

Tips for completing your personal statement:

- Start off with a couple of short sentences about you – *eg. I am caring, hardworking and determined to achieve my best.*
- Write about anything you have been involved in at Rushey Mead – *eg. Charity fundraising/buddying/mentoring/school council/afterschool clubs/sports/Duke of Edinburgh*
What does this show about you? *eg. team player, caring, self-disciplined, organised etc.*
 - Include what your favourite subjects at school are and why.
 - Include any achievements, certificates etc. that you have received.
- Write about what you do outside school –
 - Are you a member of a club/organisation/cadets/sports team?
What does this show about you? *eg. teamwork, leadership, reliability, responsibility, commitment.*
 - Do you look after others - children, an elderly relative...?
What does this show about you? *eg. caring, trustworthy and helpful.*
 - What do you enjoy doing? *eg. socialising with friends/playing sports/cinema.*
- Finish off with a statement about any future career plans. How will studying the course(s) you have applied for help you reach your goal?

DON'T FORGET

- Your **personal statement** will be seen by **all** the colleges that you apply for.
- Your reason for choosing each course will only be seen by the **individual college you have applied to.**

EXAMPLE

About You - I am an honest, confident and ambitious student who enjoys learning and is resilient to challenges in and out of the classroom. My commitment to learning has been highlighted through my contributions in lessons and impeccable attendance.

At Rushey Mead - Involvement in extracurricular activities makes up an interesting and rewarding aspect of my school life. At my time at this school I have represented my school through the girls' netball and basketball teams through which I have gained valuable teamwork and communication skills and made new friends. I have also thoroughly enjoyed partaking in dance through which I have represented the school at the Curve and at a Leicester schools dance competition in 2017. Dance has helped me to develop my time management skills as I had to balance my school workload with rehearsals and showcases. I have completed Stage 4 of leadership and have aided year 7 and 8 students in improving their maths and reading through my roles as a maths ambassador and a reading buddy. I found this especially fulfilling as I could see the improvement in their skills. As a divisional captain I have also been able to help organise and take part in assemblies, build my confidence and will soon be organising fundraising events.

Outside Rushey Mead - I also enjoy being involved in my local community. From 2017 to 2018 I volunteered at Mellor primary school as an assistant at the netball club. As part of my role I helped younger students improve their sports technique as well as improving my own leadership skill. I was also a part of the RAF air cadets which I found extremely rewarding. I became first aid qualified and gained a level 1 BTEC qualification in teamwork and personal skills. I was also able to take part in many charitable events, my favourite being when I went to Glenfield hospital to give Christmas gifts to the patients in the children's ward who couldn't be at home for Christmas.

Final Statement - Currently, I am undecided on a career path however I believe by studying my chosen subjects at A level I will be able to learn more about subjects I am passionate about as well as keeping my options open so that in the future, when I have decided, I can complete further education in my chosen area.