallington High girl (Class of '94) and a fully qualified teacher, I bring over **26 years of experience** in education. I graduated from the **University of Warwick** in **1999** with **First Class Honours** in English Literature and **Qualified Teacher Status**.

I've held senior roles including:

Head of Year

Head of English

Head of Pre-Prep

Assistant Head of School

I began tutoring for the **11-Plus** 9 years ago and moved online during the pandemic.

The format has been so successful that I've stayed that way – with parents overwhelmingly preferring the flexibility and effectiveness of my virtual sessions.

I provide first class tuition for primary school students who need extra support or challenge and English, maths and creative writing prep for those sitting **11-Plus** grammar and independent school exams.



# INFORMATION



My fully interactive and engaging lessons encourage students to share their ideas, providing immediate feedback and support. Using the innovative online educational tools such as Wayground and Nearpod, I monitor every child's screen and offer personalised challenge and support.

## What's Included:

- **A baseline assessment before starting**
- **6 live and interactive 55-minute lessons (60 mins for Step Write Up)**
- **Bespoke lesson resources**
- **Homework tasks**
- **Practice exam questions**
- **Lesson videos for consolidation**
- **A progress assessment every 7 weeks**
- **Weekly lesson reports**
- **Monthly newsletters**
- **Constant dialogue and support from me**

<b>From Sept 2026</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>4.45pm</b>	<b>11 Plus English Y5</b>	<b>11 Plus English Y6 (Y4 from Jan)</b>	<b>Step Write Up Years 3&amp;4</b>	<b>Y6 SATs Prep</b>
<b>5.45pm</b>	<b>11 Plus Maths Y6 (Y4 from Jan)</b>	<b>11 Plus English Y5</b>	<b>11 Plus Maths Y5</b>	<b>11 Plus Maths Y5</b>
<b>6.45pm</b>	<b>Step Write Up Years 5-7</b>	<b>Step Write Up Years 5-7</b>	<b>Step Write Up Years 5-7</b>	<b>Step Write Up Years 5-7</b>



# 11-PLUS PREP



**Preparing for the 11+ can feel like an overwhelmingly huge step but with the right guidance, it can become a journey of confidence and success.**

**I am highly experienced teacher and former Head of English, with a strong track record of excellent 11+ results. These lessons are designed to maximise progress while supporting each child along the way.**

**Sessions in English (comprehension, spelling, grammar and vocabulary) and Maths are focused and results-driven, building key skills, exam techniques and confidence. Children are challenged appropriately while receiving individual support to help them feel secure and capable.**

**Lessons are engaging and interactive, with clear teaching, regular feedback and all resources provided, including homework to reinforce learning.**

**Above all, these sessions combine high expectations with a warm, encouraging approach—helping every child reach their full potential with confidence.**

**Intensive holidays courses and ad-hoc one to one lessons also available!**



## BOOK HERE!

£22 per lesson

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**Making the decision to try for independent or grammar school can be quite overwhelming. Let me ease the pressure with my carefully planned and proven course, which covers everything your child will need to know in order to be successful. Students can take as many sessions per week as they can fit into their schedule .**

**My students have an incredible success rate. This year, they amassed 76 offers and 17 academic scholarships between them.**

**Here are just some of the schools I have successfully prepped students for:**

**Tiffins, Wallington High School for Girls, Wilsons, Wallington Country Grammar, Nonsuch, St Pauls, Kings, Newstead Wood, Whitgift, Trinity, City of London, Caterham, Woldingham, Reigate Grammar, Tonbridge, The Judd, RGS Guildford, Croydon High, Lingfield, Dubai College, St Johns, St Olaves, Sevenoaks, Cheltenham Ladies College, Epsom College, Cranleigh, Worth, Dunottar, Royal Russell, Dulwich College, Wimbledon High, Bexley Grammar, St Albans, St Dunstan's College and Brighton College.**

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# STEP WRITE UP



Being able to express oneself in writing is an essential life skill. Children who can write well perform better in GCSE and A Level exams and primary students are assessed at the end of Year 6. If your child is sitting for independent school or certain grammars, they will be assessed on their creative writing skills across a range of genres.

