

Personal Statements – pro forma example

Personal Statement – Jane Doe

I am a Year 11 student at Sir Jonathan North studying 9 GCSEs in English Language, English Literature, Maths, Core Science, Additional Science, Art, History, Leisure and Tourism and ICT.

I particularly enjoy studying Art because I enjoy being creative and using my imagination. I have been told that I am particularly good at drawing and have had some of my work displayed at Open Evening. I also enjoy History because I like learning about how life was so different for people in the past and I am good at remembering names and dates.

I undertook 2 weeks work experience at EE Smith (Contracts) as a Wood Workshop Operative. I worked in a factory and assisted bench hands with the assembly of units and fittings by pasting, laying and lifting them. I also sanded down wood and cleaned and tidied the work area. This experience taught me that it takes a long time to become skilled in a job and that manual work is physically demanding. I was praised for having a good attitude to work and the experience raised my confidence in working with adults.

Apart from my studies, in school I have taken part in providing Christmas hampers for the elderly as part of an Age UK programme. This involved fund-raising by baking and selling cakes at break time and developed my cookery and sales skills. I take violin lessons in school and am working on my Grade 3. This has helped me to develop my violin playing and sight reading skills.

Outside of school, I go to a dance school once a week and we put on an annual show every year. I use my creativity to choreograph dances and develop my leadership skills by teaching them to other dancers. I also baby-sit for my neighbour regularly and enjoy the responsibility of this work.

When I leave Sir Jonathan North I want to study Art at college. This interests me because it is my favourite subject and I would love to study it further. It would be great to experiment with different forms, such as photography and film, as well as drawing and painting. I think that I am suitable for this course because I am predicted my highest grades in Art and would be really committed to my studies. After college, I would like to go on to follow a career in art, either as an art teacher or as a curator of art exhibitions.