

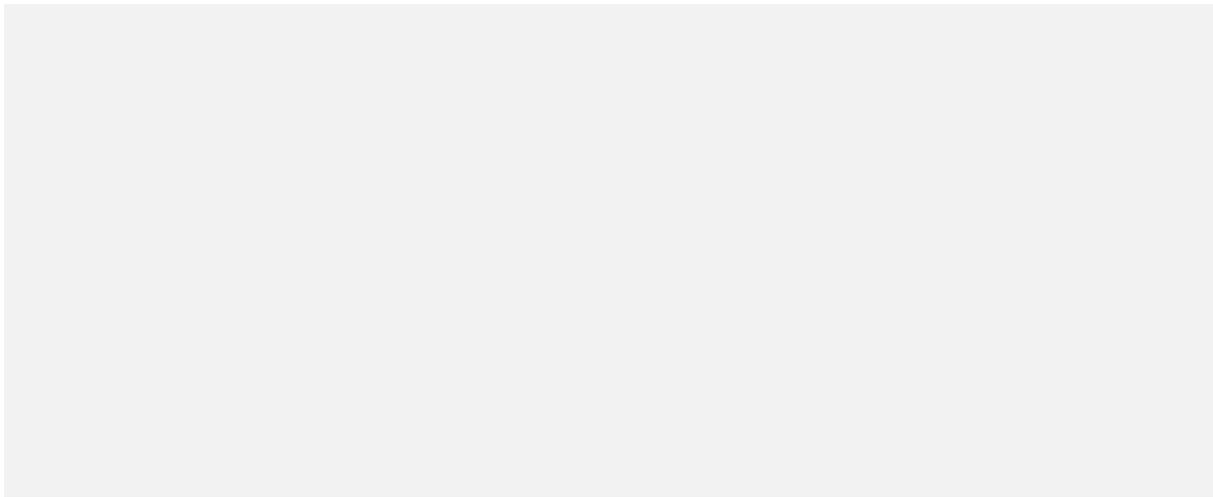
## How to write a Personal Statement?

Most sixth form and college application forms include a section where you write something about yourself. It could just be a few lines or, a large empty space with no word limit.

This is often the first time you've ever been asked to 'sell' yourself so it can seem a bit daunting. But don't worry – it's the same for everyone applying and in most cases it's just information so the college can get to know you a little before you start.

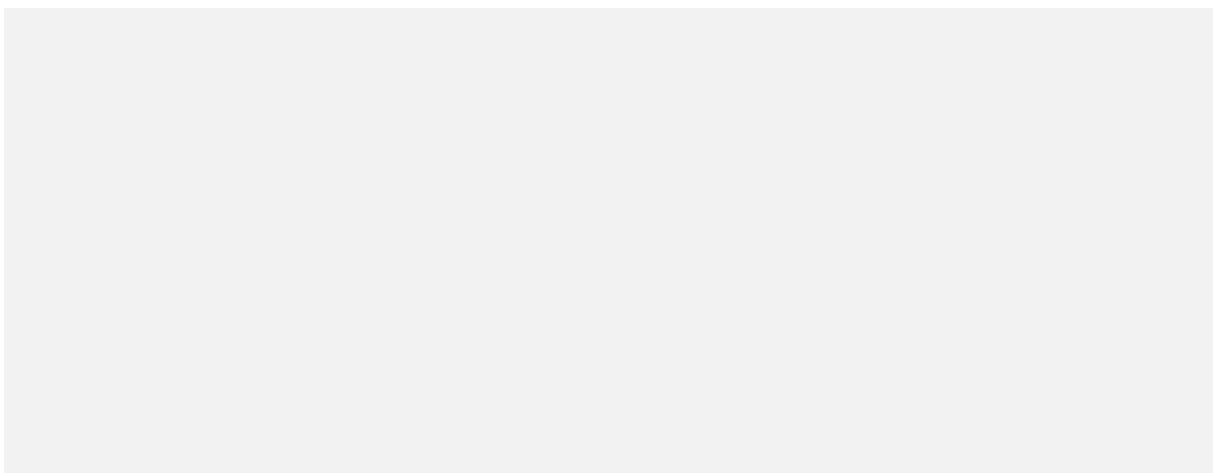
### What are you currently studying?

*Example: I currently attend Arena Academy. I am currently studying a range of GCSE's including Maths, English Language and Literature, Double Science, French, Geography, IT and Food Technology. I enjoy IT and Food Technology because I find them interesting to learn. My favourite subject is English as I enjoy reading, writing, using a wide range of vocabulary and evaluating characters from novels.*



### What extra-curricular activities are you involved in?

*Example: I have been a member of the girls' basketball team. I completed my work experience in a shoe shop and gained various skills including how to deal with difficult customers and learned how to communicate with customers which helped me for the future.*



**TOP TIP:** Even if you have little-to-no work experience, you can find other ways to sell yourself, include your hobbies and interests that demonstrate skills which are relevant to the courses you're applying for.

Please visit (<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/a-level/sixth-form-college-application-personal-statements>) for more guidance.

### What are your interests and hobbies?

**Example:** *I like reading, watching films, listening to music, playing basketball and socialising with friends and family. My friends and family say I am a pleasant, kind, caring, considerate and quiet person. I would say other people see me as a kind, friendly, respectful and down to earth person.*

**TOP TIP:** If you are selling yourself, you need to use positive words, E.g. "I am a keen member of the Drama club" rather than just "I am in the Drama club". - What other examples can you find?

### What are your goals for college and a career?

**Example:** *I intend to go onto college after finishing school and study A levels I would like to take English Language, Economics, Law and History. I would like to become a lawyer. I understand that there are different areas a lawyer can work in and I am not sure of the type of lawyer I want to become. I would like to legally represent people and help them with problems they have. I am a tolerant, hardworking, polite and friendly person.*

**TOP TIP:** You may know exactly what you want to do after college – if so, fine. But you may have no idea of your university or career path, just a broad sense of the subjects you really like and others you don't get on with at all. This is probably all you need at this point.

If you do have a clear idea of your future, now is a great time to check whether or not your ambitions are still relevant, realistic and achievable.