DOS AND DON'TS FOR
PERSONAL STATEMENTS

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- Do show 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.

PERSONAL STATEMENT DON'TS

- Don't exaggerate – 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 your statement 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 or grammatical errors spoil your statement.

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