Personal Statement

- 1 Motivation
- 2. Suitability
- 3. Communication and Interpersonal skills
- 4. Experience
- 5. Added Bonus USP

All of this in 4000 characters or fewer.

USP

You need to think very carefully about your

USP

Most of us and most doesn’t mean all, are modest by nature, we find it very difficult to ‘sell’ ourselves. Now is your chance to overcome your natural reticence and sell, sell, sell!

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5 paragraphs with focussed subject content:

Motivation – demonstrate passion for course.

Suitability – what skills show you're the one?

Communication and interpersonal skills – how are you going to contribute to course dynamic?

Experience – what have you done recently to support your suitability?

Added Bonus USP – Why do they need you?

1 Motivation

You need to be passionate about the course you intend to study for at least the next 3 years. There are plenty of applicants who want your place, why must they choose you?

What inspired you to want to study this subject? e.g. Someone you know? An experience you had?
What particular aspect of this subject thrills you? e.g. Research and discovery
What do you hope to do with this subject in the future? e.g. Further exploration and development
What have you done beyond the curriculum in this subject? e.g. Summer schools, EPQ, reading articles, journals etc.

2. Suitability

Why are you the most suitable applicant for this course? How have you shown already that you would be an asset on this specific course?

What skills do you have? e.g. keen, analytical mind.
What subject expertise have you demonstrated? e.g. EPQ, competitions won, research, books read (don't lie, they do ask)
What achievements have you made? e.g. positions of responsibility, awards (relevant to uni).
What experiences do you have? e.g. personal, academic, theatre trips, helping lower down the school, etc

3. Communication and Interpersonal skills

How are you going to develop and contribute to the course dynamic?

What sort of a team worker are you? e.g. D of E, sports, charity
How have you demonstrated independent working skills? e.g. research, deadlines
How self-disciplined are you? e.g. work record, sports, music
How evolved are your listening and speaking communication skills? e.g. debating, public speaking, listening and furthering and developing ideas

4. Experience

What experiences have you gained so far that support and reinforce your aptitude and suitability for this course? They must be recent and relevant.

Trips and travel undertaken that are relevant to this course. e.g. holiday courses, lectures
Courses attended and skills enhanced. e.g. Chaucer study day, galleries, theatre, museums, etc
Work placements and volunteering you have undertaken which support this application, and what you have learned. e.g. animal shelter, visiting elderly, hospice
Sporting achievements and positions of responsibility, which are relevant. Head Girl, Prefect, loyal team member

5. Added bonus USP

Now for the big sell. What is the university going to gain from you?

Why are you so special that they would be daft to miss the opportunity of having you as a student?

What will you contribute to your area of study? e.g. keen interest in a specific area
What will you contribute to extra curricular activities? (No, not that……..) e.g. sports, music, debating, drama
Are you going to be successful? e.g. career
Will they be proud? e.g. add to uni community

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16 – 6NW, 6DS & 6AW
30 – 6PB & 6LD
BTR – 6AC & 6ED
T4 – 6NG & 6AH
27 – 6MW & 6PR
Common Room – 6KS
Little Pit -6KS