

Improving a Personal Statement

TASK 4: Consider whether you would add another paragraph or add more to the paragraphs already there. If a new paragraph what would you focus on and if adding to paragraphs already there which ones could you focus on and what skills need reinforcing?

I enjoy History lessons so I have decided to study the subject at degree level. In particular, for my coursework I researched the life of King Alfred focusing on his early attempts to create a sense of the 'English' by translating texts from Latin and encouraging people to read English. 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 when I visited the site of the Somme: an emotional experience when one considers the number of people who died there during WW1.

As a school prefect I hold many responsibilities which include organising and attending school functions and delivering speeches at some of these events. I had to prepare and deliver a speech to over 300 parents and students about sixth form opportunities at an Open Evening.

As a keen sports player, I am a member of numerous school teams including the hockey, netball, and the girls football team. I was honoured to receive the school's 'Sports Personality of the Year' award which is given to one person every year who has worked well in a team and has been committed to playing fairly. Finding some time to teach information technology skills to younger students was rewarding, along with an opportunity to write, direct and perform a number of short plays: one of which was based on the rise of Nazi Germany.

Authors such as Stephen King and traditional writers such as Emily Bronte I find enjoyable. I have just finished reading 'Wuthering Heights'. I am also trying to read Les Misérables by Victor Hugo this is a challenge, as I am reading the French version. Reading is a passion and one book I enjoyed was Achebe's 'Things Fall Apart' which explores reactions to British colonisation in Africa.

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. This venture is enhancing my general knowledge, particularly with respect to genetic engineering and drug legislation which I researched using the internet and some medical journals at a local university. Conducting research I find enjoyable and I look forward to exercising this skill at university.

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