

# **The Sovereign Project**

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## **Welcome to**

# **The Sovereign Project**

## **Home Education Resources Pack.**

***Specially compiled by Mothers, Fathers and concerned others  
for any family seeking a practical alternative to  
the State Education System.***

**Raymond & Dorothy Moore** (Pioneers of the modern homeschool movement)

**"Home schooling is the most natural and effective way to educate a child—  
because it is built on love, trust, and real life."** (From *Home Grown Kids*, 1981 – a  
seminal book that helped launch the U.S. home school renaissance.)

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**Here's a few questions for any Mothers, Fathers or Legal Guardians reading this right now:**

- ☐ *Is your son/daughter happy at their current state-run school?*
- ☐ *Do they feel they are learning much?*
- ☐ *Do they like their teacher(s) and/or classmates?*
- ☐ *Is there a distinctively supportive, respectful or perhaps even, bullying culture in their school?*

Whether you're already **Home Educating** your offspring or just considering it at this point, this Resource Pack has been compiled by a number of Sovereign Mums and Dads, to provide families with a comprehensive list of valuable Home Ed. resources in all parts of the UK.

Whilst education for all children is considered by many to be compulsory, nowadays, more and more families are switching over from mainstream schools to home education, for a wide variety of reasons. The many benefits include one-to-one tutoring, receiving heartfelt support and encouragement from classmates, learning through various methods, as well as promoting mental and emotional wellbeing. Many home ed. students make rapid progress and have even managed to pass their GCSE's or A-levels a whole year early!

In this booklet, you'll find a wealth of resources that you and your family can peruse together, in order to find the right fit for your offspring and family, on the topics of

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Please consider discussing the topic of Home Education with any young learners in your life – who knows what it may mean for their future!

Should you have any further resources that you would like us to include in this booklet, or any further questions relating to this topic, please contact us via:

[www.thesovereignproject.live](http://www.thesovereignproject.live)

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### Home Education Deregistration Resources (UK)

For sovereigns, filling out any government forms is avoided where at all possible, and instead, they send a *Notice of Termination* to the school the boy/girl is leaving.

To gain an understanding of what information is needed, here's a short list of handy sources.

Organisation	Purpose / Info	Website	Template Letters Section
Education Otherwise (England/Wales)	Charity offering guidance on deregistration, home education rights, and responsibilities.	<a href="https://www.educationotherwise.org">https://www.educationotherwise.org</a>	Template Letters
Educational Freedom	Guides on deregistration for mainstream and special schools, including template letters.	<a href="https://educationalfreedom.org.uk/deregistration/">https://educationalfreedom.org.uk/deregistration/</a>	Template Letters
Home Educated Life (UK Blog)	Blog offering practical advice and a downloadable deregistration letter template.	<a href="https://homeedlife.co.uk/school-deregistration-letter/">https://homeedlife.co.uk/school-deregistration-letter/</a>	Download Letter Template (PDF)
Wales Home Education Help Line (Wales specific)	Home education guidance and sample deregistration letters.	<a href="https://www.waleshomeeducation.co.uk/sample-documents.php">https://www.waleshomeeducation.co.uk/sample-documents.php</a>	Sample Documents

### Home Education Resources Overview (UK)

**BREAKING NEWS:** We are proud to announce our fantastic collaboration with [Black's Academy!](#)

Special Rates are currently available to **Sovereign Project Members**:

- £43.20 per lesson (incl. £7.20, V.A.T.) for the first FIVE families to book a lesson.
- £45.60 per lesson (incl. £7.60, V.A.T.) for the next FIVE families to book a lesson.
- After that, the regular rates of £48 per lesson (incl. £8, V.A.T.) apply.
- In addition, a special **Sovereign Bursary Fund** has also been set up, to help boys and girls of low-income families to have access to lessons with Black's. Should you wish to **Donate** any amount you can afford to this truly worthy fund, please do so via the Sovereign Project website or contact Peter Fekete directly at Black's Academy.

Further details on Black's and other educators are provided in the following table.

