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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of Bruce Yao's application to your master's program. I have known Bruce since September 2021 in multiple academic capacities: as his personal academic tutor and as his lecturer for both Mathematical Investigations and Linear Algebra.

In Mathematical Investigations, he completed three group projects that required collaborative research and presentations. Despite the limited mathematical experience typical of first-year students, Bruce regularly took on leadership roles within his small groups while also proving to be an excellent team player.

Bruce is graduating with a second-class honours degree and has pursued a range of quantitative modules. He achieved first-class marks in Probability 2 and Mathematical Programming, demonstrating his ability to thrive in your programme. Over these years, he has also completed many online courses relevant to your programme, which reflects his drive and motivation.

Outside mathematics, Bruce has been coaching and teaching tennis at various levels, which further demonstrates his patience and interpersonal skills.

I strongly support Bruce's application to your MSc programme and believe he will thrive in a rigorous, data-driven academic environment such as yours. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,
Farhad Babaei

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Farhad Babaei".