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Use the table below to stimulate ideas. On a post-it note/piece of paper write what it is that you have done. Then underneath what you have learnt from it then finally how it makes you a strong candidate for your chosen course. Choose the box you think it goes best in, they can always be moved around later as you draft your statement.

If there are gaps – there is plenty of time to fill them. An online course, an essay for a competition only takes a day.

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| GENUINE INTEREST  What have you done outside of your lessons that shows that you are interested in studying the subject further? At least two things.  Examples: essay competitions or lectures. Reading a book is not enough ‘pro-active enough’ |
| MATURITY  Do you have any evidence of independent learning and managing workload and timelines?  Examples: An extended project/EPQ or CREST Awards/online course. |
| RELEVANT EXPERIENCE  Have you any experience of this or a similar course like a taster day or work experience of a possible future profession? |
| A LIFE OUTSIDE OF STUDY  What else do you enjoy?  Not only what do you do but how does it help you balance stress or have you gained evidence of organisational skills?  Examples: helping organising a primary school football tournament shows more relevant skills than playing for the First XI. |

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