**Personal Statement Guidance**

**Remember to use your Personal Statement Planning Sheet**

Tips

* Research the courses you are applying for THOROUGHLY to show enthusiasm for and understanding of the subject.
* Be specific and display precise knowledge; never vague.
* Be honest; only include what you know and are confident about discussing.
* Express your information and ideas clearly.
* Organise your material clearly and logical.
* Remember not to state the obvious or repeat yourself.

Show Not Tell

Rather than just claiming to be enthusiastic or informed about your subject, demonstrate your interest and understanding by describing:

* The background to your interest in the subject.
* Ways in which you are currently following up this enthusiasm.
* What exactly you know about the subject.

And remember

While a personal statement can take a good deal of your time, do keep reminding yourself that this is the chance to write about a very interesting subject that no one else will be writing about: YOU!