My experience and approach

I have worked as an Assistant Examiner for CIE since 2010 and have tutored students in both CIE and Edexcel iGCSEs.

I really like the international flavour of these syllabuses as they provide a rich environment for exploring a range of texts and themes that are not available in exam syllabuses that are solely UK focused.

Each tutorial session is closely linked to a section of the syllabus and, wherever possible, I use the boards’ mark schemes to give specific feedback to students on how to improve their responses.

iGCSE

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Edexcel iGCSE

My students have told me that shared writing is the most helpful aspect of one to one tuition. So, I use Google docs and apps such as Explain Everything to make each session as interactive as possible.

My goal with all students is to increase their confidence by developing their awareness of their own strengths and how they need to develop.

I do set homework/independent study. Very often, I will set homework that will involve students reading a preparing responses, which I will, then work on during the lesson.

Nearer to the examination, I shift the emphasis to students completing past questions independently and then going through these responses giving detailed feedback.