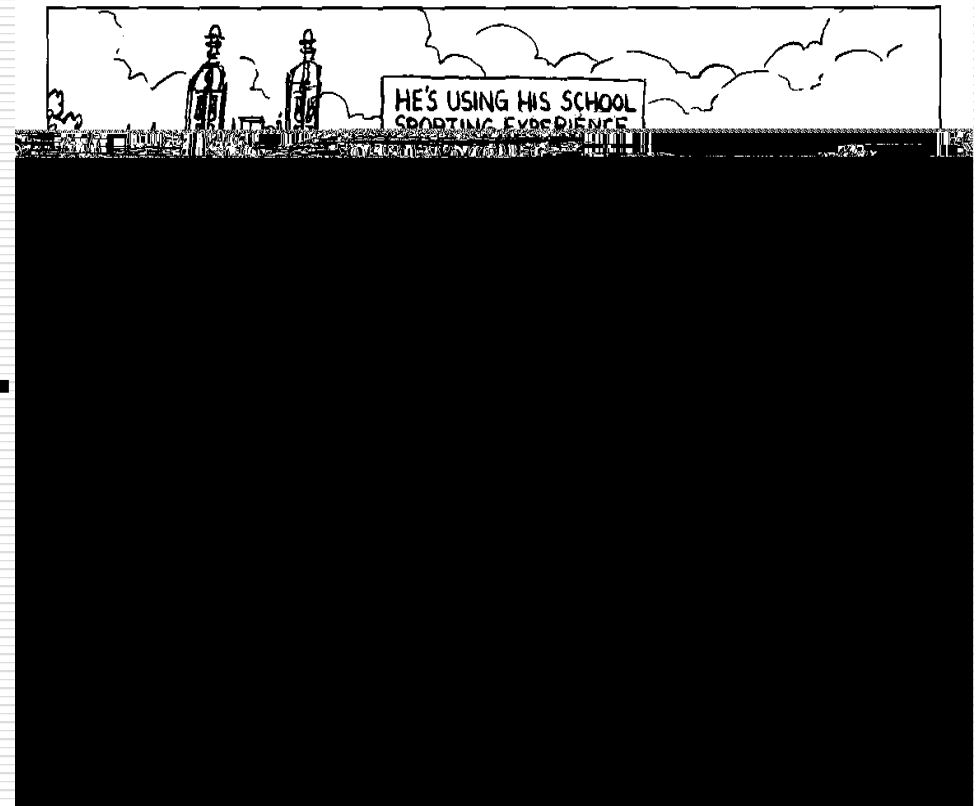

THE UCAS PERSONAL STATEMENT



WHAT IS EXPECTED?

Reasons for choosing course

Background of your interest in the course

Employment, work experience, work shadowing

Key skills

Achievements

Career aspirations if known

Hobbies and interests

Non-examined subjects, or courses you may be studying

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

At least

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE ABOUT THE HE COURSE ITSELF?

Give at least four reasons for choosing your subject. Look at common elements in course syllabuses carefully

How have your current academic courses led you to this choice?

Try to show ways in which your interests or experiences have helped you to come to this decision

COMMON MISTAKES

Poor structure
without clear
paragraphs for
each sub-topic

Poor grammar and
spelling

Waffling

Not enough written
on reasons for
studying course

Too much written
about hobbies and
outside interests
which have no
bearing on course
being studied

ADMISSIONS TUTORS' ADVICE

Use the Personal statement as a selling opportunity

Do not forget to make a convincing case for your reasons for choosing the course

Make it professional – no mistakes, slang terms

Any areas commented on should relate to relevant skills and/or academic issues not trivia

Make sure you have done the things you claim. You may be questioned on them

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Comments on previous slide

Lots of sentences beginning with 'I'

Reads like a list, instead of a persuasive argument that sells the applicant

Does not make the experiences relevant to the skills useful on the degree programme

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In brief

Write as much as you can about your choice of course

Write about you –
hobbies,
achievements,
interests

Don't copy! Be unique!

