1. Have a strong opening statement – this should grab the reader’s attention. It should be subject specific.
2. Express your interest in the subject – relating the subjects you have studied, highlighting any element of study that particularly interested you. E.g. the study of genetics in biology and how this reinforced your desire to study forensics.
3. Extra curricular activities you have been involved in – how these have aided in shaping you as a person and if they do – how they relate to the subject you want to study.
4. Where you see yourself after this course – applicants must show a strong knowledge of the role of a professional in that career
5. What you want to give to the university – what you want to be involved in during your time there.

**Admissions officers are looking for the following:**

Why you want to study the subject you’ve applied for – they are looking for genuine motivation and real enthusiasm for the subject, grounded in a real understanding of what it may involve.

Why you think you would be a good student of this subject and what would you bring to the course and your fellow students.

How your study has prepared you well to go on to University, or has motivated you to go in a particular direction.

Relevant reading – they don’t want a book list, rather some reflections or comments on things you have read. They are especially interested if you have read outside the school curriculum.

Any relevant work experience you have undertaken.

Any career aspirations, but note that it is not mandatory at this point to know what career direction you are heading in – this is quite normal!

Your extra-curricular or outside activities, they don’t just want a list, they are interested in how your activities have helped you develop skills or qualities that will make you a good student and member of our university.