

It's a little difficult to know where to start with Mrs. Ruff; her role in my family has moved from teacher to advisor to what might well be described as a sort of life coach. From teaching my first composition class to writing my recommendation letter for Duke University, Mrs. Ruff has been an excellent teacher and supporting figure, but has also been a family friend and academic mentor. I had the undesirable experience in high school of dealing with not one but *two* concussions, events which Mrs. Ruff was very flexible with. I have taken Spanish, composition, English, and British literature with Mrs. Ruff, and have nothing but good things to say about her teaching style and knowledge. One detail that I regard as unique in Mrs. Ruff is her abilities as a fair grader; one can be confident of a low grade if a shoddy product is submitted, but also expect understanding and flexibility in the case of disability or inexperience. Mrs. Ruff meets students where they are at, but also won't let more talented students get away with handing in material they didn't work for.

My family and I recommend Mrs. Ruff wholeheartedly. We are incredibly thankful for all the things she and her family have done for us, and look forward to many more years of knowing the Ruffs.