

School of Divinity, History and Philosophy.

Personal Tutoring Statement.

Purpose.

Your Personal Tutor is a member of academic staff who will support you in your studies and help you reflect on your journey through University in preparation for the world beyond. You will be assigned to a tutor when you begin University, and in normal circumstances you will retain that tutor for the majority of your time at Aberdeen.

Your tutor can:

- help you reflect on your academic progress in your time at University and offer you advice and support in setting your academic goals and developing as an active learner.
- help you to develop skills and attributes required for success at University and beyond.
- be your guide to a wide variety of University, School and Discipline level activities and services put in place to support you during your time at University.

Delivery.

Students will meet with their tutors at least twice a year. First years will have meetings with their tutors early in the first half session, again in November and in January. All other students will have meetings in September and January.

Wherever possible, you will be assigned a Personal Tutor from your own Degree discipline. And even if you are not, he/she will be a member of staff familiar with your general area of study and the expectations of academic work in your discipline.

The subjects covered in meetings will differ depending on the needs and aims of the student, and can be agreed between student and tutor at the first meeting of the year. Topics may include: degree structure and curricular choice, how to develop basic academic skills, the effective use of feedback on assessment, reflection on grades and a plan of action for the coming semester/year, developing skills and attributes via study and extra-curricular activities, and planning for your career after your degree. Many of these topics will also be covered by events and courses organised by the School, the Student Learning Service, and the University Career Service, and you can discuss further issues raised at such events with your tutor.

Key Contacts.

You will be allocated a Personal Tutor at the beginning of your first year, and will normally retain that tutor throughout your degree. You will find the contact details of your Personal Tutor on MyAberdeen, under 'My Organisations'.

The School Senior Personal Tutor is Rev Dr. Ken Jeffrey. If you have any queries about the Personal Tutoring system, or you cannot contact your own tutor, Ken's contact details are [HERE](#)