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Provider / Tutor	Subjects Offered	Education Level	Payment Model	Home-Ed Friendly	Website
<b>Black's Academy</b>	Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English, Economics, Business	Primary, Secondary, GCSE & A-level	<b>Special Offers for Sovereign Project Members!</b>	Yes – works with home-ed students	<a href="https://www.blacksacademy.net/">https://www.blacksacademy.net/</a>
<b>The Learning Circle</b>	Broad range: English, Maths, Science, Classical History, Humanities, Languages, Creative Arts,	KS2 – GCSE	Tiered income-based system (3 tiers based on household income)	Yes – designed for home-educated students	<a href="https://thelearningcircle.co.uk">https://thelearningcircle.co.uk</a>
<b>Laura Powell – The Art &amp; Design Room</b>	GCSE & A-Level Art, Textiles, Photography, Creative Design	GCSE & A-Level	Fixed tuition fees (quoted per course)	Yes – works extensively with home-ed students	<a href="https://www.theartanddesignroom.com">https://www.theartanddesignroom.com</a>
<b>Donna Wood</b>	Photography, Film & Art Tuition, GCSE Photography, Film, Media, Creative Projects	GCSE	Fixed private tuition	Yes – online, home-ed focused	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/61551005364500/">https://www.facebook.com/61551005364500/</a>
<b>Debra Adamson-Brattland</b>	GCSE & A/AS-Level Music, Music Theory, Piano, Guitar, Ukulele, Recorder	GCSE & A-Level	Fixed hourly rates (£18.75–£37.50)	Yes – caters to home-ed students and private candidates	<a href="https://debra-adamson-brattland.com">https://debra-adamson-brattland.com</a>
<b>£2 Tuition Hub (The £2 Hub Club)</b>	GCSE/IGCSE subjects (History, Science, Psychology, etc.) + enrichment (Art, Music Theory, Astronomy, Guitar, Fashion)	KS3 – GCSE & Enrichment	Flat low-cost fee (£2–£10 per class)	Yes – created by and for home-educators	<a href="https://the2poundtuitionhub.com">https://the2poundtuitionhub.com</a>

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### **Home Education Groups, Hubs & Sources (UK)**

Many of the hubs and sites listed here offer more than just home-education resources. They are filled with lots of Mums and Dads who are looking for the best educational opportunities for their sons and daughters.

Whether you're already home educating or your offspring are still in the state school system, your family can still benefit from these groups knowledge and networks. Especially on a local basis, they can really make the difference to a boy or girl who feel they've been ignored, rejected or neglected by the educators who are supposed to help them.

Whilst there are many wonderful teachers in the state system, issues can often arise with the administrators, boards or government regulators, who determine what a teacher may/must teach, even when it goes against their own morals and judgement too. Those stuck in the system will always have to obey it, as often they know of no other alternative.

This is not the case for you, not you've been provided with a wealth of resources enabling you to take control of the education in your home. The next step, discuss it as a family and make a plan you can stick to!

<b>Name</b>	<b>Region / Notes</b>	<b>Link</b>
<b>Educational Freedom – Find Your Local Group Directory UK wide;</b>	Lists local home ed groups by county and shows online networks.	<a href="https://educationalfreedom.org.uk/find-your-local-group/">https://educationalfreedom.org.uk/find-your-local-group/</a>
<b>Facebook: The £2 Tuition Hub (Home Ed Group)</b>	Discussion, updates, and class booking community for all ages. Free to join (classes booked separately).	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/the2poundtuitionhubhomeed">https://www.facebook.com/groups/the2poundtuitionhubhomeed</a>
<b>Education Otherwise – Home-Ed Support Charity &amp; Group Directory England &amp; Wales;</b>	Provides listings of local groups, support resources and legal guidance.	<a href="https://www.educationotherwise.org">https://www.educationotherwise.org</a>
<b>Home Education UK (Facebook) UK wide;</b>	Private Facebook support community for home-educators and those considering it.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/Homeeducationuk/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/Homeeducationuk/</a>
<b>Home Education For All (HEFA UK) UK wide;</b>	Peer-to-peer support for home educators and those considering home education.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/hefa2021/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/hefa2021/</a>
<b>FREE UK Home Education Resources &amp; Support UK wide;</b>	Resource sharing, advice, and social connections for home-educators.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/202634498903668/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/202634498903668/</a>

