Possibilities for SAT and ACT Review

In an already jam-packed Bryn Mawr academic schedule, we believe that students’ valuable time is best spent in true scholarly studies in class with their teachers. Success in the classroom is the true indicator of future success in college and beyond. We do recognize, however, that standardized tests - SAT and ACT - play a large role in the college admissions process and that preparing for and doing well in those tests is important to our students and their families.

Bryn Mawr girls are individuals, with different schedules, learning styles, levels of ability and commitment, and expectations. Different students have different test-prep needs. Some are more self-motivated and can work well on their own, some need the structure of a program, some only need review in a specific subject area, and some prefer no test prep at all. For this reason, we do not offer an in-school test prep class nor do we generally recommend, endorse, or vouch for the results of any one, specific test prep option. We maintain and provide an up-to-date list of classes and individual tutors, and will be happy to discuss test prep options and plans.

If you decide to do a review course here are a few things for you to consider when choosing a test-prep plan:

- **Are you ready to do the work?** Simply sitting in a course will not guarantee an increase in your score. You must commit to the course and all of the additional out-of-class assignments.

- **What is your schedule like?** Many of these courses are offered the same time once or twice a week. Can you make that commitment, or do you want to think about having an individual tutor?

- **What are your expectations?** This is a tough question. Unfortunately, these courses can’t guarantee miracles. Again, hard work is much more of a predictor than a specific course.

**Be in charge of your own review.** The key to increasing your score is practice and familiarity with the test. Even if you take a course you will have to do at-home practice to better ensure increased scores.

**a. Use a Review Book.** There are countless books that you can use to guide your review. *Up Your Score* is one of the best books we can recommend. There are several books located in the College Resource room for both SAT and ACT review.

**Possible Review Courses**

- **Revolution Prep**– An online course with hybrid plans, group and individual tutoring available. Danny Goldman 410.946.6183 daniel.goldman@revolutionprep.com
- **Capital Review (Capital Educators):** (410) 532-9400 – A traditional course with some individualized sessions ([www.capitaleducators.com](http://www.capitaleducators.com)).

- **Omni Test:** (410) 321-4728 – One-on-one individually tailored sessions with a tutor. Peter Paul Hanley is recommended as one of the best tutors, but there are other great tutors available. Great for students who need flexible scheduling.

- **Kaplan:** Comprehensive SAT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT test preparation and college. [www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com)

- **Princeton Review:** (800) 273-8439 – A traditional review course. They offer courses on our campus as well as at several locations. Please call to check on the times.

- **Ivy Bound Test Prep:** 860-224-2144 [www.ivybound.net](http://www.ivybound.net)

- **Khan Academy:** [https://www.khanacademy.org/](https://www.khanacademy.org/) - A free website which allows students to download practice SAT's and interactive exercises.

- **Monument City Tutors:** Hybrid of small class and one-on-one tutoring options. [http://www.monumentcitytutoring.com/](http://www.monumentcitytutoring.com/)

### Possible Tutors and One-on One Options

- **Ruby Tamberino:** 443-962-3230 (Bryn Mawr alum and MIT graduate)

- **Cynthia Monfried:** 410-925-3300, 410-484-1240

- **Julie Clark:** (former Bryn Mawr History teacher) [http://www.julieclarkacademics.com/](http://www.julieclarkacademics.com/)

- **John Craig Lurz:** (formerly worked in Murray Learning Dept at Loyola Blakefield) 443-286-8754; craiglurz@gmail.com

- **Patricia Walchessen:** (previous tutor for MoPrep Test Prep in San Diego, currently pursuing her Masters at Hopkins in Biomedical Engineering) [patricia@moprep.com](mailto:patricia@moprep.com) 630-203-7104

- **Joseph Ciattei:** Private math tutor and Gilman teacher [jciattei@gilman.edu](mailto:jciattei@gilman.edu), 443-858-3914

- **Alison Mitchell:** (703) 981-8376, [asharp01@gmail.com](mailto:asharp01@gmail.com)