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- Gwen, New York
William Clarence Education is a leading professional provider of tutoring and education advisory services in the UK working with families from across the world; all with one thing in common; ensuring their child is happy and is in the perfect environment for them to maximise their potential.

All of our services are totally bespoke to your families needs, meaning we can always put your child at the centre of the process, whether that be expert private tuition, independent school placement, university admissions or homeschooling programmes.

We have an unrivaled reach into the UK private schooling and University network, enabling us to advise and represent our families with the highest levels of professionalism. We attract exceptionally talented teaching professionals from across Europe; therefore all tutoring compliments our placement services perfectly.

Our tutors and consultants are experts in their field with a wealth of professional and academic experience, helping families at every stage of their academic journey, from 8+/11+/13+ Common Entrance Examinations to GCSE, A-Level and International Baccalaureate preparation.

We are highly experienced with working with even the most challenging of projects, and have dealt with programmes ranging from 2 months to 2 years in duration, whether it be moving your child from state to private school, preparing for a series of entrance exams, a term of homeschooling or an Oxbridge application.

Our integrity and openness is of paramount importance, we treat each of our families circumstances with total discretion and confidence; as you would expect from any professional service.
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- Gwen, Paris
MEET THE TEAM

STEPHEN SPRIGGS
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Steve graduated with Merit from Leeds University with a Masters in Finance. He then spent 5 years working for a hedge fund based in the City in London, Steve began tutoring Maths and Economics across London. His diary was quickly fully booked with a wide range of international clients looking for the best financial skills training. He then founded William Clarence Education, which is named after two close family members. He is dedicated to the company’s clients and providing the best educational support to help students meet their academic aspirations. Steve is a proud advocate of the British education system, and is committed to making it accessible to students across the world. Working with the brightest and most talented teachers in the world, Steve takes great pride in ensuring all clients receive the professional service they deserve. He supports clients through a wide variety of academic decisions ranging from choosing appropriate preparatory and secondary schools, to homeschooling and to preparing for Oxbridge entrance exams and interviews.

DR HELEN WRIGHT
UK AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADVISOR

Dr Helen Wright is an internationally recognised educationalist who until very recently led top UK independent schools. In her two decades in UK independent education, she taught in co-ed and all-boys' schools, and spent 12 years as an energetic Headmistress of UK girls’ schools, including the renowned St Mary’s Calne. During this time her commitment to education was recognised in her appointment as President of the Girls’ Schools Association and as Vice-Chair of the Independent Schools Council. She was Tatler’s ‘Best Head of a Public School’ in 2010-11. These national roles enabled her to become extremely familiar with countless schools across the UK and internationally. Her prime focus is a deep care for the needs of the individual child, and she has always spent considerable time understanding young people and their parents, helping them to navigate school life from admission to examinations, and to make the decisions that really make a positive difference for their futures.

Rt Hon LORD ASHDOWN of Norton-sub-Hamdon GCMG KBE PC
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISOR

Paddy Ashdown was born in New Delhi on 27 February 1941, and was educated at Bedford School. Between 1959 and 1972 he served as a Royal Marines Officer and saw active service as a Commando Officer in Borneo and the Persian Gulf. Paddy went to Hong Kong in 1967 to undertake a full-time course in Chinese, returning to England in 1970 with a First Class interpretership in Mandarin. In 1972 Paddy joined the Foreign Office and was posted to Geneva where he was responsible for Britain’s relations with a number of United Nations organisations. Shortly after entering Parliament in the 1983 General Elections, Paddy was appointed as the Liberal spokesman on Trade and Industry Affairs within the Liberal/SDP Alliance team at the House of Commons. He was elected Leader of the Liberal Democrats in July 1988. Paddy retired from the Commons in 2001 and was made a KBE in 2000 and a peer in 2001 and was awarded the GCMG in the 2006 New Year’s Honours List, for his work in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In the same year, was asked by the US Government and the UN Secretary General to take up the post as the Head of the International Mission in Afghanistan.
DR STEVEN CONNORS

EDUCATION ADVISOR

Dr Steven Connors completed a successful ten years as Headmaster of Monmouth School, retiring in 2015 having seen the school through a period of intense development which culminated in the 400th anniversary celebrations of 2014. Under his guidance, Monmouth School enjoyed record examination success and in 2014 achieved the top grade of excellent in all categories of its inspection, whilst continuing to receive high praise in Tatler’s School’s Guide.