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Name	Region / Notes	Link
<b>Home-Education UK – Local Groups Listing UK wide;</b>	Lists local home-ed groups by county for in-person meet-ups and activities.	<a href="https://home-ed.info/local_groups">https://home-ed.info/local_groups</a>
<b>MySite Barnet – Elective Home Ed Support</b> –(London Borough of Barnet)	Example of local authority-supported home-ed groups and networks.	<a href="https://www.ehebarnet.org.uk/support-groups">https://www.ehebarnet.org.uk/support-groups</a>
<b>Education Scotland</b> (Scotland specific)	Guidance to support learning at home in areas including literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. Also provides info about learning through play and supporting study for exams and assessments.	<a href="https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/">https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/</a>
<b>Scottish Home Education Forum</b> (Scotland specific)	Provides independent information, peer support, advocacy and training. Also has a community forum to share tips, resources and successes.	<a href="https://scothomeed.co.uk/">https://scothomeed.co.uk/</a>
<b>Education Authority Northern Ireland</b> (Northern Ireland specific)	Downloadable Guidelines for support and advice with regards to Elective Home Education.	<a href="https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/other-help-for-parents/educating-your-child-at-home">https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/other-help-for-parents/educating-your-child-at-home</a>
<b>Home Education Northern Ireland (Northern Ireland specific)</b>	Peer-to-peer support from Home Ed Mums and Dads.	<a href="https://hedni.org/">https://hedni.org/</a>
<b>Home Education Network (HEN) of Ireland</b> (Ireland specific)	A nationwide, non-profit support group for families who choose to home educate or to engage in the pursuit of learning outside of the school system.	<a href="https://henireland.org/">https://henireland.org/</a>
<b>Mater dei Education</b> (Ireland specific)	Supports classical home schoolers in Ireland and beyond with dedicated personal support, learning resources, lesson plans, pre-recorded video lessons and books.	<a href="https://materdeieducation.ie/">https://materdeieducation.ie/</a>

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### **Nationwide Music Centres & Orchestral Opportunities for Children**

#### **1. Music Education Hubs (England-wide)**

Government-funded local organisations offering lessons, ensembles, and youth orchestras across every county.

Find your local hub: <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/music-education-hubs>

Here's a small selection of hubs in Great Britain:

- Greater London – Tri-Borough Music Hub – <https://www.triboroughmusichub.org/>
- Hertfordshire – Hertfordshire Music Service – <https://www.hertsmusicsservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>
- Oxfordshire – Oxfordshire County Music Service – <https://stringbabies.com/the-oxfordshire-county-music-service-oxford>
- Surrey – Surrey Arts – <https://www.surrey.ca/arts-culture/surrey-arts-centre>
- Manchester – One Education Music – <https://www.oneeducation.co.uk/teaching-learning/music/>
- Devon – Devon Music Education Hub – <https://www.musiceducationhub.org/site/>
- Wales – Music Service Wales (CAGC) – <https://www.musicsservice.wales/site/>
- Scotland – Youth Music Initiative - <https://www.creativescotland.com/about/major-projects/creative-learning-and-young-people/youth-music-initiative>

#### **2. Regional Youth Orchestras & Centres**

- 1 London Schools Symphony Orchestra – <https://www.gsmd.ac.uk/lssonline>
- 2 Berkshire Maestros – <https://www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/>
- 3 Surrey Youth Orchestra – <https://www.surreyyouthorchestra.org.uk/>
- 4 Kent Music – <https://www.kent-music.com/>
- 5 Bristol Beacon Music Centre – <https://bristolbeacon.org/learn-with-us/>
- 6 Nottingham Music Hub – <https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/music/>
- 7 West Yorkshire Music Hub – <https://wyeducationmusic.org.uk/>

#### **3. Private or Charitable Music Centres**

- 1 Music House for Children (London) – <https://musichouseforchildren.com>
- 2 York Music Hub – <https://www.yorkmusichub.org.uk>
- 3 Chetham's School of Music Saturday Programmes (Manchester) – <https://chethams.com/music/saturday-programme/>
- 4 Leeds Junior Conservatoire – <https://www.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/courses/junior-lc/>
- 5 Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Juniors – <https://www.rcs.ac.uk/junior/>

#### **4. Useful Map Resource**

You can view all English music hubs on the official [Arts Council](#) interactive map. It lists extracurricular music and orchestral opportunities across the UK for school-age children.



