**Personal Statement – Ideas Generator**

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| **Research ALL the courses you are applying for in detail on the university websites**  *What exactly is the entry requirement? Do they mention any specific skills they are looking for? Which topics specifically will your course look at? Which are optional/compulsory? How are they all assessed? What more can you find out?* |

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| **A strong opening sentence, making it clear why you have applied to study a particular course. (Hardest – often better to leave until last)**  *Is there a particular moment / topic that inspired you? Which? When? How?*  *What specific skills / insights does this subject / course give you?*  *(In a nutshell) Why do you ‘love’ it / want to spend three years of your life doing it?* |
| **What is it you enjoy / love about your chosen subject / course? Try to be specific:**  *Skills? Approach? Insight into life?* |
| **What topics you have studied in AS/A2 in your chosen subject:**  *Which of these have you been particular good at? What evidence do you have?*  *Which of these have you particularly enjoyed? Why (be as specific as you can)?*  *Which of these are most relevant to your course?* |
| **What additional work have you done related to your subject / course outside of the classroom – that your teacher did not ask you to do?**  *Additional books? Trips? Conferences? Museums / exhibitions / displays? Famous people?*  *TV programmes / documentaries / channels? Newspaper articles / magazines / internet web pages?* |
| **What experience have you had of independent study?**  *EPQ? Coursework / Personal Study / Experiment? Any other situation where YOU decided what you would study and not your teacher?* |
| **Are there any academic achievements you can mention?**  *Academic prizes / competitions? Top marks / full marks in any of your pieces of work?*  *Have you ever been put in a position where you need to teach other students?* |
| **What other subjects are you studying at school?**  *Which skills / topics in these subjects might be relevant to your chosen course?* |
| What additional enrichment activities do you do / have you done recently? |