

Writing a Personal Statement

Many colleges ask for a Personal Statement to accompany an application form. The purpose of completing this is for the student to provide the college with an outline of their interests, achievements and future plans. If a course is popular and there are too many applicants a well written personal statement can influence an interviewer even before you attend the interview.

WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON A PERSONAL STATEMENT?

- A brief background about yourself.
- What you've achieved so far - what things you are most proud of.
- Remember to comment on activities in school and out of school
- What you've gained from the things you've done, including knowledge, key skills and personal qualities.
- The challenges you've faced recently and what you've learnt from them.
- Your hopes and plans for the future.
- Why you are interested in the course(s) you are applying for.