



How to write a personal statement

What is a personal statement?

A personal statement is a chance to get noticed for the unique talents and experiences you have. It's an important part of the application process as it's an opportunity to talk about yourself and your passions, outside of your grades. You have 500 words.

Why are you applying for this programme? (approx. 150 words)

Introduce yourself and why you are applying for this programme. Why you? What are you like?

What are your career aspirations? Think about the role of an engineer and the skills you would like to develop.

Think about the opportunities working with Nissan will bring. Think about how you will develop personally by working with different providers (St Aidan's or St Anthony's, Sunderland College, Nissan). You can use the power point from assembly to help you with this.

Why Engineering? (approx. 100 words)

What interests you about Engineering? You can find out more about Advanced Manufacturing [here](#). Remember, in your personal statement you are not giving the reader information about engineering you are expressing the parts of engineering/advanced manufacturing that you find interesting, skills you would like to develop and the impact engineering/advanced manufacturing can have.

Think about how your favourite subjects and how think to Engineering, such as Maths, Science and DT.

Activities and hobbies (approx. 150 words)

Say what experience and skills you have that are relevant to the programme. Think about the essential skills that employers need.

Choose 1 or 2 examples of enrichment activities, hobbies and interests and/or achievements and link them to the essential skills you have developed.

Essential Skills



What next? (approx. 100 words)

Where will your career journey take you? How will this programme help you get there? Are you thinking about a career in advanced manufacturing/engineering? Do you want to move on to A-levels/T-levels/Apprenticeships after school? Do you want to go to University or apply for a Degree apprenticeship? If you are not sure yet, that's ok, you can also say that this programme will open doors for you when you are making decision about your post 16 and post 18 destinations.