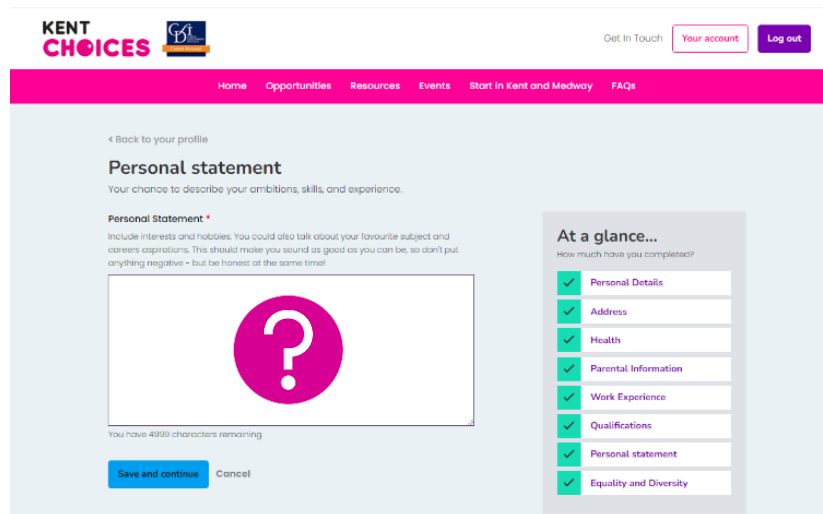


WRITING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

A screenshot of the Kent Choices website's personal statement form. The page has a pink navigation bar with links for Home, Opportunities, Resources, Events, Start in Kent and Medway, and FAQs. The main content area is light blue and features a 'Personal statement' section with a large text box containing a question mark icon. To the right, there is a 'At a glance...' summary table with a list of sections: Personal Details, Address, Health, Parental Information, Work Experience, Qualifications, Personal statement, and Equality and Diversity, each with a green checkmark. At the bottom of the text box, it says 'You have 4999 characters remaining' and there are 'Save and continue' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Watch the short video guide [here](#)

To make an application to a sixth form or college on KentChoices you will be required to write a **personal statement**.

What is a personal statement?

- Summary all about you
- You can showcase your personality (rather than just your academic abilities)

Why is it good to write one?

- It's your chance to make a great first impression!
- It can strengthen your application
- Helps the school or college make an informed decision about your application

Other reasons

- It gets you thinking about what you're good at
- Your strengths and skills
- How they can support you with your career choices
- Good practice for the future as most universities, apprenticeships or jobs require one

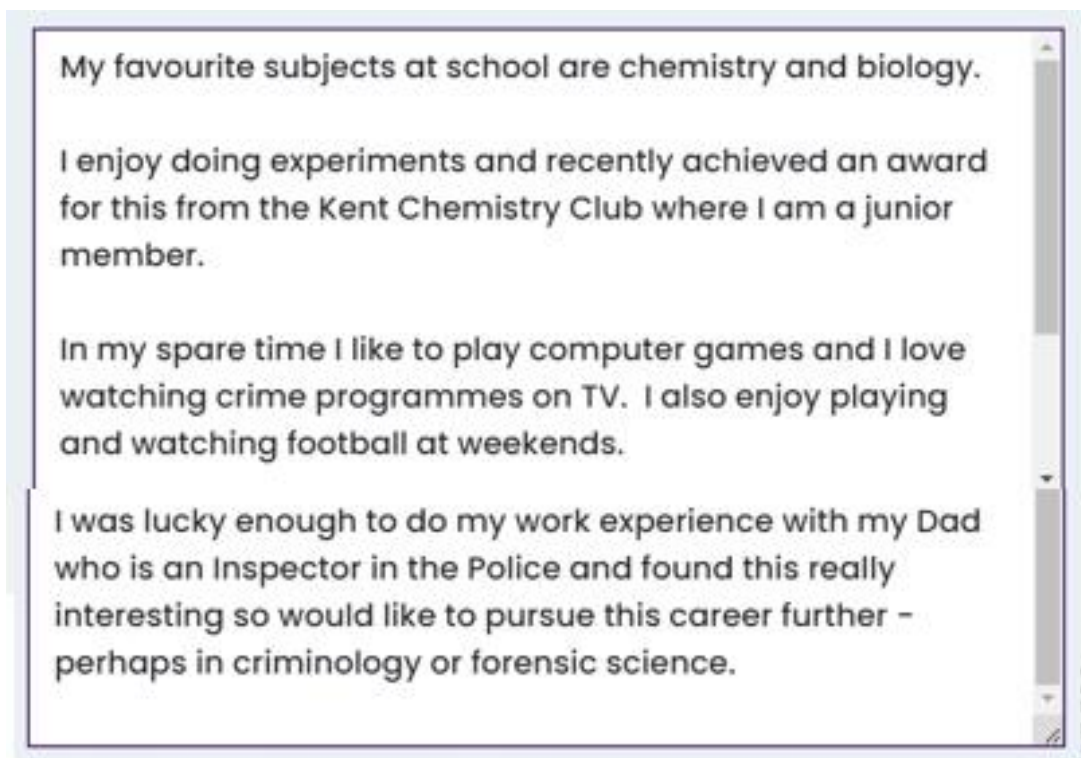
What should I write about?

- Your career aspirations or people that inspire you
- Favourite subjects at school
- Interests or hobbies
- What you're most proud of

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How long should it be?

- Min 10 / Maximum 5,000 characters
- No need to write too much
- Here is an example (approx. 550)



My favourite subjects at school are chemistry and biology.

I enjoy doing experiments and recently achieved an award for this from the Kent Chemistry Club where I am a junior member.

In my spare time I like to play computer games and I love watching crime programmes on TV. I also enjoy playing and watching football at weekends.

I was lucky enough to do my work experience with my Dad who is an Inspector in the Police and found this really interesting so would like to pursue this career further - perhaps in criminology or forensic science.



IMPORTANT

- It will be attached to **all** applications you make
- You **cannot** tailor to individual schools/colleges
- Use the '**Why are you applying**' section in the application form to do this

Top Tips

- Get a parent/teacher to check your statement (but don't get them to write it!)
- Check for spelling and grammar mistakes
- Jot down first on paper or word document before adding to KentChoices
- Don't write anything negative
- Be honest

Need some inspiration?

- [UCAS – Tips on writing personal statements for college or sixth form](#)
- [National Careers Service – Discover your skills and careers](#)

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