

Personal Statement Structure

- **Intro:** What subject or course are you interested in? Why are you interested? Why do you want to study that course at university? Prove that you have a genuine interest. If it is a continuation of one of your A levels, what makes this subject so special. Finally, end by saying where you hope a degree will lead, what career will you pursue in the future?
- **Academic Paragraphs:** State each subject you have studied at sixth form – say how each relates specifically to the course you want to study. What transferable skills can you take from studying those subjects which will help you at university or in your future career? Have you completed any further reading or research relating to your chosen course?
- **Experience/Hobbies Paragraphs** – Discuss any MOOCs, placements, volunteering, work experience or activities you have done which relate to the course you want to study. What transferable skills can you take from that experience which will help you at university or in your future career?
- **Closing Paragraph** – Show your passion for the subject and for your future career. Why are you a better candidate than any other? How do you hope to make a difference in the world, or in your chosen career path, once you have gained your degree?