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### Nationwide GCSE & A-Level Exam Centres (UK)

Below is a list of UK-wide and regional exam centres that accept private or external candidates for GCSEs and A-Levels. It includes approved centres, educational consultancies, and networks that co-ordinate examination access for home-educated, adult, and retake learners.

Centre/ Service	Coverage & Key Info	Website
<b>Tutors &amp; Exams UK-wide network</b>	Offers GCSE, A-Level, IGCSE as private candidates. Serves 63% of UK adult population.	<a href="http://www.tutorsandexams.uk">www.tutorsandexams.uk</a>
<b>Private Exam Centre</b>	Independent consultancy with affiliated centres across the UK for GCSE, A-Level, IGCSE.	<a href="http://www.privateexamcentre.co.uk">www.privateexamcentre.co.uk</a>
<b>London Professional Training College</b>	Accepts private candidates for A-Level, AS, GCSE, IGCSE.	<a href="http://www.londonptcollege.ac.uk">www.londonptcollege.ac.uk</a>
<b>Exam Centre London</b>	Offers A-Level and GCSE exams for private candidates including Science practicals.	<a href="http://www.examcentrelondon.co.uk">www.examcentrelondon.co.uk</a>
<b>The Tutorial Foundation</b>	Accepts private candidates for nearly all GCSE & A-Level exams.	<a href="http://www.thetutorialfoundation.co.uk">www.thetutorialfoundation.co.uk</a>
<b>London Brookes College</b>	Offers GCSE, IGCSE & A-Levels to external/private candidates.	<a href="http://www.londonbrookescollege.co.uk">www.londonbrookescollege.co.uk</a>
<b>Excel Exam Centres</b>	Allows private candidates: GCSE, IGCSE and A-Level exams.	<a href="http://www.excelexamcentres.co.uk">www.excelexamcentres.co.uk</a>
<b>Essex Exam Centre</b>	Private exam centre offering GCSE & A-Levels for external candidates.	<a href="http://www.essexexamcentre.co.uk">www.essexexamcentre.co.uk</a>
<b>Pass GCSE</b>	Service arranging GCSE private exams across UK; ideal for retakes.	<a href="http://www.passmygcse.co.uk">www.passmygcse.co.uk</a>
<b>The Exam House Exam centre</b>	Offering GCSE & A-Level exams for home-educated/adult learners.	<a href="http://www.theexamhouse.co.uk">www.theexamhouse.co.uk</a>
<b>RCS Haven Exam Centre, Glasgow</b>	GCSE and IGCSE in most subjects (e.g., Maths, English, Sciences, Humanities, Languages) via Edexcel, AQA, and SQA boards.	<a href="https://www.rcs-exams.org.uk/rcs-haven-exam-centre">https://www.rcs-exams.org.uk/rcs-haven-exam-centre</a>
<b>Kings Interhigh</b>	Fully online school offering education for students aged 7–18, providing primary, secondary, GCSE, and A Level programs.	<a href="https://kingsinterhigh.co.uk/our-school/exams/">https://kingsinterhigh.co.uk/our-school/exams/</a>
<b>Basil Paterson School, Edinburgh</b>	GCSE in core and elective subjects (e.g., English, Maths, Sciences); practical endorsements available.	<a href="https://www.basilpatersonschool.co.uk/exam-centre/">https://www.basilpatersonschool.co.uk/exam-centre/</a>



