

# Tutoring as a Parent

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**Scholars Programme Course Title:**  
Chemistry of the Cupcake

**Tutor since:** 2022



## What made you **want to apply** to be Scholars Programme tutor?

I had a friend who had children a similar age to mine who had tutored with The Brilliant Club, so I knew that it was family friendly and something that they managed to fit around a small child. I'm also starting teacher training next year, so I wanted to get some in school experience.

## What has been the **most rewarding moment** of your journey so far?

I used to do a lot of teaching undergraduates, and unfortunately you don't really know the impact of that because when lecturing you usually don't know what they've understood. I really like it in a Scholars Programme tutorial when pupils have that, "Ohh yeah, I really get it" moment. If I do any experiments or demos, they absolutely love it - I like the immediate feedback from tutoring pupils in this way.

## How have you balanced your workload with being a **parent** and tutoring?

It's good because it's very well organised through the school and your Programme Officer, so you know when tutorials are going to take place, and if there are any changes, you receive lots of notice. I've really appreciated being able to complete a form where you say when you're available. It meant I was able to tutor during my son's preschool hours so I didn't have to arrange any extra childcare, as the programme team juggled it all around for me.

## Do you have **any advice** for someone looking to apply to be a Scholars Programme tutor?

I think just go for it! If you've got a PhD and are interested in teaching, then go for it because you can fit it round your commitments.



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