

What/who has inspired HE choice?  
Where does the students motivation come from?

Highlight key points with relevant examples

May choose to use wider reading and/ or work experience to show commitment to subject area or further research into a profession

Make sure you refer to how all of your qualifications are supporting your transition into Higher Education, not just the one(s) with the most relevant subject content

Don't just list skills that you believe you have, make sure you can provide examples of how and when you have developed them

Work experience, part time employment and voluntary work can highlight additional skills that you may not be able to get from the classroom

Take advantage of local events and activities to broaden your understanding of your chosen subject/profession

I suppose my passion and enthusiasm for literature stems from a childhood love of reading. I would spend countless hours immersed in the adventures created by Roald Dahl, my favourite author. In particular the world of George's Marvellous Medicine, a book that even in today ranks highly on my list of favourite texts. As I grow older my curiosity to explore new writers and their work grows with me, following recommendations from both family and friends I have recently discovered a vast array of authors such as Leo Tolstoy, Emily Bronte and Harper Lee whose iconic works have commented on sensitive social issues such as the role of women within families, racism and mental health, highlighting not only their contentious nature in the past but also allowing me to draw parallels and comparisons with modern perspectives. The level of emotion provoked within me when reading such texts fuels my desire to want to pursue my studies within this field at degree level.

I am fortunate that my current A Level studies attribute to me a range of skills which I believe would benefit me greatly on an English Literature degree course. As part of a recent module looking at Abnormality in Psychology I was asked to work as part of a team to prepare arguments for a debate surrounding nature versus nurture. This activity allowed me to develop skills in team work, research and communication. A Level Maths really challenges my problem solving, working to solve complicated equations and apply formulae correctly. Finally, my A Level studies in English Literature have, through topics such as literature from World War I, encouraged me to engage in wider reading, developed my critical thinking through continual discussion and allowed me to enhance my written communication when structuring essays.

I am currently employed for three evenings per week in a local pharmacy. My duties there are varied but include stock checking, serving customers and advising on medication. This is a responsibility that I take very seriously and I make sure that I adapt my conversational style in order to communicate information clearly. During term time I have to be organised and manage my time effectively to ensure that I can balance my work commitments with homework and revision.

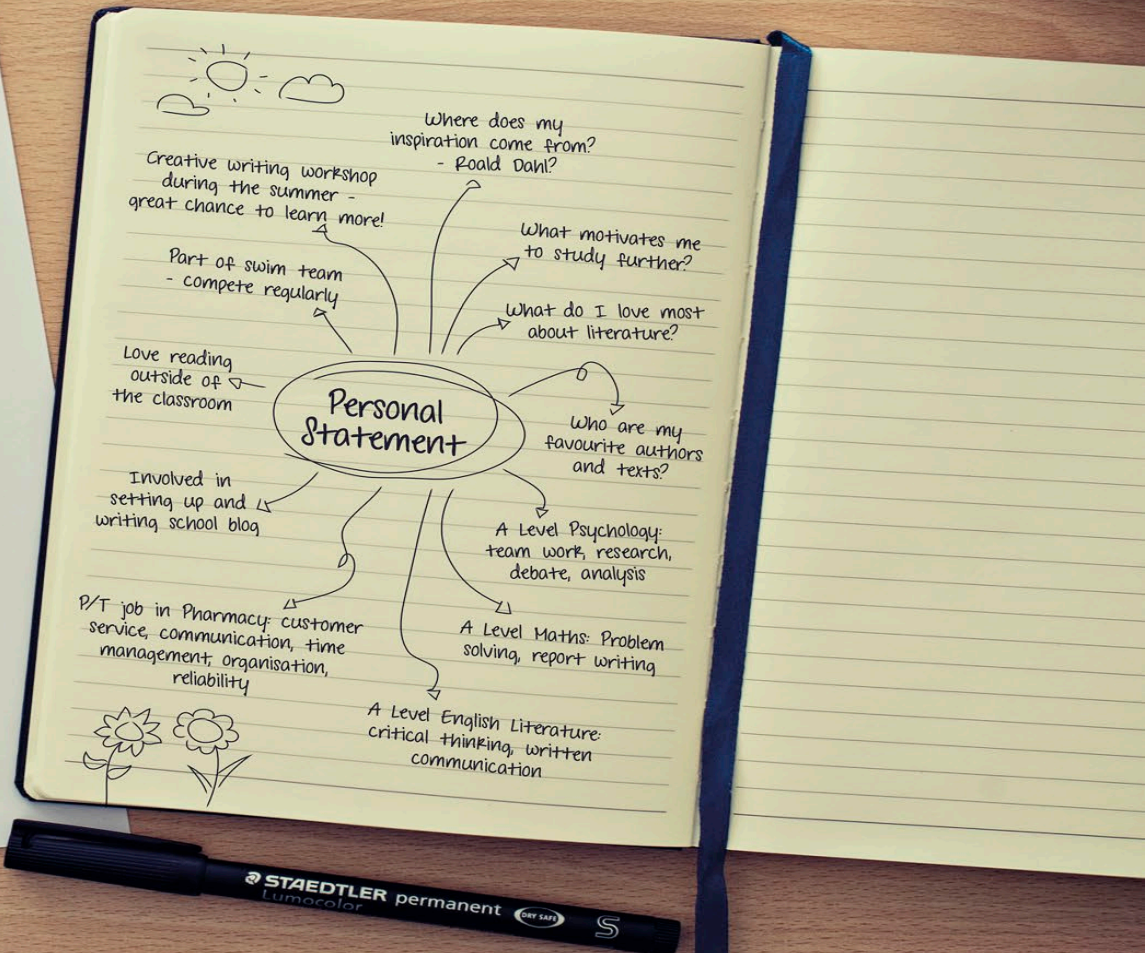
This summer I was fortunate to be able to take part in a Creative Writing workshop at my local university. This was a very inspiring experience, working alongside academic staff and receiving their feedback and critique of my work has fuelled my ambition to pursue a career in publishing - hopefully one day producing my own novel. I am keen to apply the techniques I learnt during this experience and therefore I have started to work alongside other sixth form students to create a school blog. It is really great being part of a team of writers and it is a project that is helping us to further develop our writing style.

At the weekends I swim competitively for a local team, often entering long distance, open water races. I find that the training and preparation required for this kind of competition to be physically demanding, but also a really good way to unwind and relax. During the next summer holidays I am hoping to travel with my team to Spain to compete in a European tournament.

I am incredibly excited to be embarking on the next stage of my educational career and to utilise and build upon further my existing skills and passion for English Literature.

- Must be written in size 12, Times New Roman font, you only have a maximum of 47 lines
- You can't write the perfect personal statement first time - be prepared to plan and redraft lots!
- Make sure there are no spelling and grammar mistakes
- You can't use any bold, italics, underline or colour
- Don't copy sentences from other personal statements
- Write your draft in Word and then copy and paste your final version onto your UCAS application

Your statement should be approximately:  
**30%** why that course/ profession  
**30%** how your current studies have given you skills to help support your through university  
**30%** work experience and voluntary work - drawing out additional skills  
**10%** extra curricular activities



Make sure you don't make any reference to your university choices