



Personal Statement

How to write a personal statement for your PS16 application. Answer the five questions and then paste them into your personal statement. The bullet points are suggestions to help get you thinking about what you can write in your answers.

1. Why do you want to do the subject(s)?

- Favourite
- Career plan
- Interesting because
- How something you learnt has impacted you

Write answer here:

2. What achievements inside or outside of school do you have?

- Academic achievements
- Sport achievements
- Something you have overcome
- Personal achievement
- Awards; scouts, guides, acting, reading club, cross-stitch, endeavour etc

Write answer here:

3. Hobbies and Interests?

- Sport
- Exercise
- Arthouse films
- Collecting coins etc

Write answer here:

There is a separate section to write about your work experience under your personal template.

Work Experience, Employment and Volunteering?

- Paid or unpaid work
- Volunteering at a school event/community event
- Showing visitors around
- Volunteering at local church, library, cubs group, vet
- Babysitting siblings

Write answer here:

When the student has decided on which provider(s) they are apply to, once they have selected the course(s) a box will appear for the student to fill in why they want to study at that provider and those subjects

- **Why do you want to study at your chosen sixth form/college?**
- Familiar
- Like the campus
- Good facilities
- Easy to travel to
- A fresh start

- Meet new people
- Had the most interesting sounding course
- Was impressed at their open day/ speaking to them at Careers fair

Write answer here:

Apprenticeship Applications Only (not for use on PS16)

If you are writing a personal statement for an apprenticeship, this guidance may help you to write why you want to do it. Apprenticeships are very competitive and they want to see how much you really want to do it as they are investing money in you.

Why do you want to do an apprenticeship?

- Practical and hands-on
- Suits my type of learning
- Like to be earning
- Know exactly what you want to do
- Like the business/company you are applying to
- Want to be earning and gain independence
- Done work experience

Write answer here: