What is a Personal Statement?

A personal statement is a short reflective essay you write about yourself to highlight your strengths and ambitions for your future; it should help to make you stand out from the next person. Your Interviewer will see this Statement and will base your interview on the information you have supplied.

* Please complete your Personal Statement by hand, or, on the computer. Think about the presentation and the content. This is your chance to show how brilliant you are.
* This must be returned to your tutor by Thursday 6 February 2020.
* During National Careers Week, 2 – 6 March 2020, you will be allocated a 10-minute interview with an external interviewer during the school day. Further details will be given to you nearer the time. This information will be shared via your Tutor, Progress Leader and displayed in the LRC. It is your responsibility to check when your interview will be.
* The interviews are held individually at separate desks but are scheduled with others at the same time. There are often 6 or 7 interviews being conducted at the same time.
* Please arrive at the LRC **10 minutes** ahead of your interview. There will be chairs outside the LRC for you whilst you wait.
* Our interviewers come from a variety of professional/academic backgrounds including alumni. (That means they used to be an Eggar’s student.) They are used to conducting interviews and are all very friendly!
* You will only be allocated an interview on submission of your Personal Statement. This is a compulsory homework and we expect all students to complete it. If you have any issues in completing this Statement, please speak to your PPD teacher immediately.
* All our interviewers give their time to help freely. They want you to have a positive experience which may be useful as you prepare for a real interview for a college, job, or apprenticeship. They may well have experience that will be useful to you. You are welcome to ask them a question or two that may help you.
* We encourage you to hand shake, make eye contact, sit up straight and to speak clearly and thank them at the conclusion of the interview.
* You are encouraged to come dressed in suitable “business” attire for the day or part day of your interview. This can be as simple as changing your tie, to wearing a different suit or outfit. Interviewers may comment on the effort you have made to wear appropriate clothing. Jeans are not considered suitable.
* Your interviewer will write a brief feedback on your interview. This will be given to you within 2 weeks of your interview.

If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Whiteley or your PPD teacher.

What makes you think this may be a good option for you to take after leaving school?

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What subjects do you think you may select for your “options” in addition to Maths, English & Science? Why are you thinking of choosing these subjects?

What are your plans for when you leave Eggar’s School? Are you considering Further Education for A Levels or BTech? Apprenticeship? T Levels? Are you then considering going onto university? Or are you thinking of getting paid employment?

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What are your interests outside of school? Do you take part in sports events, do you like playing in a band, are you a member of a youth group?

Do you regularly take part in Eggar’s Experience? What activities have you taken part in?

Is your Eggar’s Experience portfolio up to date?

What are your achievements and what are you most proud of? For example, are you a Patrol Leader, are you a Student Mentor, a charity rep?

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In 10 years’ time, what would you like to be doing?

Please use this box for extra information you would like to include.