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To whom it may concern:

**Student feedback on Alexander Haas**

Alexander Haas was employed as a Stipendiary Lecturer in Economics at Trinity College, University of Oxford from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

In 2022, I surveyed his students with a view to evaluating his teaching for the College. 22 students across two degree courses (Economics & Management and Philosophy, Politics & Economics) were invited to comment on Alexander's tutorials, organization, and general academic support. 6 of them responded, as follows:

Alex taught me macroeconomics and he is among the best economics tutors I have had. I am grateful he went above and beyond in addressing our (many) questions and was able to explain complex topics in a straightforward manner making learning the subject both fulfilling and enjoyable. The quality of the tutorials was a big factor in my decision to take an extension paper in the next year and my ability to enjoy that traces back to the strong foundations Alex has helped with. With his organisation, deep knowledge, his ability to communicate this knowledge effectively and his dedication to teaching, future students at the college would be very lucky to have Alex as their tutor.

Alex is a wonderful teacher. He is patient, careful and very responsive. He struck a good balance with the workload he had given us and gave detailed feedback in a timely manner. He makes the broad intuition behind a model clear before diving into the intricate details. Alex is also keenly aware of the limitations of the models taught in FHS Macro and would give us super-curricula details when appropriate. But he does not tend to get carried away with this and is always ready to descend back to the models required for FHS. This means he has given us plenty of preparation for the upcoming exam.



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Alex was a great tutor. He really helped us understand statistics for economics. He was always available for questions and extra help. He was able to explain things in a very accessible way. Was always friendly, welcoming and understanding too.

Alex's teaching has been consistently excellent. He is always very knowledgeable about both the lecture material and wider context. His tutorials are always interesting.

Overall, Alex was great! He was really nice and made the class environment welcoming and not stressful. He also clearly knew the material and organized his classes well, sending out work ahead of time and taking into account all students' schedules. If I had to make one constructive comment, I'd say that the I didn't learn a lot in class beyond the material that I had prepared before coming to class (barring a few specific questions, I did think it was not an efficient/effective use of time to orally go over answers in class when a simple answer sheet would have sufficed and saved lots of time). This is, however, more to do with the rigid format of the Probability & Statistics curriculum than Alex's teaching ability.

Alex is a great tutor, both in terms of preparing us for exams and in terms of sparking our interest in macroeconomic questions and academic study more generally. He is always well-prepared for tutorials, and gives thoughtful feedback on submitted work. During tutorials, he takes the time to answer individual students' questions without losing sight of where the lesson is going. I particularly enjoyed the tutorials that were closest to his field of research, where he gave us both a solid grounding in the topic and an insight into novel research.

If you have any questions about Alexander's teaching at Trinity College, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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