

KEY HINTS

Try to get your application in as early as possible – but do be very sure on the course you are applying for. It must be the right course for you. Some Universities process applications as they receive them, so if by November they have sufficient Numbers, everyone after that could be rejected!

Speak to people and keep them informed of your decisions – principally your form tutors, the Sixth Form Team and your subject teachers (especially those directly related to the courses you are applying to and those involved in Careers)

To help with your career planning please make use of the links and information in the Careers section of the school website under Student Guidance and you can of course request a Careers interview with a Connexions Personal Adviser at any time.

Have a realistic range of Universities – in terms of their likely offers

Do check the University websites and course profiles – even if they are at Universities that you are not applying for – some have very useful information of what they are looking for and you could adapt this in your Personal Statement.

Make sure that two thirds of your Personal Statement is related to the course you are applying for – how this links with your current academic studies and any work related experience.

Your Personal Statement needs to show EVIDENCE of your interest, passion, commitment, skills acquired – e.g. particular things you have read, courses been to, duration of work shadowing.

If you have not already had some work related experience, then try to organise some yourself during the summer break – it is absolutely vital for certain courses already mentioned.

Likewise if you have not taken on any extra responsibilities be it inside or outside of school – now is the time to do something about it.

Make sure your Personal Statement is spell and grammar checked and that you get somebody (a parent etc) to read through it for you. Do not have too many I's. Try to have white space between the paragraphs.

Have an eye catching start and finish. The finish could be what you are hoping to get out of University and contribute to it and how you see it benefiting your long term career plans.

It is important that you get this application form right, and that you visit Universities but do get yourself organised so that you are also keeping up to date and performing well at your academic studies as these will determine whether you are successful or not.