

DOs and DON'Ts

for personal statements

DOs

- **Do** show that you know your strengths and can outline your ideas clearly.
- **Do** be enthusiastic – if you show you're interested in the course, it may help you get a place.
- **Do** expect to produce several drafts of your personal statement before being totally happy with it.
- **Do** ask people you trust for their feedback.

DON'Ts

- **Don't** exaggerate – if you do you may get caught out in an interview when asked to elaborate on an interesting achievement.
- **Don't** rely on a spellchecker as it will not pick up everything – proofread as many times as possible.
- **Don't** leave it to the last minute – your statement will seem rushed and important information could be left out.
- **Don't** let spelling and grammatical errors spoil your statement.

REMEMBER you can write up to **4,000** characters of text to show why you'd make a great student.

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