**Personal Statement (Questions to guide you)**

**Your personal statement is all about you. It is your way of introducing yourself to the college.**

**Complete your personal statement on a Word document to enable you to check grammar and spell check it before copying and pasting it into your profile on PS16.**

**You only need to complete 3 or 4 short paragraphs.**

**Make it all positive – there is no need for you to talk about anything negative – the college wants to hear all about the good stuff!**

**If you are still not sure about completing your personal statement, get something on to a Word document and drop in to B145 at lunchtime where we can support you and guide you.**

* **About you**

A couple of short sentences to introduce yourself**.** How would your friends describe you? What are your best skills & qualities.

* **At Rushey Mead**

You are more than your lessons. What extra-curricular activities do you take part in; after school clubs, Open Hands, helping at after school events, mentoring younger students, being a starter buddy, Maths Ambassador, sports teams, harvest festival, participating in school productions, interform competitions etc. Achievements at Rushey Mead; graduation, Badges & certificates in recognition of your hard work in lessons, DofE.

* **Outside Rushey Mead**

Are you a member of a sports team or do you play sports for fun? Drawing, painting, reading, watching movies (what sort of movies), cinema, bowling, swimming, martial arts, helping at mosque or temple, helping others less fortunate than yourself, charity fundraising, online gaming, social media, family time, looking after younger siblings, helping to care for relatives, being a member of sea, air, army, police, or St john’s ambulance cadets.

* **Careers Goals (if you have any – Don’t worry if you don’t yet)**

I have chosen this course/these courses as I believe they will help me in my aim to have a career in Engineering/Health/Childcare/Medicine/Performing Arts/Business/Law etc. If you have a career in mind that you are excited about – write about it!

* **Final Statement**

Finish off with a short statement such as; I would really like to come and study at your college and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon. (Don’t give the name of the college if you are applying to more than 1!)

**Now, it is your turn. Turn over for a blank template for you to write on.**

* **About you**
* **At Rushey Mead**
* **Outside Rushey Mead**
* **Careers Goals (if you have any – Don’t worry if you don’t yet)**
* **Final Statement**

Here are some examples below of how your finished personal statement might look:

*Example 2*

**(About you)**  I am caring, hardworking and determined to achieve my best. I would like to study A-Level Maths and Computer Science at college as I feel these subjects would be beneficial to me in my goal to have a career in games development. I am predicted to do exceptionally well in my GCSE in Maths and I particularly enjoy the problem solving, analytical nature of the subject. I have a keen interest in coding and programming and I am looking to enhance my knowledge in this area.

**(At Rushey Mead)** At Rushey Mead Academy I have taken part in a number of after school activities including playing sports, participating in charity events and offering backstage support for school theatrical performances. I often help out with school performances enjoying the technical side behind the scenes rather than the performance aspect. I help with the lighting and other backstage technical activities. I also often participate in charity fundraising events within school as well as after school sports activities. This additional involvement shows that I am responsible, reliable and organised and play a big part of the wider school activities. I attend study club for most of my subjects proving that I have a mature, committed attitude to learning and that I am striving to get better results to enable me to achieve my goal.

**(Outside Rushey Mead)**  As a hobby, outside of school I enjoy taking part in competitive sports as it is a great source of exercise, keeps me fit and healthy and enhances my communication and leadership skills and sportsmanship.

**(Final Statement)** I am looking forward to the next step after Rushey Mead and being able to get a step closer to my career choice.

*Example 1*

**(About you)**  I am an honest, confident and ambitious student who enjoys learning and is resilient to challenges in and out of the classroom. My commitment to learning has been highlighted through my contributions in lessons and impeccable attendance.

**(At Rushey Mead)** Involvement in extracurricular activities makes up an interesting and rewarding aspect of my school life. At my time at this school I have represented my school through the girls’ netball and basketball teams through which I have gained valuable teamwork and communication skills and made new friends. I have also thoroughly enjoyed partaking in dance through which I have represented the school at the Curve and at a Leicester schools dance competition in 2017. Dance has helped me to develop my time management skills as I had to balance my school workload with rehearsals and showcases. I have completed Stage 4 of leadership and have aided year 7 and 8 students in improving their maths and reading through my roles as a maths ambassador and a reading buddy. I found this especially fulfilling as I could see the improvement in their skills. As a divisional captain I have also been able to help organise and take part in assemblies, build my confidence and will soon be organising fundraising events.

**(Outside Rushey Mead)**  I also enjoy being involved in my local community. From 2017 to 2018 I volunteered at Mellor Primary School as an assistant at the netball club. As part of my role I helped younger students improve their sports technique as well as improving my own leadership skill. I was also a part of the RAF air cadets which I found extremely rewarding. I became first aid qualified and gained a level 1 BTEC qualification in teamwork and personal skills. I was also able to take part in many charitable events, my favourite being when I went to Glenfield hospital to give Christmas gifts to the patients in the children’s ward who couldn’t be at home for Christmas.

**(Final Statement)** Currently, I am undecided on a career path however I believe by studying my chosen subjects at your college I will be able to learn more about subjects I am passionate about as well as keeping my options open for the future.

*Example 3*

**(About you)**  I am a mature, polite and hardworking student. I am currently studying Business and Photography as my options alongside the core subjects. I have a keen interest photography and one day hope to have my own business as a fashion photographer. I had a passion for photography before my studies but this has grown as the course has gone on and this passion has developed into a desire to study it further. I find magazine covers and fashion photographs fascinating and I would love to travel the world and create pictures that could one day inspire someone, the way I have been inspired.

**(At Rushey Mead)** During my time at Rushey Mead I had the opportunity to become a starter buddy and also I went to summer school to help out with the year 7's. These opportunities were great for me because they allowed me to develop my confidence and leadership skills. I also had to be organised to ensure that the new starters could quickly adapt to Rushey Mead. I have taken part in the Mela Heritage project, this involved interviewing people that took part in the project and create a film about the experience. This again was a really interesting experience for me as I developed my media skills further. I have contributed to my school in many ways. In Year 7 my friends and I took part in a bake sale to raise money for charity, this is very important to me because I strongly believe in helping those less fortunate than myself. This passion has meant that I have lead my form on charity causes several times including constructing and organizing the harvest box sent out every year, this was one of the defining factors that lead my form tutor to award me the form girl award.

**(Outside Rushey Mead)**  Outside of school, I volunteer at a club which is held on Saturdays in my primary school and I have been going to that club since I was in year 4 which shows I'm very committed. Every Monday and Tuesday I go to Gujarati as an extra modern foreign language, this helps me to learn more about my mother tongue and my culture which again is very important to me. Currently I’m in my third year and I am looking forward to do my GCSE in the future.

**(Final Statement)** Last but not least my good punctuality and attendance over my whole school career shows that I am a hardworking and reliable individual who is interested in my studies and is determined to be successful in life. I would really like the opportunity to come and study at your college and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.