This is a much neglected area in schools and, with competition for places at an all time high, our Step Write Up courses are an essential part of the process.

## Why choose Step Write Up?

- Designed by and English expert
- Taught by a fully-qualified teacher
- Aligned with the new National Curriculum Writing Framework
- Fun and engaging lessons
- Fast and effective feedback
- Bespoke lesson resources
- Glowing reviews
- Proven track record
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# YEAR 6 SATS PREP



**As a highly experienced Year 6 teacher and former Assistant Head, I understand just how important this year can feel—for both children and parents. Having supported countless pupils through their SATs over the years, I know how to build not only strong academic skills but also the confidence and resilience children need to succeed.**

**These weekly lessons are designed especially for children in Year 6, providing a calm, supportive space to reinforce what they are learning in school. Sessions follow the same structure and pace used by most primary schools, helping children feel reassured, prepared and one step ahead.**

**English and Maths are taught on alternate weeks, giving children balanced support across both subjects. Whether your child is working towards Expected Standard or aiming to Exceed, they will be gently guided, encouraged and challenged in the right way for them.**

**Every lesson is interactive, engaging and carefully planned, with all resources provided—including homework—so you can feel confident your child is fully supported at home and in lessons.**

**Most importantly, children leave each session feeling positive and proud of what they've achieved. The lesson always finishes with a fun, interactive online quiz—an enjoyable way to celebrate progress and build confidence week by week.**

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# SUCCESS STORIES



**"Just to say that I love everything about your feedback style – perfect! Thank you for the time you take in continuously developing your amazing resources. I'm appreciative of the time you have invested in these, as the combined impact with your excellent teaching skills is very visible in my child's writing journey."**

**"Ali has been fantastic with my Year 5 son. They share an excellent connection, and each week he's eager for their sessions. His progress in creative writing has been outstanding. If you're looking for someone who is engaging, exciting and focused on growth, I wholeheartedly suggest Ali. I'm planning to have my daughter start with her when she reaches Year 4."**

**"Alex has greatly benefited from both your English and maths classes and his creative writing has really come on in leaps and bounds in our opinion. it's been great seeing Alex come out of his shell and gaining confidence in his abilities through your classes which are so energising and cleverly designed and delivered. All the supporting materials have been top notch!"**

**"I have a great news from City school. They called me to offer Shailen a place for September.**

**We are over the moon and also so grateful for all your support which has made this happen!"**

**"Just a quick one. Bella did really well in the second stage SET, came high amongst those who got through and can list schools. As you can imagine, we are delighted for her. Thank you so much. It's all down to you."**

**"I just wanted to share with you that Maya has been offered a place in The Tiffin Girls!**

**We are over the moon and very proud of her!**

**I want to say a big thank you for helping Maya achieve these results. I think you did an amazing job boosting her knowledge and her understanding of creative writing and vocabulary. You took her to another level. She told me that she applied everything you told her in the exam and I'm sure that was crucial for the final results.**

**I think you have to celebrate with us we are so happy, thank you."**

**"I wanted to say a big thank you to you and Harry for helping Alexandra this Academic year. I received her school report last week and she is exceeding in all areas even in writing. She totally smashed it. The school also tested the kids last week with SATS papers and she got top scores."**

# ENROLLING



**Places fill fast—secure your child's spot today!**

**My courses are always in high demand so I recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.**

**New to Golden Brain Academy?**

**I'd love to welcome your child at any stage of the course. Every new student receives a free trial class and a baseline assessment—my way of making sure they feel right at home.**

**Set your child up for success**

**Why leave their future to chance? Join the Golden Brain Academy family and give your child the best possible opportunity to flourish and shine.**

**I look forward to hearing from you and getting your child started on an inspiring and rewarding learning journey.**



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