



# College Applications - Aims

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To understand how to write a personal statement.

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## Circle activity

Think of a positive adjective to describe yourself.

The word must start with the same letter / sound as your name e.g. Curious Carla

Once you have said your name, nominate the next person.

Continue until you have all had a turn.

Your teacher will start.



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It's a college's  
first impression of  
you

A chance to sell  
yourself!

You need to make  
important decision about  
course choices

## Why is my college application important?

The college will  
make a first  
decision whether  
to interview you or  
offer a place

Good choices now  
mean that you may  
have more options later



# College Applications - examples

Have a look at the two application forms from local colleges.

- What kind of information do they ask for?
- Does anything worry you or surprise you?
- Do you have any questions?



# College Applications - personal statement

In your personal statement you will need to:

- Give a positive first impression of yourself
- Talk about your attributes
- Talk about extra curricular activities and leadership roles you are involved in both in and out of school
- Explain why you are interested in the course(s) you are applying for
- Explain your future goals and ambitions



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List possible courses and write brief words/phrases to say why they interest you. Also. what college/sixth form are you looking at?  
What attracts you to them?

## Future prospects?

E.g. university? What course? What job? Why?

## Hobbies and achievements

List them - in and out of school

## Areas of responsibility

List them - in and out of school. E.g form rep, sports rep, peer mentor etc

## Your best qualities

Make a list e.g. punctuality, attendance, proactive, independent, team player - why will that help you to be successful at college and a good member of the community?

## What makes you stand out?

Anything else that sets you apart from others?



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*I am really excited about studying..... Because.....*

*I am really interested in studying... because ..... Is fascinating to me.*

*I have thoroughly enjoyed studying... at GCSE and really want to continue this. A course in ... will help me to deepen my knowledge and....*

## Future prospects?

E.g. university? What course? What job? Why?

*In the future, I wish to continue my studies in ... at university. ... really interests me and I'd love to follow a career in this field. The courses I have applied for (list them) will help me to achieve this goal.*

*My passion us to one day become.... In order to achieve this long term goal it is vital that I complete....*

## Hobbies and achievements

List them - in and out of school

*I love to get involved in lots of different activities. My main hobbies and activities are.... They really help me with (e.g. confidence, discipline, focus, resilience, energy, risk-taking).*

*I've always enjoyed attending extra-curricular activities and have taken part in many clubs such as...*

*I study for (e.g. music, dance, gymnastic grade or other achievements) and have achieved my level ... in....*

## Areas of responsibility

List them - in and out of school. E.g form rep, sports rep, peer mentor etc

*I am a committed member of the school community and have enjoyed taking on responsibility roles. These include.... They have helped me by (e.g. improving my confidence in public speaking, debating, working as a team etc).*

## Your best qualities

Make a list e.g. punctuality, attendance, proactive, independent, team player - why will that help you to be successful at college and a good member of the community? You can also say something that you are trying to or have already improved.

*I have 100% / very high attendance and punctuality and enjoy school.*

*I am a proactive, hard working student and am an active member of the community.*

## What makes you stand out?

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***You can end by telling them that you are really looking forward to studying with them at (name the college).***

***Also say why - look for something in their prospectus that stands out to you.***



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