

UCAS PREPARATION 2020-21

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Your personal statement will contain data based on the following categories / questions:

COURSE APPLIED FOR	
What subject are you applying to study? [preferably only one]	
Why is this subject worth studying? [Importance to you? To the rest of the world?]	
What is there in you that suits you to this course? [Skills? Related interests? Experience? Family background?]	
What inspired you to consider this? [Experiences that sparked initial / continuing interest? School subjects you have studied?]	
What do you hope to get out of this study? What contributions will you one day make? [Career? Satisfaction? Skills? Experiences?]	
SCHOOL ACADEMIC	
Which subjects have you most enjoyed studying? [Order them and focus on subjects most obviously relevant to course chosen above]	
Why have you enjoyed each one? [in general]	
Which specific activities / projects / essay titles / events / trips / books / experiments / people / ideas etc have inspired you? [in each subject]	
What wider skills have you gained from your studies? [eg research, interpersonal, leadership, communication, practical, problem-solving, organisational, time management, decision-making, creativity etc]	
What wider activities related to your school subjects do you do outside the classroom? [Visits? Reading? TV? Hands-on activity? Competitions?]	
What achievements, awards, prizes, publication etc have you gained?	
PERSONAL / WIDER	
IN SCHOOL: List activities / occupations / hobbies / sports / commitments that take your energy / interest / time when not studying	
OUT OF SCHOOL: List activities / occupations / hobbies / sports / commitments that take your energy / interest / time when not studying	
Work experience – related to the course you are interested in [care assistant, playgroup leader, Sunday School teacher, games coach]	
Work shadowing undertaken [eg hospital experience; office observation]	
Work not directly related to course – paid or unpaid [eg shop assistant, waiter, paper round, baby-sitting]	
Wider experience: places you have been / lived; sights seen; people met; ideas heard	
What wider skills have you gained from your non-academic activities? [eg time management, responsibility, interpersonal, financial, organisational, teamwork, leadership, communication, practical, problem-solving, decision-making, creativity]	
USPs (Unique Selling Points) – anything unusual about you, worth talking about, individual	
“The inner you”: ideas, values, beliefs, motivations, concerns, joys...	
THE FUTURE	
What do you hope to gain from university / college life – more widely?	
What can you offer the world?	
What do you aim / hope for from life [not already covered by career above]	