

**July 21, 2015**

**RE: Rahul Gopal & Sapphire Studies**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

I am writing to recommend Rahul Gopal as a tutor/instructor. It gives me great pride to write this letter of recommendation, as a mother who truly has watched her child struggle in math – to see him today as an A student.

My family and I have only known Rahul for a few months now, and I can honestly say he is one of the smartest people I have ever encountered. It does not matter what subject we are discussing or that he is tutoring, Rahul is on top of it showing a passion for knowledge that is simply unparalleled. More so, he has an uncanny ability to make anyone else understand any subject. He is a naturally gifted instructor and leader, a fantastic tutor.

In early June – just 3.5 weeks away from the end of the school year, my 14-year-old son came to us and just exhaled his frustrations in regards to Math. As parents, we knew he was having some challenges in the subject – and we did attempt to obtain a “tutor” to simply help him at least “pass” the subject. As his mother, and strongest advocate, I knew I needed to do more. Just “passing” grade 9 math...would not help my son in the long run. Peter had reservations about math, he had somewhat of a fear, it was clear – but again he is a 14-year-old BOY who always said, “don’t worry mom”. But as a mom...I worried. **At this point, my son’s math average was 33%** - he only had 2 opportunities to potentially pass the course – EQAO and final Exam. The odds were against my son. We knew he was in for summer school to redo this course and obtain the credit.

I truly believe that the stars were aligned and I met Rahul. I called him, and instantly I felt a connection. I felt his passion over the phone and I knew I had to make arrangements somehow somehow to obtain his services. We were very transparent with Rahul and the situation at hand. He came in right away. We made arrangements for 9 sessions.

Rahul immediately connected with our son. He became our son’s advocate. It wasn’t just about MATH. It was about the passion for learning, for understanding. Fundamental BASICS. It was about respect, commitment development and accountability. His instructional methods are quite modern and he creates an excellent learning environment. **He gave 150% and more to our son – going above and beyond and reaching out to our son’s math teacher to fully understand our son’s situation. To sending text messages to our son the night before his test to encourage him – to calling early mornings with well wishes and BEST OF LUCK messages to our son.**

It is with great pride that I am able to say that our son passed grade 9 math with an overall average of 58%. I do understand, acknowledge, and concur that 58% is nothing to be bragging about – however, **that is a 25% INCREASE** in his mark. WE CELEBRATED. The more exciting news is that our son still went and is currently in summer school not to redo Math but to upgrade his mark. **As of July 15 – his MID MARK for Math right now is 89%** - and the following comments were written about MY SON “Exemplary in work and class conduct. Has an effective study and test preparation skills. Has effective management and organizational skills.” As a mother, I am beaming. Although my son has put in the hard work to obtain these marks, I truly believe it is from the time he spent with Rahul that has enabled him to obtain these great results.

Rahul is not only our sons tutor he is a part of our family and we will continue to utilize his services.

WE recommend Rahul to you without reservation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm Regards,

PROUD MOM

Maria Petri