Name.....

Tutor Group.....

# Positive Steps @16

# **Personal Statement**

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What kind of person are you? Tell the college how brilliant you are and why.

What have you done in school? Student receptionist, Commando Joe's, Boost sessions, Supporting Progression, Gold Standard Behaviour.....

Work experience – what did you do? Where was your placement? What did you learn?

What do you do outside of school? Hobbies, interests, sports clubs, family commitments.....

What are your plans for the future? Subjects you wish to study, careers that interest you......Why?

# The **"5 MINUTE PERSONALITY TEST"**

In each line, put the number "4" next to the word that best describes you in that line; a "3" next to the word that describes you next best; a "2" to the next best word, and a "1" by the word that least describes you. On each horizontal line of words, you will then have one "4", one "3", one "2", and one "1".

For example: One choice for the first line of words would be as follows:

3 Likes Authorit	y 4 Enthusiastic	2 Sensitive Feelings 1	Likes Instructions
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1 Likes Authority	Enthusiastic	Sensitive Feelings	Likes Instructions
2 Takes Charge	Takes Risks	Loyal	Accurate
3 Determined	Visionary	Calm, Even Keel	Consistent
4 Enterprising	Very Verbal	Enjoys Routine	Predictable
5 Competitive	Promoter	Dislikes Change	Practical
6 Problem Solver	Enjoys Popularity	Gives In To Others	Factual
7 Productive	Fun-Loving	Avoids Conflict	Conscientious
8 Bold	Likes Variety	Sympathetic	Perfectionist
9 Decision Maker	Spontaneous	Nurturing	Detail-Oriented
10 Persistent	Inspirational	Peacemaker	Logical
TOTAL "L"	TOTAL "O"	TOTAL "G"	TOTAL "B"

Total up the numbers for each vertical column (L, O, G, B).

# L = Lions Lions are leaders.



O = Otters

who love to talk!

Otters are excitable, fun

seeking, cheerleader types

## Natural Strengths

- DecisiveGoal-oriented
- Achievement driven
- Gets results
- Independent
- Risk-taker
- Takes charge
- Takes initiative
- Self-starter
- Persistent
- Efficient
- Competitive
- Enjoys challenges, variety and change
- Driven to complete projects quickly and effectively.

# Natural Strengths Natural

- Enthusiastic
- Optimistic
- Good Communicator
- Emotional and Passionate
- Motivational and Inspirational
- Outgoing
- Personal
- Dramatic
- Fun-loving

#### Natural Weaknesses

- Impatient
- BluntPoor listener
- Poor listener
  Impulsive
- Demanding
- May view projects more important than people
- Can be insensitive to the feelings of others
- May "run over" others who are slower to act or speak
- Fears inactivity, relaxation
- Quickly bored by routine or mechanics
  - Weaknesses
  - Unrealistic
  - Not detail-oriented
  - Disorganized
  - Impulsive
  - Listens to feelings above logic
  - Reactive
  - Can be too talkative
  - Excitable

## G = Golden Retrievers One word describes these people: LOYAL



#### B = Beavers

Beavers have a strong need to do things right and by the book.



# **Natural Strengths**

- Patient
- Easy-going
- Team player
- Stable
- Empathetic
- Sensitive to feelings of others
- Puts people above projects
- Dependable
- Reliable
- Tremendously loyal
- Agreeable
- Supportive

# Natural Strengths

- Accurate
- Analytical
- Detail-oriented
- Thoroughness
- Industrious
- Orderly
- Methodical and exhaustive
- High standards
- Intuitive
- Controlled

# IndecisiveOver-accommodating

Natural Weaknesses

- May sacrifice results for the sake of harmony
- Slow to initiate
- Fears change
- Avoids confrontation even when needed
- Tends to hold grudges and remember hurts

# **Natural Weaknesses**

- Too hard on self
- Too critical of others
- Perfectionist
- Overly cautious
- · Won't make decisions without "all" the facts
- Too picky
- Overly sensitive

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# <u>SKILLS</u>

Look at the following "buzz words" of key skills which people often use on CV's. Write down the key skills you have used in responsible situations such as at school, work experience, volunteering, home life or playing sport.

Problem Solving	Communication Skills	Organisation
Team Working	Customer care	Telephone skills
Caring skills	Ability to learn quickly	IT skills
Ability to remain calm	Using on own initiative	Time Management
Willing to learn/train	Physically fit	Handling money
Listening skills	Following instructions	High standard of literacy

# Evidencing your Skills

It is important to be able to "prove" that you understand and can provide examples of the skills and attributes that you claim to have.

In the table below make a list of the personal qualities and skills you possess and then write down when you have used this skill or been that kind of person.

Skill/personal quality:	Evidence:



## PERSONAL STATEMENT TEMPLATE

What kind of person are you? (Tell the college how brilliant you are and why.)

I really enjoy studying (favourite subjects)
because (reason)
I have been told that I am very good at (skills & qualities, awards received)
I stand out as a young person because (something you are particularly proud of as a young person)

What have you done in school? Student receptionist, Commando Joe's, Boost sessions, Supporting Progression, Gold Standard Behaviour
Apart from my studies, in school I have taken part in
This has helped me to develop my (skills & qualities)
I am particularly proud of (my 100% attendance / Gold star behaviour / Sporting achievement / Duke Of Edinburgh )
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What do you do outside of school? (Hobbies, interests, sports clubs, family commitments)
Outside of school, I take part in
This has helped me to develop my (skills & qualities)

The course I have chosen is	
I think this type of study suits me because (independent learner, practical learner cope well with final year exams, would like the opportunity for work experience, etc.)	er, enjoy course work assessment,

After I leave College, I would like to study (at University or go onto Apprenticeships?)
This/these interest/s me because (reason)
In the long term I would like to go on to follow a career in (car mechanics, medicine etc.)
<b>Or</b> I am not exactly sure which career I wish to enter but more generally I am interested in the fields of (science based careers, computer related careers, business related careers, art and design careers, healthcare, social work careers, etc)
<b>Or</b> I am unsure at the moment what career I would like to pursue in the future, but I am someone who wants to select courses on the basis of subjects that will motivate and interest me.

# Notes

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