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# WELCOME

## Y13 Information Evening

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 6-7pm

Please make sure you have  
your camera & mike turned  
off.

Mr Taylor, Director of Sixth Form

Mrs Victoria English, Head of Year 13

We will start shortly

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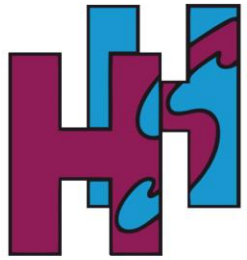
# Welcome Back!!

Aims of tonight:

1. To set clear expectations of what Y13 will require
2. To update Parents/Carers on Post-18 Options
3. To highlight any upcoming events and/or field questions

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## Key Activities this year

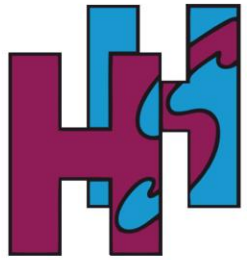
### Assessments:

Progress Review timings (Nov, Feb, May)

- Pre-Public Examinations (PPE – Jan Y13)
- Parents' Evenings (Dec & March)
- Public Examination sessions (TBC- usually June)

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## Post 18 Options:



Higher  
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## The personal statement: THE BASICS

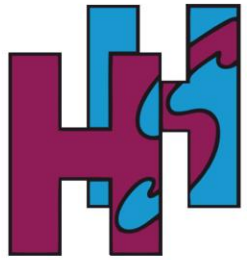
The personal statement should:

- be 4000 characters or 47 lines of text (including spaces), whichever comes first
- show the applicant's character, knowledge, experience and ambition

You **MUST** ensure that you answer the following questions within your statement:

- Why are you applying for this course/apprenticeship/employment sector?
- What do you know about the subject and what aspects particularly interest you?
- What personal skills, qualities and experiences will help you in this subject/role and how did you acquire these?

**EVERYONE MUST WRITE A PERSONAL STATEMENT.**



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## You need to make your personal statement competitive!

You could include:

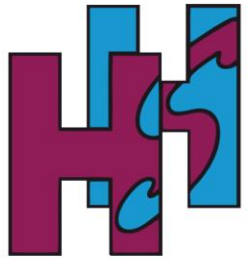
- details of wider reading with accompanying critical reflection
- extra reading – quality vs. quantity
- details of work experience for competitive vocational courses with critical reflection
- extra-curricular vs. super-curricular activities
- don't summarise the whole subject – it's ok to focus on something niche.

**'Show, don't tell'**

*For example:*

*'I am good at communicating with people' would be better as 'My interpersonal skills have been developed by working part time in a busy city centre store. I have, occasionally, had to deal with angry and dissatisfied customers and I have been able to defuse situations successfully and to resolve their problems'*

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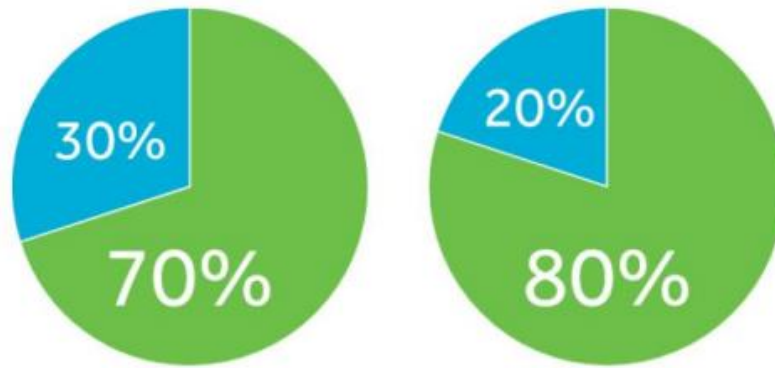


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## The structure:

- Between 70% and 80% of the statement should focus on academic and course-related information
- The remaining 20% - 30% could include relevant information on the applicant's extracurricular activities



1) Introduction

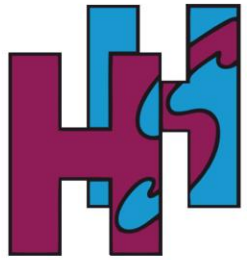
2) Interest in subject

3) Wider skills

4) Concluding statement

70-80%

20-30%

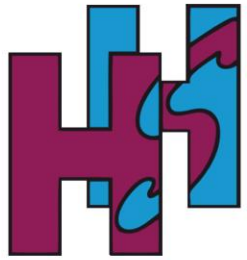


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## What should you not include in your personal statement?

- The name of a specific university (unless you are referring to outreach activities/summer schools). This is not the case if you are using your statement to apply for an apprenticeship – you would definitely want to say the company name at this point.
- Over-exaggeration
- Repetition and waffling
- List of skills and work experience
- A definition of the subject
- Jokes
- Generalisations and clichés
- Don't start every sentence with 'I'
- Passive comments



# How do I write a personal statement?

There is lots of advice available about how to write an excellent personal statement:

- <https://youtu.be/gLokG6bhPCw> - University of Birmingham
- [Writing a Personal Statement – YouTube](#) – University of Bristol
- [Personal Statements - Top Tips – YouTube](#) – Durham University
- <https://youtu.be/3nqjek7GkO4> - University of Southampton
- [https://youtu.be/oDtz3z-w\\_3M](https://youtu.be/oDtz3z-w_3M) - University of Winchester



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**Key deadlines:**

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2021** - **Oxbridge/Early Entry Applicants** must have completed their applications, including their Personal Statement.

**26<sup>th</sup> November 2021** – **All other university students** must have completed their applications, including their Personal Statement.

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2022** – **Apprenticeship/Employment/Gap Year students** must have completed their applications, including their Personal Statement.

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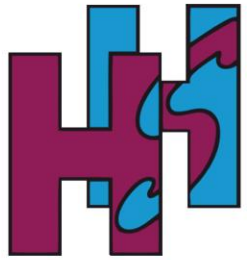
What makes a successful Y13 student & getting the most out of the 'year'

## Key Ingredients of 'success':

- Transition from Y12 to Y13
- Responsibility for OWN learning
- Independent Learning
- Academic Resilience
- Knowing when to ask.....
- And of course...working hard!!

- Getting involved – Student Leadership
- Supporting charities
- Sport
- Being focused...

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# How can you support your son/daughter in Y13?

- Guidance & Support (Key times)
- Work (academic & paid)
- Social life.....
- Life beyond Hellesdon

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# **Thank you for attending.**

Please get in touch if you have any further  
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