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"Authored by enthusiastic, experienced and passionate Julia Silver, this book is a treasure trove of practical wisdom, offering invaluable guidance on every aspect of the tutoring profession."

**- Sue Atkins, parenting broadcaster, speaker and author of
*The Can-Do Kid's Journal: Discover Your Confidence Superpower!***



Love Tutoring **Be the tutor your student needs**

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A practical guide for current and aspiring tutors that will give them the skills, knowledge and context to tutor more effectively.

Is tutoring the future of education?

The tide is turning on traditional education, and tutoring is emerging from the shadows as a powerful tool for student success. No longer viewed with scepticism as 'shadow-schooling', tutoring is rapidly becoming a mainstream approach to learning. Students, and parents on their behalf, are increasingly seeking the support of tutors at some point in their learning journey. A recent study found that 30% of all 11–16-year-olds in England and Wales (rising to 46% in London) have received private tuition.¹ In response to this growing demand, the UK government has recently doubled its funding for the National Tutoring Programme, which was originally rolled-out in 2020.²

At a time when teacher retention and pupil attendance are at an all-time low, tutoring offers a gentler, more person-centred and holistic approach to teaching and learning. It provides one-to-one or small group teaching sessions, which are tailored to each student's unique needs and learning style. The benefits of tutoring for students are undeniable. By providing personalised guidance and support, tutors can boost students' confidence, nurture a long-term love for learning and help them achieve their full academic potential.

Once considered a Plan B option, tutoring is fast becoming a legitimate career choice. In increasing numbers, burnt-out and disillusioned teachers are leaving their profession to pursue tutoring full-time, which allows for a better work-life balance and the opportunity to personalise their teaching. Students and recent graduates are also taking up tutoring in large numbers, attracted by its flexible working hours and opportunity for career progression. It is becoming apparent therefore, that tutoring is here to stay as a viable and important profession. But for tutoring to become part of mainstream education, and become an accessible option for all our students, we need more, and better qualified, tutors.

Julia Silver is a former school leader and seasoned tutor with first-hand experience of the challenges that come with tutoring. During her many years in the field, Julia noticed how lonely, unregulated and unsupportive the world of tutoring could be, which drove her to advocate for significant change. In 2019 she founded Qualified Tutor, a professional development community that certifies, develops and supports tutors.

¹ Carl Cullinane and Rebecca Montacute, 'Tutoring: The New Landscape', The Sutton Trust, 2023, Available at: <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-research/tutoring-2023-the-new-landscape/#:~:text=30%25%20of%20young%20people%20aged%2011-16%20report%20ever,school%20year%2C%20and%2012%25%20in%20the%20previous%20year.>

² Tobi Thomas, 'Funding for national tutoring programme in England to be doubled next academic year', The Guardian, 2023, Available at: <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2023/may/23/funding-national-tutoring-programme-england-doubled-next-academic-year>

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Combining theory and practice, *Love Tutoring* provides readers with a solid grounding in the pedagogy of tutoring. In it Julia takes the big ideas from evidence-based practice in teaching and learning today and makes them relevant and accessible to the ways tutors work. Backed up by real-life examples and interviews with professional tutors, this book offers a comprehensive insight into the profession and explores the different ways to make tutoring a career that you love.

Love Tutoring is a manifestation of Julia's absolute commitment to the development of a sustainable professional pathway for tutors, to let tutors step out of the shadows and be recognised for the important work they do. Her passion for the profession is clear throughout the book, making it an inspiring guide to building a fulfilling career as a tutor. It goes right to the heart of the tutoring relationship and will give every tutor a roadmap for becoming the tutor their student needs.

Within *Love Tutoring*, you will find:

- **Practical guidance** including safeguarding best practices, career progression advice and a range of lesson planning ideas.
- **Interviews with experienced tutors** that offer specialist advice and information, along with insights into common challenges.
- **Interactive workshop sections** including reflective questions and explanatory diagrams.

Love Tutoring is part manifesto, part tutor workbook. Julia is truly an expert in this field, and her book is an invaluable resource for current and aspiring tutors alike. Championing this important profession, it is more than just a guide; it is an invitation, a provocation, and a call to action to build a meaningful career within this burgeoning field of the educational landscape.

Suitable for tutors of all ages, subjects and levels of expertise, as well as interested parents, agencies, schools or other organisations who employ tutors.

"Julia's passion for tutors and tutoring shines through in her beautifully thought-out handbook for thoughtful tutoring. She sets out big ideas and translates these into practical pause points and reflective moments which make the book informed, engaging, readable and practical."

Dr Fiona Aubrey-Smith, Director of One Life Learning



About the author

Julia Silver is the founder of Qualified Tutor, a professional development community that develops and certifies tutors. She lives in North London with her husband Simon, her five children and her Labrador puppy.

Articles and interviews available

Julia is available for interview, expert comment or by-lined articles on a range of topics, such as:

- What are the key benefits of tutoring for both students and tutors?
- How can we make sure tutors are safe, skilled and supported?
- What are the myths and misconceptions of tutoring?
- What qualities make a successful tutor, beyond subject knowledge?
- What are the opportunities for career development for tutors?
- How can we ensure that tutoring is accessible to all students, regardless of socioeconomic background, learning needs or other barriers?

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