

## **Lesson 7: Revising personal statements**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT EXCERPTS**

#### **History personal statement A**

History and politics have had a profound impact on my outlook. From childhood, the tangible history I found in castles, museums and family photographs appealed uniquely to my imagination. As I grew up my interest in the past introduced me to the political traditions and ideas of my community, and the study of politics became equally absorbing. Both subjects retain their fascination for me, the extent of their interrelation making them a perfect platform for a more complete understanding of our world and its future.

#### **History personal statement B**

In my spare time I enjoy visiting places of interest such as museums and exhibitions on various Historical periods. I have a keen interest in reading about both British and European history. Along with this I try to broaden my knowledge on the 19th century to get a copious overview of the political situation during this period. Additionally I use my spare time to look at new methods and practices for my sixth form such as fundraisers and other social events. I believe that my pastimes have helped to confirm my aspirations for the future.

#### **History personal statement C**

My A Level courses on post-WWI Germany, Britain in the early 1900s, modern Russia and the Korean and Vietnam Wars have truly encapsulated the history I wished to study. The after-effects of these periods are still visible in society today and the understanding I have gained during the course has allowed me to fully appreciate why society is shaped the way it is. Although this is applicable to all history, the wealth of contemporary sources at hand and relative modernity meant that I felt I had a clearer picture of the world in which they lived, and could associate with the values of those I studied.

## **Chemistry personal statement A**

I am currently studying A Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry, Physics and General Studies, and studied Music to AS Level. The workload for 6 AS Levels has been quite high, and my ability to cope with this busy schedule shows I am able to cope well under pressure. This was also reflected in my achievement of 99% in my AS Physics results, 98% in AS Chemistry, full marks in General Studies and over 90% in what was effectively a Maths A Level course. Currently I am particularly interested in Chemistry, as I enjoy discovering more about the individual characteristics of each element, for example the extremely reactive nature of the gases fluorine and chlorine and the versatile nature of carbon, in the compounds it can form and the allotropes it exists in.

## **Chemistry personal statement B**

I am reading "The Problems of Chemistry" by W. Graham Richards and "The Consumers Good Chemical Guide" by John Emsley both of which have stimulated my interest in practical applications of Chemistry. Another book "Chemistry: Facts, Patterns and Principles" by W.R. Kneen adds to my general knowledge of Chemistry. I have also joined the Royal Society of Chemistry. My studies in Maths and Physics both provide me with subject matter, problem solving and calculating skills that support my primary interest in Chemistry.

## **Chemistry personal statement C**

I'd like to think that I'm dedicated, hard-working and capable while also staying friendly and fun. Being a Prefect for the school, as well as assisting in Chemistry classes lower down the school, is giving me an opportunity to be responsible for others as well as myself. I am a member of both the Charity and Treasury Committees, and these are also giving me a good understanding of team dynamics and how to work well with others, expanding on my experience with teams within the school. As captain of the Top of the Bench Chemistry team I was privileged to attend the regional final of the competition, in which our school team took second place. I have also been an active member of the Debating Club for five years now, and this year will compete in both the ESU Mace and Donald Dewar competitions. Although this year is proving to be an extremely busy one, I have been sure to make time for my friends also, because the important people in my life are the most valuable things I have.