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Learning to Drive With the Right Instructor Will Keep You Safe Long After You've Passed Your Test

Dear Mr Sample,

There are certain points in a child's life that indicate how quickly they're growing into adults. One of these is when they start year 12.

Gone are the tentative, sometimes embarrassing, steps towards adulthood. Life for your average 6th former is now a relentless march towards independence, with the excitement of university beckoning on the horizon.

A step towards independence

With these busy times ahead, parents often think learning to drive at 17 is the best time for their children because, unless you live in a major city, it's the only way they'll be able to enjoy their growing freedom. For the teenager it's part of their rite of passage towards independence.

Passing a driving test is a big achievement. It takes considerable hard work, effort and determination, but that doesn't mean it shouldn't also be fun. Many students enjoy the practical nature of lessons, finding them a welcome break from the stresses of academic life.


It shouldn't be rushed

Learning to drive at 17 isn't necessarily the right time for everyone. Some feel they have enough stress in their lives without adding to it. If they're forced lessons become an unwanted, unpleasant chore. Without the desire to learn the process becomes slow and painful. So don't force it!

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Statistics show that the older you are the more lessons you'll likely need to become a qualified driver. However, in my experience it only makes a big difference if you're over 30. So there's no need to rush.

Learning is the safe part

People are often surprised that accidents whilst learning to drive are relatively rare. Learning to drive is a safe process. It's when they've passed their test that new drivers are vulnerable.

The statistics for accidents involving new drivers makes grim reading. High risk areas include: carrying passengers, recreational driving (evenings and weekends), speeding, poor judgement and driving after drinking alcohol (even a small amount).

And it's not just young drivers, but also their passengers who are at increased risk. So choosing not to learn isn't necessarily going to make a teenager safer!

For older drivers carrying passengers reduces the risk of having a serious or fatal accident. But for overly confident 17 year olds the risks can be fourfold!

Choosing the right instructor

Whenever the time to learn comes, choose an instructor who is fully qualified, experienced and has a strong track record. Ideally you want someone who's been recommended, rather than phoning one of the big agencies and hoping for the best. It's the Instructor that makes the difference, not a snazzy logo.

Don't skimp on lessons. The more lessons your child has the better the chance they'll have of passing their test at the first attempt. They'll also be a safer, more competent driver from having spent more hours on the road.

You should also consider 'Pass Plus' (an extension course that includes motorway driving) to provide them with the skills they'll need to be safe on the road. Many insurance companies offer a substantial discount to new drivers who've completed the 'Pass Plus' course.

Contact me today to discover more about choosing the best driving instructor who'll help you pass your test, as well as keep you safe.

Yours sincerely,

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