Prior to this he was Head of English at Sevenoaks School, responsible for a large department for one of the largest and highest performing schools in the UK. He was also, for seven years, the Housemaster of the International Centre at Sevenoaks’ sixth form boarding house for boys from all over the world as well as in his final years being appointed Head of Boarding provision. Steven has gained a wide knowledge of independent co-educational and single sex education, always striving to innovate and improve standards as a teacher and administrator, whilst enabling others under his guidance to flourish as part of a unified team with common goals. Throughout his career he has placed the needs of the individual child at the centre of all he has undertaken and through his experience has gained a particular understanding of the needs of overseas pupils joining a high achieving UK school.

HILARY MORIARTY

EDUCATION ADVISOR

Hilary graduated from Trinity College Dublin, took a Master’s degree in Modern English and American Literature and qualified with distinction to lecture in Further Education. Thereafter her career involved teaching English and then thirteen years as Head of Deputy Head of two independent UK day and boarding schools.

For eight years she was National Director of the Boarding Schools’ Association, developing a comprehensive knowledge of more than 400 boarding schools in Britain, and promoting awareness of British boarding on behalf of the British Council in Hong Kong and China.

A contributor to the deliberations on the latest National Minimum Standards for boarding schools, she has inspected independent schools, both day and boarding, for 18 years. Hilary has also written in the national press on education matters for more than 20 years and contributed to international conferences on boarding in Canberra, Brisbane, Boston and San Francisco.

PETER TAIT

EDUCATION ADVISOR

Peter was the Head of Sherborne Preparatory School in Dorset for seventeen years prior to stepping down in 2015. He is currently the governor of two schools, has been Chairman of the IAPS Education committee, a boarding school inspector, and a board member of both IAPS and ISEB. He was selected as part of a British Council mission to China in 2014 and has a keen interest in international education.

Peter writes on education topics for the national press, schools magazines and related publications as well as writing books, both fiction and non-fiction.

He has an extensive knowledge of the independent sector in the UK, advising schools on strategic planning, curriculum development and school management and also offers workshops on the parent-teacher accord as well speaking at conferences and training courses.
REBECCA HUTCHINSON

SENIOR HOMESCHOOLING AND CURRICULUM CONSULTANT

Rebecca graduated from Cambridge University in 2007 and since then has developed a passion for providing quality, bespoke tuition which has allowed her to build a reputation not only as an outstanding tutor but also as a highly experienced Academic Assessor and Education Consultant. Rebecca spends much of her time guiding students and their parents though the UK education system, providing both short and long term plans for improvement and progress.

Rebecca's strength lies in her in-depth knowledge of the evolving national curriculum and intricacies of each unique GCSE and A-Level examination board syllabus currently taught in the UK. Rebecca is extremely experienced in supporting students who are educated outside of the traditional school system and currently home-schools students training to be professional athletes and those who have recently transferred from the US to the UK.

Each year Rebecca guides many students through the UCAS application process; advising on personal statements, reviewing admissions essays and preparing students for interviews. She has notably successfully facilitated many pupils in their pursuit of places at Cambridge and Oxford.

BEATRIX PARNABY-PRICE

SENIOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL PLACEMENT CONSULTANT

Educated at Westminster School and King’s College, University of Cambridge, Beatrix has extensive experience of educational consultancy and tuition. Beatrix is passionate about helping students adjust from international school systems to British education with a rigorous and thorough preparation of academic and cultural learning. She is frequently asked to extend this work and mentor students once they have secured a place at their school, working in the dual capacity of academic guardian and pastoral mentor to ensure students are thriving in every element of British school life.

Beatrix draws on many perspectives across the arts to provide engaging, exciting tutorials which stretch far beyond the syllabus as well as reinforcing fundamental topics and techniques for examinations for entry to the top British schools.

She presently has students preparing for, and has had successful places offered at, many schools including Westminster School, Eton, Harrow, St Paul’s School, Wellington College, Charterhouse and Marlborough College.
“They are without doubt the reason I did so well. Would happily recommend. Thank you”
- Nathan, London
Our academic assessments offer a stand-alone guide as well as an initial step for any student wishing to begin a tuition or school placement programme. Highly experienced consultants with unrivalled knowledge of the British school system will provide a full, written report with suggestions for your child’s school needs, as well as any additional support that might be needed.

