

# Star pupil makes an impact with college staff

Nearly everyone from Greene's Tutorial College in Oxford knows March Boedihardjo. From the school director to the receptionist and tutors who did not teach the boy, March is known as the child who is "good for mathematics".

"He is a bright boy ... and cheerful," said Jonathan Christie, academic registrar at the college where the prodigy spent two years in Britain preparing for public exams including A-levels and GCSEs. "He is a capable student [who is] good at maths.

"March is one of the youngest students we had," Mr Christie said, adding that it was remarkable that the boy used only one year to finish his A-levels, which usually takes two years.

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Heather Argyie, administrator at the college, said: "He seems to be enjoying his studies. Every time I saw him, he talked about maths."

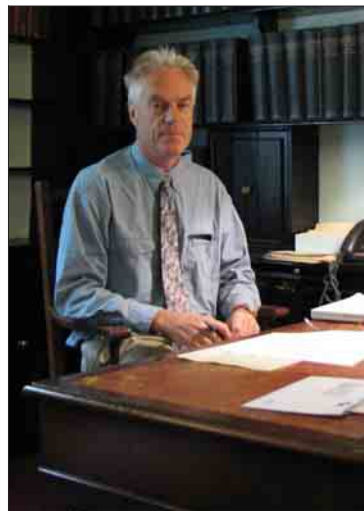
Located in Pembroke Street near Christ Church College in Oxford, the private tutorial college looks more like a traditional English house with fireplaces in almost every classroom.



**Greene's Tutorial College and registrar Jonathan Christie.** Photo: Paggie Leung

The classroom in which March spent about 10 to 12 hours a week for his tutorial lessons is on the top floor of the three-storey building. The red-carpeted room, which measures about 110 sq ft, contains a few wooden tables and other furniture.

The school says March was taught by about seven tutors during his two



years of study in Oxford. College director Christopher Upton said March's mathematics teacher, who has taught at the school since the 1970s, was an experienced mathematician.

Mr Upton said March was given homework after every tutorial and the tutor would go through it step by step at the next meeting. Tutors wrote

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reports about March's performance, effort in class and homework after every class.

Opened in the late 1960s, the school takes pupils of any level. The tuition fee is £45 (HK\$700) per hour, up from £44 last year.

Paggie Leung in Oxford