

UCAS PERSONAL STATEMENT



Who? All Year 13's must write a personal statement.
You have 4000 characters or 47 lines (3/4 side A4)
Why? Universities use this statement to decide whether you are suitable for their course.
When? Your draft personal statement must be completed for your return in September. You will then get chance to improve it in some mentor sessions. Remember, applications can be submitted as early as 3 September 2024!

UCAS DEADLINE IS (INTERNAL) Friday 13th December

Paragraph 1

Discuss where your passion came from, why you are looking forward to studying your area in greater depth, mention any specific experiences you have had that confirm this, how you have been inspired. **PROVE** you want this course!

'My interest in/passion for...'

Or start in a more eye-catching way

(THIS SECTION SHOULD BE 25% of whole statement)

Parag 2

Explain what you have done to prove your passion for the subject- summer schools, voluntary work, taster sessions. Be specific about the subject- 'I was particularly impressed with the language use in 'The Color Purple'... or the 'debate around capital punishment has fuelled my passion in...

'My passion for this subject has been supported by my...'

Or start by mentioning straight away what you have done to show passion.

Parag 3

Explain how your A-Level subjects link to your chosen course. What qualities have they given you? How have your A level subjects complimented each other? What skills have they taught you that will help you with the course?

e.g. 'To me there much more to History than learning about the past as it is clear that history repeats itself and informs the future. I have enjoyed exploring...'

Parag 4

Explain your interests and activities in and out of school and state how these will help you with univ. life. Link the skills they have taught you to how they may help you at univ.

Discuss your interests and work (paid and voluntary) in and out of school by linking them to skills such as self-motivation, independence, time management, balancing, prioritising, commitment, ability to make new friends etc.

SHOW THE UNIVERSITY YOU CAN BALANCE LIFE WITH STUDY!

Conclusion

Return to your chosen course choice- what is your passion? What career do you want?

Show them your passion!

Sum up why you want to take the course e.g. 'When I was fourteen, I witnessed my first operation. Since that day I have endeavoured...