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INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL STATEMENTS

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INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL STATEMENTS

- Where / how they are used
- Key dates
- Useful tips
- A few examples...



HOW / WHEN ARE THEY USED?

- At application stage
- Borderline cases
- At interview
- Results day
 - Borderline cases
 - Clearing
- Not at all(!?)



KEY DATES

- UCAS application deadlines
 - 15 October 2019
 - 15 January 2019
- **School deadlines**
- A-level results day
 - **Thursday 13 August 2020**



USEFUL TIPS

- 5 applications, 1 personal statement
- Must not be rushed; encouragement is welcome!
- Plagiarism...
- Relevance of content

- A couple of examples...



MANAGEMENT STUDIES

“Having been a Nottingham Forest supporter for the majority of my life, I have always wondered how such an illustrious club full of history has not played top-flight football for the best part of ten years and are now currently in the lower regions of the football league. It could well be the fact that past managers making poor decisions has resulted in Forest's failure, in an attempt to bring back the glory years under the leadership of the great Brian Clough. This is where my fascination for management began. Having studied Business Studies since GCSE level, my interest of the subject has been extended to A-level.

My love for sport, particularly football, is backed up by being selected for the 6th form 1st team at left back. I also play football outside school, having played for my local football team, Great Gonerby Youth Football club, from 2002 to 2006. I currently play for a team close to where my father lives, Southwell City under 18's. Playing for a football team has made me realise how important it is to be able to work in a team and to be able to communicate well with others. This also provides me a welcome break from my academic studies.”



HISTORY

“..out of the darkness loomed the silent majesty of the Forum. A bit cheesy I know but I wanted to convey the excitement I felt on visiting Rome. That first evening, I walked the Appian Way and there stood the Forum. It was real! For the last 5 years or so, I have had a fascination for the Roman Empire and especially for its military history. I have often pondered on how the political map of today has been set by the decisions military leaders took on the battlefield a thousand years ago.”

CRIMINOLOGY

“From watching and reading Sherlock Holmes, Cracker, CSI and Crime watch, my interest in criminology has developed. Criminology has always had a glamorous image but it is more than that it deals with criminals and supports the justice system. Criminology is all about crime and punishment. It is an exciting inter-disciplinary subject which draws on Sociology, Psychology and Law to help examine how crime is defined, why people commit crimes, and how society responds to crimes.”

IN SUMMARY

- Used at various points in the UCAS cycle
- Know when school deadlines are
- Work at personal statements over the summer

ANY QUESTIONS?

