

THE GEOGRAPHY TUTOR

James

IB Geography & ESS Specialist Tutor



International Teaching Experience

- **Hua Hin, Thailand (2024–2025)** – Teacher of IBDP ESS, IGCSE Global Perspectives, and KS3 Geography
- **Hanoi, Vietnam (2019–2024)** – IBDP Evaluation Chair. Teacher of IBDP Geography, IGCSE Geography, Pre-IB Geography, and MYP Humanities
- **Shanghai, China (2015–2019)** – Head of Department. Teacher of CAIE A-Level, Pre-A Level, and IGCSE Geography
- **Bogota, Colombia (2013–2015)** – Teacher of English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Professional Profile

Dedicated and results-driven IB Geography and Environmental Systems & Societies (ESS) teacher with over 6 years of experience teaching the IB Diploma Programme, alongside extensive experience tutoring IGCSE, GCSE, and A-Level Geography.

Strong track record of helping students achieve top grades through clear explanations, personalised support, and exam-focused strategies.

I bring leadership experience (HoD), advanced IB training, and strong familiarity with IB assessment criteria (Category 2 & 3 workshops) to every lesson.

Passionate about making complex topics accessible and engaging, while equipping students with the critical skills needed for success in high-stakes exams.

Academic Background

- **BSc Environmental Science**, Lancaster University (2007) — 2:1. Covered core areas like hydrology, environmental impact assessment, aquatic biochemistry, soil science, atmospheric chemistry, and climate science.
- **Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), Secondary Geography**, Edge Hill University (2013)
- Graduated with **Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)** and was awarded 'Outstanding' in final teaching assessments.

Key Strengths & Expertise

- **IB Specialist:** IB Geography (since 2019) and IB ESS (since 2024)
- **IB Examiner-trained:** Category 2 & 3 for IB Geography; Category 2 for IB ESS
- **Exam Board Expertise:**
 - **IBDP:** Geography HL/SL, ESS HL/SL
 - **GCSE / IGCSE:** AQA, Edexcel, Cambridge (CIE)
 - **A-Level:** AQA, Edexcel, OCR, Cambridge International (9696)
- **Proven Results:** Strong student progress, with testimonials praising clarity, structure, and exam preparation.
- **Leadership & Innovation:** Experience as Head of Department, whole-school CPD lead, mentor, and evaluation leader.
- **Global Experience:** International teaching in the UK, Bogota, Shanghai, Hanoi, and Hua Hin.

Professional Experience

Head of Humanities Department (Geography Teacher) – Shanghai (2015 - 2019)

- Led curriculum design, department development, and staff mentoring.

Teacher of Geography and Humanities – Hanoi (2019–2024)

- Delivered IBDP Geography HL/SL and IBDP ESS SL.
- Appointed DP Evaluation Self-Study Chair (2023), leading school-wide IB evaluation.

- Served as Whole-School CPD Lead (2023), coordinating professional learning strategy.
- Mentored new teachers as PGCE Mentor (2023) and guided students as a TEDx Mentor (2023).

Teacher of Environmental Systems and Societies & Geography – Thailand (2024–2025)

- Taught IBDP ESS (SL&HL) across both the outgoing syllabus and the new syllabus (first exams 2026).
- Delivered IBDP Geography HL/SL courses with a strong focus on exam technique and inquiry-based learning.
- Supported students in adapting to new assessment structures in ESS.

Online Tutor (GCSE, A-Level, IB) – Global (Ongoing)

- Specialised in high-level Geography and ESS tuition.
- Supported students across exam boards with tailored revision strategies.
- Developed online educational content with wide reach (Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, Rednote).

Training & Certification

- IB Geography Category 2 & 3 Workshops
- IB ESS Category 2 Workshop
- PGCE Secondary Geography with QTS (Qualified Teacher Status)
- BSc Environmental Science

Testimonials

“I really appreciated how clear and organized his teaching was. He broke down complex concepts into easy-to-understand steps and always made sure to check in with us to ensure we were following along.”
— **Ha Tien Dat**

“I would absolutely recommend him to other students because of how amazing he is as a teacher.” — **Amy Nguyen**

“The way he inspired us to love the subject, the way he brings joy to the class and how he pays deep attention to each and one of his students.” — **Tran Hung Cuong**

“His passion for geography and teaching, good personality and communication skills. He explains things in a way that every student can understand, to develop their knowledge accordingly.” — **Ashley**

“He gives off a friendly feeling that makes everyone feel safe and comfortable around him, and able to ask questions and share opinions.” — **Nghia**

“My grades improved from a 4 to a 7, not only with his teachings but also him encouraging my confidence ...” — **Tran Bao Truong**

“He is extremely knowledgeable in the topics he teaches and explains everything very clearly ... you can always ask him to explain something in further detail or with examples to help you understand it better!”
— **Marisa Craft**

“Mr James has a way of teaching that just MAKES SENSE. ... He always starts with something simple ... a warm-up discussion, or a question that gets us thinking ... before we even realise it, we’re fully engaged ... yet everything still feels clear and logical.” — **Stephanie**

“Mr. James is a great teacher because he genuinely cares about his students and their success. He’s always available to help ... His ability to break down difficult concepts in a way that’s easy to grasp is something I really appreciated.” — **Binh Mai**

“He’s very organised and plans his lessons very thoroughly. Each lesson is interactive ... Mr. James breaks down each individual lesson into small, more digestible activities and questions. ... teaches students how to apply knowledge to exam style questions ... lessons are not only interesting but also practical.” — **Minh Ngoc**