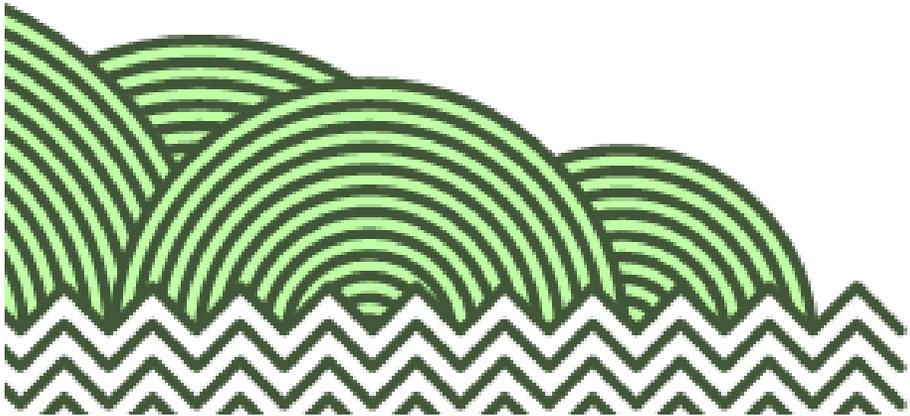


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Week 4

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
compassion communication
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**