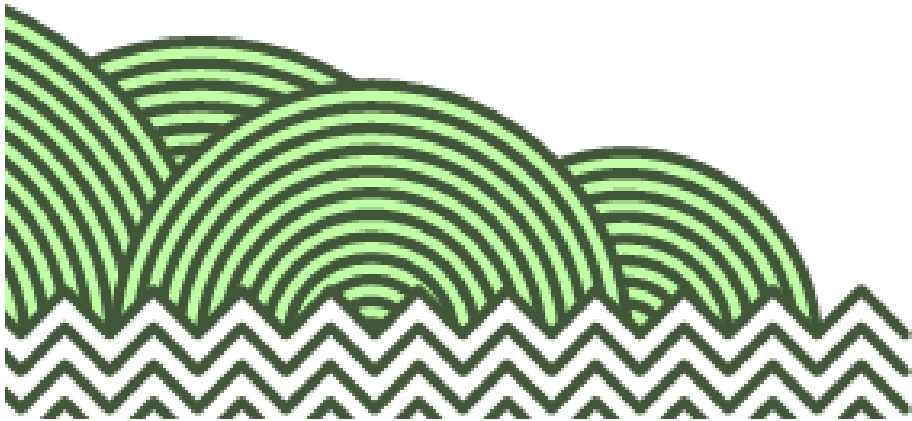


A2 UCAS Personal Statements Outside College & Question 3



Week 4

UCAS Recap

You should have completed a draft of Question 2 and returned the assignment – well done!

This session we are going to focus on Question 3 and think about what we used last week regarding skills and the ABC method

Action, Benefit, Course

Question 3

- Question 3: What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?
- A great question and gives you a chance to really highlight all the life skills that you have gained and what you do outside college.
- What might we include?

Transferable life Skills

- This is your chance to talk about any other activities you have undertaken outside education or personal experiences which further demonstrate your suitability for the course. **This section is likely to be highly personal to you and anything you do include should reflect on why you're including it.**
- **Work experience, employment, or volunteering**
In-person work experience or virtual work experience through Springpod, volunteering - reflect on your experiences and skills gained relevant to your chosen course.
- **Personal life experiences or responsibilities**
Is there a situation you've personally overcome that has influenced your decision? Are there responsibilities such as caring for a family member that has helped you develop essential qualities for the course like resilience and empathy?
- **Hobbies and any extracurricular or outreach activities**
Think sports, reading, community work, summer schools – any activities outside of your studies that help further showcase why you'd make a great student.
- **Achievements outside of school or college**
This could be a position of responsibility such as captain for your local club, a musical achievement, competition you won, or a qualification you've attained outside of the classroom.

How to evidence

- Remember the key is
- **Action, Benefit, Course**
- **I look after my siblings as both my parents work full-time. I have developed skills of patience and reliability as I needed to be organised to keep up with college. These skills will help me as I become a more independent learner at university level.**

Action, Benefit, Course

- I have been involved in coaching football since age 15. I have developed my leadership abilities and improved my communication skills. This will help me as I cope with learning at university level.
- I work part-time in a café and have developed my communication skills taking customer orders in a busy environment. I have needed to be organised with effective time management to keep up with my college studies. This will help me as I embark on learning at university level.
- I have been involved in a local dance group since age 13. I have encouraged younger members and helped to teach them new routines. This has helped develop my communication and leadership skills, and empathy and patience when some struggled with new routines. This will help me as I embark on new learning with fellow students at a university level.

Activity Question 3

- You will now complete a sheet that will help you get some of your ideas down for Question 3. Use people on your table for ideas.
- You will use this as to complete an Assignment before next week so try and keep it fairly neat so you can read it later.
- Again make notes and we will put a skills cloud up that will help.

time-management entrepreneurial
initiative commitment under-pressure
computer-literacy resilience
communication
compassion
deadlines leadership enthusiasm
reliable teamwork diplomacy
determination passion organisation
managing-time managing-workload
public-speaker trustworthy
confidence

Top tips

- Cared for people at home
- Ever trained people at work? Been responsible for workplace security? Safeguarding?
- Keen to gain qualifications?
- DofE
- Portfolio courses
- Led a team?

Assignment Week 4

- You have some ideas on your Activity sheet.
- Complete the **Question 3 assignment set by your tutor** as best you can. We can fine tune it later on - it will probably be a better answer than you might think.
- **Check out the subject guides for transferable skills linked to uni courses?** Why not use these as a basis for answering the question.
- **Next week we will be looking at our references ready to check and looking to finalise our Personal Statement Questions**