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Centre/ Service	Coverage & Key Info	Website
<b>Education Academy Scotland, Glasgow</b>	SQA GCSE equivalents (National 5/Highers, aligned to GCSE level) in various subjects including core academics.	<a href="https://arisehomeeducation.com/exam-centres/">https://arisehomeeducation.com/exam-centres/</a> (affiliated listing)
<b>North Wales Exam Centre (St Asaph/Mold)</b>	GCSE and IGCSE in wide range (e.g., Maths, English, Sciences, Languages, Arts) via JCQ boards including WJEC.	<a href="https://northwalesexamcentre.co.uk/">https://northwalesexamcentre.co.uk/</a>
<b>Rydal Penrhos, North Wales</b>	GCSE, AS/A-Level in core subjects (e.g., English, Maths, Sciences) and electives; supports private candidates.	<a href="https://rydalpenrhos.com/private-candidates-gcse-as-level-a-level-private-school-north-wales/">https://rydalpenrhos.com/private-candidates-gcse-as-level-a-level-private-school-north-wales/</a>
<b>Swansea College</b>	GCSE and IGCSE in subjects like English, Maths, Sciences, Languages (e.g., Spanish, Italian); NEA/practicals supported.	<a href="https://www.swanseacollege.com/exam-booking-information/">https://www.swanseacollege.com/exam-booking-information/</a>
<b>Home Ed Partners, Monmouth</b>	GCSE with controlled assessments and IGCSE in various subjects; distance learner focus.	<a href="https://he-exams.fandom.com/wiki/Wales">https://he-exams.fandom.com/wiki/Wales</a> (community listing)
<b>Tutors &amp; Exams, Belfast</b>	GCSE and IGCSE in 95% of subjects (e.g., Maths, English, Sciences, Humanities) via CCEA, Edexcel, AQA; closing August 2024—check status.	<a href="https://www.tutorsandexams.uk/exam-centres/">https://www.tutorsandexams.uk/exam-centres/</a>
<b>Kilskeery Independent Christian School, Fermanagh/Tyrone</b>	CCEA GCSE and equivalents in core subjects (e.g., English, Maths, RE); administration fee applies.	<a href="https://he-exams.fandom.com/wiki/Northern_Ireland">https://he-exams.fandom.com/wiki/Northern_Ireland</a> (community listing)
<b>Education Authority Exam Centre, Belfast</b>	CCEA GCSE in standard subjects; limited private slots—prioritizes locals.	<a href="https://he-exams.fandom.com/wiki/Northern_Ireland">https://he-exams.fandom.com/wiki/Northern_Ireland</a> (affiliated)

**Note:** GCSE exams in these regions are primarily handled through regional awarding bodies (SQA in Scotland, WJEC/Eduqas in Wales, CCEA in Northern Ireland), but many centres also accommodate English boards (e.g., Edexcel, AQA) for private candidates.

Availability for private/external candidates varies, and centres often cover a broad range of subjects (e.g., core like Maths/English/Sciences, plus humanities, languages, and electives). Contact centres directly for specific subjects, as offerings may change. The table focuses on key independent centres accepting private candidates, based on current listings. For a full list of centres accepting private candidates, visit the JCQ search tool: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/private-candidates/>. Always verify availability early, as spots fill quickly.

Another noteworthy exam resource is: <https://www.savemyexams.com/> where exam paper questions are organised by topic and difficulty. Their worksheets cover all topics from GCSE, IGCSE and A Level courses, and guidance on weaknesses is offered in order to improve with a more targeted approach.

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### Further Information & Tips:

- Exam entry fees for private candidates can vary widely (typically £300–£600 per subject). Discount codes for exams are often available via tutors and schools, so be sure to ask before booking any.
- It is always advised to book exams by the end of August for the following year in order to get a better price. Prices rise after September to the following year's rates, which go up again after December, then February, then late booking fees apply after this time.
- Use the [Joint Council for Qualifications \(JCQ\)](#) tool to find centres that accept private candidates, to confirm exam board availability (AQA, Edexcel, OCR, WJEC) and to check subject availability for practical exams/speaking components.
- Subscribe to [HomeEducated.Org.UK](#) for a year (costing around just £10 per year) to get discounted access to **Photoshop** and other add-ons as part of their Membership Plus package. (See the screenshot image to the right.)

