**UCAS PREPARATION 2022-23**

PERSONAL STATEMENT

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

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| **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?] |  |
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| **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? |  |
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| **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… |  |
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| **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] |  |
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