Every assessment is tailored to the child taking it, ensuring that the results are an accurate and detailed reflection of the child’s current level as well as their potential. We test for specific school entrance potential and to highlight certain problem areas that need focus.

The assessment process leads seamlessly into tuition or placement seamlessly, providing a benchmark for progress and an accurate guide to the progress that could be made.

A typical academic assessment will involve:

- Both written and oral discussion, taken from current curriculum and in-house assessment material designed to challenge your child to express his or her ideas in a comfortable environment.
- Mathematical test papers from a range of curricula in order to establish your child’s current level but also strengths and weaknesses when faced with higher level material.
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- Amit, Canada
Our educational consultancy and independent school placement packages offer comprehensive, bespoke programmes to support families through the process of selecting and securing places and then starting at their new school of choice. We have extensive experience in successfully placing students new to the British educational system and we take pride in overseeing every element of your child's adjustment once they begin their studies at their new school. We also frequently work with students already within the British schooling system, to help them move to a new school better suited to their academic and pastoral needs.

We have a network of academic and senior educational leaders, many of whom have held senior management positions at some of the UK’s most respected independent schools. This enables us to draw upon an unrivalled reach of knowledge and access into most schools in the UK.

The package begins with a full academic assessment, benchmarked against the current UK curriculum; this will form the basis of our recommendations. Once we have agreed a shortlist of schools with you, we will liaise with the chosen schools directly, and engage with the key admissions team. We will accompany you to private viewing days and organise all application forms for your son or daughter to sit the necessary school entrance exams. This close and personal monitoring helps you secure the places you want and ensures that your child will achieve his/her full potential from the very first weeks in their new school. Most schools require students to attend an interview, and so we integrate interview preparation into all placement programmes.

We never take a fee from any school we work with to ensure we maintain complete impartiality and keep your child’s needs our sole focus and priority.

- Full Academic assessment, tailored to the potential schools you have in mind
- Full written report including shortlist of possible schools.
- Personal accompaniment on 3 school tours, and personal introduction to key admissions staff.
- 5 school application forms filled and monitored.
- All communication with the shortlisted schools.
- Specialist exam technique tuition.
- Recommendation of any further targeted entrance tuition prior to examination.
“Their tutors are brilliant. They fulfilled everything they promised, very reliable”  
- Shreen, Dubai
William Clarence tuition programmes range from specialist subject knowledge to full, comprehensive syllabus coverage. We develop programmes of study tailored to your child's specific needs and ambitions to help them achieve their full potential.

One-to-one tuition from experts makes a vast difference to a student’s perception - and enjoyment - of a subject. This enthusiasm is key to success, as pupils who are fully engaged and who can have their attention captured by a brilliant tutor will find their work transformed. We pride ourselves on stretching the most able students as well as bolstering those students who find themselves in need of additional assistance.

We put together packages of tuition for your child, tailored to the end goal, whether that be school entrance, A-Level exams or scholarship ambitions. Our highly experienced tutors and engaging and fully committed to our clients to ensure they reach their full potential.

**Subject and Examination areas we cover:**

- 6/7+, 8/9+, 11+ and 13+ Independent School Entrance Examinations.
- Sixth Form Entry Examinations.
- Scholarship Examinations into all major UK Independent Schools.
- GCSE, A-Level and International Baccalaureate Examination.
- Undergraduate Examinations

Our tuition covers all examinable subjects and curricula, with specific teams of tutors who specialize in certain age groups and schooling entrance criteria.
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- Owen Paris
William Clarence Education has its own bespoke programmes designed to prepare students for entry into all the main degree courses, helping them secure admission to the world’s top universities. Our specialism is managing applications to the most demanding institutions, including Oxbridge and Russell Group universities.

We seek to make university application a well-managed and efficient process that enables Admissions Tutors to understand the academic potential of our candidates. Working so closely with students for the duration of the application process will, we hope will stimulate their love of learning, inspire the discovery of new ideas, and encourage them in consideration of different perspectives – all critical for successful university application.

William Clarence Education can also provide, if necessary, bespoke academic tuition and exam preparation to ensure students achieve the grades required for entry to the most prestigious institutions. For Oxbridge applicants especially, we believe that preparation is of paramount importance before interviews in advance of the exam period. Further academic tuition may also be desirable for students who are required to submit admissions essays as part of their application.

For Oxbridge applicants we can provide college-specific preparation and tailored support to ensure students feel confident in responding to the demands of an Oxbridge application and clearly demonstrate a passion for their chosen subject(s).

- Full Academic Assessment with written report and recommendation of suitable institutions.
- Discussion of options and recommendations based on predicted grades, an initial interview around the student’s chosen subject(s).
- Recommendations presented in the form of a written report.
- Three private university campus tours.
- Guidance and completion through the online UCAS application process, and assistance writing the personal statement.
- Interview technique tuition and three mock interview sessions.
Some children require a bespoke curriculum provided at home. Homeschooling may certainly be seen as a preferable option in many cases and is undoubtedly becoming a much more widely admired form of education.

We help students who wish to leave mainstream education for many reasons, be it that they are struggling in some way, bridging a gap, have missed an application deadline for their preferred school, or simply wish to have a more unique educational experience.

A period of homeschooling may be especially necessary for students who are preparing for a different education system, either moving into the British system or leaving to study elsewhere. It is imperative that during any transitional period, students maintain an interest in their academic studies in order to ensure a smooth and successful induction into their new locality.

All of our home schooling programmes begin with an initial consultation and full academic assessment where we aim to learn as much as possible about the family and student. We will benchmark your child's current academic level against the UK curriculum and your child's future ambitions; this will form the basis of any recommendations we make, and will ascertain whether homeschooling really is the best and most suitable option.

Together with the family, we design a unique homeschooling programme, which combines both an inspiring academic curriculum and an invigorating set of extra-curricular activities.

- Full academic assessment, tailored and benchmarked against the current UK curriculum, including a full pastoral assessment - with written report and recommendation.
- Bespoke curriculum and tailored timetable, to mirror a regular UK day school.
- Academic programme is delivered by a specialist team of experienced homeschooling tutors.
- Regular fortnightly informal assessments and termly formal assessments where needed, ensuring progress against end goals.
- All homeschooling packages end with recommendations on how to proceed and re-enter mainstream schooling where appropriate.
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- Tim, India
In addition to our highly successful tuition and placement services, we offer full academic mentorship to guide your child seamlessly into their new school or to provide a ‘buddy’ for students moving into new school years.

This is particularly helpful for students boarding overseas, as they have a friendly mentor-figure to offer full support and assistance and take them out on excursions where needed. The mentor differs from a guardian in several key ways: they are a younger, more engaged figure who oversees every part of school life and can put together programmes and advice to maximise a student’s benefit from the British school system.

We specialise in drawing up mentorship programmes to help students choose extra-curricula activities, and we can advise on work experience as well as helping applications to summer programmes. Our mentors provide full written reports to parents regularly and correspond regularly with your child’s school to ensure you have a full and thorough view of your child’s life boarding away from home.
“We would like to thank William Clarence Education for the excellent tuition services provided to our son Yash. Thanks to the professional approach and invaluable assistance. Yash has been offered places at all the top public schools in the UK he applied for. We are extremely happy with the results achieved. Superb services from the tutors and the entire team” - AJ, Vancouver, Canada

“Their tutors are brilliant. They are very helpful and they explained things clearly. The best part was the communication, the tutors replied to emails very quickly and managed to help in such short notice! Also the tutors fulfilled everything they promised, very reliable!” - Shreen

“I received an amazing service from William Clarence Education. I had recently been offered a job in Paris in early December, and I was in need of a tutor for intensive French lessons to quickly advance my level of French from conversational to business level French. My tutor provided me with a superb service preparing me for real world French and nuances in language only a native could provide. I have now moved to France, and continue to receive tuition via Skype. I would highly recommend them.” - Owen

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“We relocated from abroad last year and engaged William Clarence Education to help our children prepare for exams into the English private schools. The challenge was all the more complicated because our kids had never been educated in English nor in an international school so it was a huge task bringing them to the right level. I was impressed because they managed to understand our approach to education and our personalities very quickly and could recommend a short list of schools for both of our children (very different abilities). Our children passed their exams and got their first choice schools which was a huge relief. I would definitely recommend William Clarence Education for anything education related.” - Gwen

“I first contacted the firm about a year ago for help retaking my A-levels. They devised a clear plan and I worked with the best tutor I have ever had. They are without doubt the the reason I did so well. Would happily recommend. Thank you” - Nathan