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To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation in support of Mr. Sidney Woodcock's application to Imperial College London for the MSc in Applied Mathematics (1YFT).

I have known Sidney since September 2020, when he began his BSc in Mathematics and Philosophy at the University of Bristol. I worked with him as his Personal Academic Tutor and as a Lecturer in Linear Algebra during a period that overlapped with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the years, Sidney has faced some extenuating circumstances, yet he has shown an impressive upward trajectory. He achieved a Second Class, Upper Division (2:1) degree classification and earned first-class marks in several key topics directly relevant to your master's program.

In addition to his academic achievements, Sidney gained valuable practical experience as a Finance Intern at SeeWoo UK in London in December 2022, and further developed his interpersonal skills during this internship and while working as a retail advisor since December 2024.

It has been gratifying to observe Sidney's growth and determination. His strong motivation led him to complete various online courses in machine learning, demonstrating his self-drive and intellectual curiosity. I am confident that with this motivation and resilience, he will thrive in your programme, and I support his application without hesitation.

Thank you for considering Sidney's application. Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely, Farhad Babaee

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