

KEEP GOING YEAR 12!

**UTILISE THIS TIME FOR THINKING
ABOUT YOUR FUTURE.**

**NOTHING NEEDS TO BE DEFINITE
NOW BUT WE NEED YOU TO BE
ENGAGING WITH THIS!**

3. Developing our research on potential careers and drafting personal

- ✓ Use session 1 & 2 to continue your reading about course choices and career prospects. Use the links to various websites
- ✓ Log in to Unifrog – most of this session requires you spending time on this platform
- ✓ Contact your tutor, HoY or HoS if you need any help



Reminder!

- **Well done** to the vast majority of you completing work! There are however a small number of you who need to put in effort in the coming days and weeks
- Contact your teachers with any issues you may be having regarding to work. Additionally email your tutor and myself if you need support.
- **Managing your mental health** should be part of your daily routine – **SEE THE SLIDES ON KINDNESS FOR THIS WEEK**
- It is also mental health awareness week – there are number of resources on unifrog too

Using unifrog



UK universities

Watch, favourite or read more...

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- Under the heading UK universities you will see a range of materials worth your consideration. Focus especially on **preparing to apply, applications and personal statements**
- If you wish to apply for a course that requires an entrance test or Cambridge or Oxford see the **test section** for practical guidance. Over the next few weeks you should start looking at past papers of this.

Personal statements



- Unifrog has examples of personal statements for lots of different courses, including joint degree courses.
- **Analyse a couple of examples that show good subject interest, experience and skill**
- It is really important that the words are your own, any suspicion of copying someone else's personal statement will likely result in your application being withdrawn altogether

A reminder - personal statements need subject interest.

Examples of research that connects to your course that is outside of your studies is vital. This can include books, podcasts and future learn courses

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>

University support from students and online content worth checking out:

<https://le.ac.uk/study/undergraduates/taster-days>

The more specific the example the better!



An example of research you can do (not intended to be written as a line for a personal statement!)

I recently came across this podcast series called witness history, which has 10 minute episodes.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3csyx58>

This one on the Romanian Revolution peaked my interest. It led me to consider:

- Why was the example of Romania so different from the other Soviet countries at the time?
- Why is the city of Timisoara viewed as the outbreak of the revolution?
- What does the nature of Ceausescu's downfall reveal about the relationship between the government and governed?
- To what extent was this revolution led by masses or another elite?

My point here is not that you all should learn about the revolution but what your research should be prompting in your thinking. If it is like the example here then it will be useful in your personal statement.

A very simple guide may look like

Personal statement

- 47 lines or 4,000 characters saying **WHY** you are interested in studying this course

About the degree and why
you have chosen it

- Interest
- Experiences
- Subjects

Use transferrable
skills to your course
eg. Independent
learning, patience,
resilience, analytical

Extra Curricular

For tips

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applyin-g-university/writing-personal-statement>