

## PART 1 (30% total statement)

Why that subject/degree/field? (A topic you've studied? An experience?)

This paragraph is your way to introduce yourself and show that you are passionate and enthusiastic about what you want to do and doing it in HE. Make sure the information in this paragraph is relevant and engaging. Try to avoid clichés like "I have always dreamt/wanted/...to be a...".

## PART 2 (60% total statement)

### TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- Skills, where you get them from/use them
- Outline of the field in which you hope to work (doesn't have to be precise)
- Relevant knowledge and skills gained through your current studies
- Work experiences/voluntary work/hobbies and the skill learnt through them
- How are these skills relevant to your chosen degree?

Look for the **key word** universities put on their websites when describing the type of student, they want. Use them.

Using examples of a topic that you have learned through your time in 6<sup>th</sup> Form or even showing how two (apparently) unconnected subjects can be linked shows that you have an understanding of the topics you wish to study and that you are willing to read around a topic or subject. **Always explain and give evidence of the qualities and skills you claim to have.**

This is the most important part of your personal statement as you are showing that you are capable of doing that course and that you can bring a lot to the university. Be sensible. At this stage they already know which subjects you are studying and, therefore, naming them would be a waste of characters that you can't afford unless completely necessary. Take the next example and decide on which one looks better and uses the number of character more wisely:

1. *In my Welsh Baccalaureate Diploma, I have undertaken an extended research project which has allowed me to learn how to fully research a topic of my interest, the capacity to meet deadlines...*
2. *Undertaking an extended research project has allowed me to learn how to fully research a topic of my interest, the capacity to meet deadlines...*

## PART 3 (10% total statement)

Write a strong closing statement that reflects that you are ready for university and looking forward to going. Try to leave the reader with a good aftertaste that will make them want to have you. Show interest and passion, as well as eagerness to start this new