

Guidance: Completing the Supporting Statement



To be completed by all students

In the first section, please explain why you would like to study each of your subject choices. This is to ensure that you have researched your subject choices and that you fully understand what it is that you will be studying. If you are unsure about anything, do make sure that you contact the teacher in charge of that subject, prior to completing either your Application Form or Supporting Statement.

Eg: I would like to study Psychology because the workings of the human brain have always fascinated me. I have two small siblings and I am interested in observing the way children often take on gender roles without any outside prompts. I feel that working with people to help them understand their own behaviour would be an appealing career choice.

In the next section, please inform us of your Learning Aim and your plans for the future. In other words, which, out of the courses you have chosen to study, is the most important, with regards to your future plans. Please also let us know what those future plans are.

Eg: My Learning Aim is to achieve the highest possible grade in English Literature A Level as my intentions are to take a degree in English Literature and Publishing, and pursue a career as an Editor.

The next section should explain what personal skills you have got. Key Stage 5 requires a high level of independence and self-discipline to succeed. Post 16 study is demanding, you will need to study for around 10-15 hours a week, outside of lessons. You also need to have a fantastic attendance rate to maximise your grade. For example, you could talk about team work, work ethic, helping people in your spare time, creativity, time management, study skills, sportiness, leadership skills and adventurousness. In each case, you should support your statement with appropriate examples.

Eg: I believe that I have the personal skills to succeed in the Sixth Form. Out of school I have been helping at Riding for the Disabled for the last year and this involves working in challenging situations and using my caring nature, both with the riders and the animals. In school, I have kept on top of my coursework throughout my GCSE studies and my teachers have all commented upon my mature approach to homework.

The next section should be about what you like to do when you are in the Sixth Form. How are you going to contribute to The Buckingham School community? Here is a list of things you could do: *Sports, Music, helping out in lower school lessons, paired reading with younger students, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head girl, Prefect, Debating Club, Duke of Edinburgh Award, peer mentoring, Form representative.* *Eg: I am looking forward to Sixth Form life, in particular, I would like to be involved in*

Finally, please provide a sentence or two in summary, to say why you have chosen the Sixth Form at The Buckingham School. Please also identify which other institutions you have applied for, or other paths you are considering (eg. Apprenticeship), and which is your first choice.

Eg: The Sixth Form at The Buckingham School is my first choice for studying next year. This is because of.... (please explain what appeals to you about the Sixth Form). I have also applied to.... to study/train as a ... My preference would be