### ***A Final Word to Families...***

Home education is more than a method—it's a shared adventure in curiosity, connection, and growth. Take what sparks joy from these pages, talk about it over a meal, visit some of the above websites, discuss the topic whilst on a walk. Let questions lead to more questions, and let your family's unique rhythm shape the journey.

You don't need permission to explore. You only need each other!

***Keep wondering. Keep learning.  
Keep growing – together!***



***Charlotte Mason (British educator, 1842–1923)***

***"The most sacred work a parent can do is the education of their child."  
(Paraphrased from her writings in Home Education, Vol. 1 – a foundational text  
for many homeschool families.)***

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### Some thoughts on Home Education from those already taking that path:

*“Home educating my daughter has been one of the best decisions I have ever made! It has given her a safe, calm environment, free from bullying, peer pressure, and emotional strain. I saw first-hand how damaging school environments can be when one of her friends was bullied so severely that she became socially withdrawn and traumatised. Another close friend, her best friend for five years, experienced transgender issues. Witnessing these influences and changes in her peers reinforced my belief that removing my daughter from that environment protected her from pressures she was not ready for.*

*I also noticed subtle changes in my daughter whilst in year six—shifts in her thinking that didn’t reflect who she naturally was. Home education has allowed her to regain her independence of thought and return to herself without external influences.*

*We started when she was 11, just about to turn 12, at the end of Year 6. This was the age of the vaccination rollout at her old school, so we thought this was the best time for us to begin. That was 4 years ago, she’s just turned 16. She is currently completing nine GCSEs over two years. She has already finished three—Art (top grade), English Language (A grade), and English Literature (B grade)—a year early, proving that excellent results can be achieved without being in school. This year she is studying Maths, Combined Science, Photography, Music, and Classical History.*

*Her social life is richer and aligned with her interests. She plays violin in an orchestra, participates in drama and pantomime with a local players group, sings, plays guitar, attends pottery classes, and takes part in art and photography activities. These groups are filled with like-minded young people who support her talents without jealousy or competition.*

*Her daily rhythm is healthier. She wakes naturally, between 8:30 and 9:30, starts lessons around 10, in comfortable clothing, and in a calm environment. If she is tired or unwell, she can rest without embarrassment. She no longer has to ask permission to use the bathroom, and learns without annoying interruptions, and has no homework outside her scheduled classes. We also have the freedom to travel during term time and enjoy quieter, real-world learning experiences wherever we go, such as learning about the local geography, history, language, foods, culture, currency exchange rate calculations, etc.*

*As a mother or father doing Home Ed, of course a certain amount of time will be required, especially at the start, in order to research the right subjects for your son or daughter and to help support them in their chosen path. Once you’ve got the subjects and sources, you can help your child to create a timetable in order to ensure everything works together. After that, I haven’t needed to do much more, as my daughter was pretty good at self-managing, and loved being able to take more ownership of her education.*

*To summarise, home education has allowed my daughter to thrive academically, emotionally, socially, and creatively. It has supported her talents, restored her confidence, and given her a lifestyle that suits who she is and wants to become. Whilst at the beginning, she was shy to tell others about it, fearing she wouldn’t have any common ground with her peers, but that changed once she started to feel more comfortable with it, and realised the common ground they share is in having to pass the GCSE’s – same goal, just a different path. Her sense of pride having now completed some of her exams early, and being able to pursue other interests*

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*has helped her become a strong and confident young woman. That is why choosing to home educate her has been one of the best decisions ever for our family!"*  
by N.M.

