

SIXTH FORM INDIVIDUAL ACTION PLAN

NAME

In its most basic form, a Personal Statement should look like this (your tutors have exemplars and a writing guide):

20% on "What I Want to Study and Why."

Top Tip – Be Honest, Not Cheesy!

70% on "What I Have Done to Develop This Subject Interest"

Top Tip – Don't just list, be reflective. What have you learnt doing these things?

10% on "Who Am I Beyond My Subject."

Top Tip – Show Resilience! What have you stuck with in your life?

If you were to sit down and sketch a rough one out right now, where would you stand? It is natural that there are gaps you need to fill in and the summer is the perfect time! They never want to hear about what you plan to do, only what you have done!

It is time to build a realistic action plan of things you plan to achieve this summer in order to build a successful application! Remember, the school expects all students to be ready to apply before the start of November (end of September for Oxbridge and Medics) so that we can fully support you!

ANY BOOKS YOU PLAN TO READ TO FURTHER YOUR SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE

ARE THERE ANY FICTIONAL BOOKS YOU COULD READ THAT RELATE TO YOUR SUBJECT? CAN YOU READ ABOUT IT FOR PLEASURE?

ARE THERE ANY NEWSPAPERS, SUPPLEMENTS, MAGAZINES OR JOURNALS YOU COULD BE READING? ARE YOU UP TO SPEED WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH YOUR SUBJECT IN THE WORLD TODAY?

IF NECESSARY, HAVE YOU COMPLETED ALL RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE?

IF NECESSARY, IS THERE ANY TRAVEL YOU HAVE DONE THAT YOU CAN LINK TO YOUR APPLICATION?

IF NECESSARY, IS THERE ANY VOLUNTARY WORK YOU HAVE DONE THAT YOU CAN LINK TO YOUR APPLICATION?

ARE THERE ANY TALKS, LECTURES OR EXHIBITIONS YOU COULD VISIT OVER THE SUMMER?

ARE THERE ANY COURSES YOU HAVE DONE OR COULD STILL DO?

ARE YOU ON COURSE TO COMPLETE YOUR EPQ IF YOU TOOK ONE UP? WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO? UNIVERSITIES REALLY LIKE THEM – IT IS THE PERFECT EVIDENCE FOR DEVELOPING AN INTEREST! IF NOT, WHY NOT TRY YOUR OWN RESEARCH PROJECT? WHY NOT SUBMIT ARTICLES TO WEBSITES OR MAGAZINES? WHY NOT SETUP YOUR OWN BLOG?

HAVE YOU EVER SHARED YOUR INTEREST WITH OTHERS? DO YOU EVER DISCUSS IT WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY? WHAT ABOUT TAKING A HOUSE ASSEMBLY? WHAT ABOUT SETTING UP A CLUB OR HELPING THE YOUNGER STUDENTS?
