

Improving a Personal Statement

TASK 2: Imagine you are an Admissions Tutor. Analyse each paragraph by identifying its strengths and considering how it could be improved.

PARAGRAPH 1

I enjoy History lessons so I have decided to study the subject at degree level. At university, I look forward to examining the subject in more depth, particularly the British medieval period. I also enjoy French history, and trips to France have broadened my historical awareness.

Strengths:

Improved by:

PARAGRAPH 2

As a school prefect I hold many responsibilities: organising and attending school functions, delivering speeches at some of these events, being an active member of the school council, and working effectively with other students.

Strengths:

Improved by:

PARAGRAPH 3

I am a keen sports player and I am a member of the school hockey team, netball team, athletics squad, girls football team, chess team, tennis squad, cross country running team, and volleyball team, earning me the school's 'Sports Personality of the Year' award. I have taught information technology skills to younger students and helped one student to overcome his language difficulties. I have also written, directed and performed a number of short plays in school.

Strengths:

Improved by:

PARAGRAPH 4

I have always enjoyed reading novels and recently I have explored some foreign literature. I also play music. I appeared in a school concert with the keyboard orchestra when I was in year nine.

Strengths:

Improved by:

PARAGRAPH 5

Currently, I am involved in the European Youth Parliament Competition in which I will be representing my school at a residential debating conference. The winner will represent the United Kingdom at a future event.

Strengths:**Improved by:**