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*"Both our son, at 14, and daughter, then 12, were attending private schools. Academically they were very disappointing with far too much focus on PSHE, including topics that go against every family value we have. I approached the Headmaster of my daughter's school who told me that as her mother, I had no authority over what they taught her! This confirmed my concerns, so we immediately looked for alternatives to 'their system', which we see, is now completely broken, and through ignorance and a total lack of critical thinking, is actually damaging our young people, which is unforgivable.*

*We decided to take both of them out of mainstream schools, at their request I might add, and began home schooling them using Kings Interhigh. King's has a wide curriculum, but the student needs to be very self-motivated and independent. My son worked hard for his GCSE's and did really well. He also did Art privately and was thrilled to receive a 9. We just used the local college for them to sit their exams.*

*Both of them adjusted well to the transition, although, I think it helped that they were at home together, then joining different lessons. When my son began an apprenticeship, my daughter found it hard to concentrate. Large virtual classes distracted her, so her Dad moved her schooling over to Black's Academy online.*

*Black's provide a trial lesson to ascertain each student's needs. Their personal understanding of each student both academically and emotionally is, as far as I know, not available anywhere else. Peter Fekete, the founder of Black's, has developed a revolutionary educational methodology providing students with a process to smash through any CATS/SATS barriers that the system-schools insist on grading students by. Having A\*\* students to tutor younger students works brilliantly, as they all talk the same language, like the same music, and therefore pay better attention to someone they can relate to. I cannot recommend Black's highly enough. Peter is keen to work with Sovereign Project families, and is running a Home School Pilot that is available to all Sovereign families.*

*Full home schooling with Black's can be achieved in 2 hours a day, over 5 days per week. They also provide lessons as needed, to give school or home learning students a boost, so are very flexible, and give their students that extra bit of educational support focusing on Maths, English language, English literature and the Sciences.*

*Neither our son or daughter found it easy at the start, as it was a pretty brave, bold move at the time, but they soon adapted and ended up achieving what they needed so they could go on to do their desired apprenticeships. They never complained about missing out, as neither had been happy in their old school system. Their biggest upset was not going to prom, so we improvised one evening with a glamorous local event, complete with a limo, tux and a great dress, so they didn't feel like they'd missed out! I am so proud at the young people they have grown in to, self-assured, confident, funny and kind. They have a wide circle of friends from their various hobbies. I'm so glad they chose to walk away from any negative experiences/teaching methods or being coerced into unnecessary or unwanted counselling.*

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*I understand the number of families taking their offspring out of the system is steadily rising, which can only be a good thing for all concerned. I take my hat off to those Mums and Dads who take charge of home educating for themselves. I didn't have the confidence or know-how at the start, so sought out the academic support from those providers. This worked well for our family, and saved them both from the indoctrination that continues to be more bullishly pushed by the system.*

*So, Be Brave! You, as Mum and Dad, know what is best for your family – these providers just give you options to make it happen!"*

*By L.G.*

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In conclusion, here are a number of relevant and insightful quotes from some noteworthy men and women who were either home schooled or educated outside the traditional mainstream school system, reflecting on education, learning, or their own non-traditional paths. May they inspire you to take this exciting step!

- **Serena Williams & Venus Williams** (home schooled so they could focus on tennis) Serena: *"We were home schooled, and it gave us the freedom to train and travel. I think it taught us discipline and how to learn on our own."*
  - **Agatha Christie** (home schooled, never attended school) *"I suppose it is because nearly all children go to school nowadays and have things arranged for them that they seem so forlornly unable to produce their own ideas."*
  - **C.S. Lewis** (educated mostly by private tutors and his mother at home until age 10, then a series of bad schools he hated) *"The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts."*
  - **Laura Ingalls Wilder** (mostly home schooled on the American frontier, very little formal schooling) *"The real things haven't changed. It is still best to be honest and truthful; to make the most of what we have; to be happy with simple pleasures; and have courage when things go wrong."*
  - **Mark Twain** (very little formal schooling, mostly self-educated) *"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."*
  - **Thomas Edison** (home schooled by his mother after being labelled "addled" by his teacher; only three months of formal schooling) *"I remember that I was never able to get along at school. I was always at the foot of the class... My father thought I was stupid and I almost decided I must be a dunce... My mother was the making of me."*
  - **Albert Einstein** (attended school but largely self-educated and critical of rote schooling) *"It is a miracle that curiosity survives formal education."* And: *"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school."*
  - **Theodore Roosevelt** (home schooled due to severe asthma until college age) *"To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."*
  - **Abraham Lincoln** (almost entirely self-educated and home schooled in the sense of frontier life; less than one year of formal schooling total) *"The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a book I ain't read."*
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