

Personal Statement Guidance

A Levels

Please tell us about:

- Why you wish to study the subjects that you are applying for;
- Why you particularly wish to come to Hartpury College to study your A Levels; and
- What you plan on doing after you have completed your A Levels.

We would recommend that you write your personal statement under these headings.

Agriculture

Please tell us about:

- Why you wish to study the course that you are applying for;
- Why you particularly wish to come to Hartpury College to study a course; and
- What you plan on doing after you have completed the course.

You can also tell us about any practical experience that you have that would be relevant to the course, including any formal work experience that you have completed.

Animal Management

Please tell us about:

- Your career aspirations, and how the course you are applying for fits into your personal journey for reaching your goal;
- Any practical experience you have working with animals, including any formal work experience that you have completed; and
- Your personal skills and key strengths, how these have helped you with your previous study and how you think they make you a suitable applicant for the course you are applying for.

Equine

Please tell us about:

- Your personal skills and key strengths, how these have helped you with your previous study and how you think they make you a suitable applicant for the course you are applying for;
- Any relevant practical experience you have (particularly involving general equine yard duties and caring for horses) including any formal work experience that you have completed; and
- Any British Horse Society or Pony Club qualifications that you have completed.

If you are applying for an Equitation course, please also tell us if you own a horse, loan or share a horse, or ride through a riding school and provide a summary of your riding/ competition history, along with your riding goals and how you plan to achieve these.

Fitness

Please tell us about:

- Why you wish to study a Fitness course (including any aspects/modules of the course you are particularly interested in) and what your aspirations are after completing the course;
- Your personal skills and key strengths, and how you feel they make you a suitable candidate for the course (you might wish to tell us about any particular academic achievements and areas of interest/favourite subjects);
- Any gym/fitness-related practical experience that you have, including any formal work experience that you have completed; and
- The sporting activities that you are involved in and any sporting achievements that you are particularly proud of.

Physical Education and Coaching

Please tell us about:

- Why you wish to study a PE and Coaching course (including any aspects/modules of the course you are particularly interested in) and what your aspirations are after completing the course;
- Your personal skills and key strengths, and how you feel they make you a suitable candidate for the course (you might wish to tell us about any particular academic achievements and areas of interest/favourite subjects);
- Any coaching experience that you have, including any formal work experience that you have completed; and
- The sporting activities that you are involved in and any sporting achievements that you are particularly proud of.

Sport and Exercise Science

Please tell us about:

- Why you wish to study the Sport and Exercise Science course (including any aspects/modules of the course you are particularly interested in) and what your long-term career aspirations are after completing the course;
- Your understanding of the scientific research component of the course and how you will prepare yourself to engage with this;
- Your personal skills and key strengths, and how you feel they make you a suitable candidate for the course, including how you would balance academic and practical learning;
- Any relevant experience that you have within the sport, fitness or therapy environments, including any formal work experience that you have completed; and
- Any additional enrichment activities you are interested in engaging with at Hartpury, such as our Sports Academies or other clubs and societies.

Football

Please tell us about:

- Why you wish to study a Football course (including any aspects/modules of the course you are particularly interested in) and what your career aspirations are after completing the course;
- How the course and the units you will study will help you to develop the skills required for your chosen career pathway;
- The personal skills and key strengths that you will bring to the course, and how these will contribute to a positive learning environment; and
- How you have approached your studies at school and how this will help you to transition to studying at Hartpury.

You can also tell us about anything else you would like us to know to support your application to Hartpury.

Golf

Please tell us about:

- Why you wish to study a Golf course (including any aspects/modules of the course you are particularly interested in) and what your career aspirations are after completing the course;
- How the course and the units you will study will help you to develop the skills required for your chosen career pathway;
- The personal skills and key strengths that you will bring to the course, and how these will contribute to a positive learning environment;
- How you have approached your studies at school and how this will help you to transition to studying at Hartpury; and
- Your golf handicap (students on our Golf programmes will need to provide evidence of an official golf handicap of 28 or below (a handicap certificate from their home club would suffice to meet this requirement)).

You can also tell us about anything else you would like us to know to support your application to Hartpury.

Rugby

Please tell us about:

- Why you wish to study a Rugby course (including any aspects/modules of the course you are particularly interested in) and what your career aspirations are after completing the course;
- How the course and the units you will study will help you to develop the skills required for your chosen career pathway;
- The personal skills and key strengths that you will bring to the course, and how these will contribute to a positive learning environment; and
- How you have approached your studies at school and how this will help you to transition to studying at Hartpury.

You can also tell us about anything else you would like us to know to support your application to Hartpury.

Outdoor Activities

Please tell us about:

- Why you wish to study an Outdoor Activities course and why you particularly wish to come to Hartpury to study the course;
- Your career aspirations and how completing the course will help you to achieve them;
- The personal skills and key strengths that you will bring to the course, and how you feel they make you a suitable candidate;
- Any experience you have in Outdoor Activities, including any formal work experience that you have completed; and
- The strategies that you use to make sure you keep on top of your schoolwork and how these will help you keep on top of the academic aspects of the Outdoor Activities course.

Uniformed Protective Services

Please tell us about:

- **Motivation and interest**
 - Why are you interested in the Uniformed Protective Services?
 - What inspired you to apply for this course?
 - Which service are you most interested in (police, fire, armed forces, prison service, border force, etc.) and why?
- **Understanding of the sector**
 - What do you already know about the roles and responsibilities of the protective services?
 - What appeals to you about working in a disciplined, team-based environment?
 - What current events presently impact the Uniformed Protective Services?
- **Skills and qualities**
 - What personal qualities do you have that would make you suitable for a career in the protective services (e.g. teamwork, leadership, communication, resilience)?
 - Can you give examples of when you have shown these skills?
- **Experience**
 - Do you have any relevant experiences (school, work, cadets, volunteering, sports teams, Duke of Edinburgh, Scouts/Guides, etc.)?
 - How have these experiences prepared you for this course?
- **Education and goals**
 - What subjects or areas of study do you enjoy most, and why?
 - What skills or knowledge do you hope to gain from this course?
 - What are your career ambitions after completing the course?
- **Commitment and suitability**
 - How do you manage challenges, pressure, or setbacks?
 - How will you contribute positively to the course and your peers?
 - Why do you think you are a good candidate for this course?