



Ten-Year Tenure

Brownstone Tutors Celebrates a Decade of Coaching Success

Brownstone Tutors takes learning personally.

Now celebrating its 10-year anniversary, Brownstone boasts more than 60 active tutors. They travel to students' homes throughout the city to prep students for the SAT, ACT, ISEE, SSAT, SHSAT and AP exams (among others) as well as to help them with their schoolwork across the curriculum. They also work with students on their college applications, especially the ever-challenging essays.

"We take a lot of effort to match students with a tutor, particularly with test prep, but also with all subjects," says Brownstone founder Joshua Brown, who began his tutoring career as a freshman at Harvard, prepping kids for the SAT. "The real job of a tutor is to be a mind reader—not in a way where you anticipate what students are going to say—but understanding what is going through your students' heads as they try to solve a problem."

The tutor matching process involves meeting with a student and the parents, and, through conversation and assessment questions, determine the best tutor to work with

the child's personality and learning style. Joshua's brother Matthew Brown is the tutoring director at Brownstone and a Princeton graduate who received his MA in U.S. history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The duo work together to develop their evaluation techniques and to match each student with the best tutor.

When it comes to standardized test prep, while the priority is to achieve the best score possible, Brown also believes the experience can yield lasting lessons.

"We really try to make it a chance to work on your problem-solving skills and strengthen you as a student in ways that reach past the bubble sheet" he says. "Ultimately, of course, the goal is always the same—to do what's best for the student, both in the short term and the long."

For Brownstone Tutors, part of that long-term plan is to create a database of problems that tutors can use to help their students. "Tutoring is all about practice and getting people to understand something they don't," says Brown. "But you can only do that through material and content, so it's about finding the right content to match the students' particular needs." The database should launch in early 2017. ♦

Brownstone Tutors is located at 354 Court Street, Brooklyn. For more information, call 212-878-6698 or 718-554-0309 or visit brownstonetutors.com.