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# CORONAVIRUS, ALGORITHMS AND UCAS

**2020 hasn't been an easy year for most, we all know it. One of the biggest issues this pandemic has caused is with our education system. When we think of schools being closed to most year groups for 5 months or more, many parents worry about the lack of learning their child(ren) have faced and how far behind they might have fallen.**

But it's not just academic learning that has suffered. Many Year 12 students would have begun the UCAS process at school before the end of their first sixth form year. They probably would have visited different universities, gone to a university open day or even engaged in a UCAS workshop. Those last few months before the summer term would have had students thinking about UCAS, what courses they would like to study at Higher Education and what they would include in their personal statement, with some even drafting it out. However, with the pandemic and lockdown, many of this would have been impossible to do. Now students not only have the worry of catching up for the last 5 months of the curriculum in time for their summer exams, but also going through the UCAS process at the same time.

Due to these current circumstances, schools for many will not be the same. Many sixth formers are now told to just come into school for their specific lessons. Teachers will be under a lot more pressure across the board for all year groups and might not be able to put the same level of support into helping with the personal statements as they might have done in the past.

Writing a personal statement was never an easy task for some students to begin with and now they have this added pressure. Now more than ever, students will need every bit of support they can find in helping them get through this. Even worse, many students might be tempted to pay extremely high prices to have someone write their personal statement for them. However, we know that UCAS does not approve of this and in some cases, applications have been withdrawn.

*Powerful Statements is an online UCAS support service. We offer students support with experienced advisors who have been in the education industry for over 10 years working with sixth form students to help them write a personal statement which they can be proud of. Visit [www.powerfulstatements.co.uk](http://www.powerfulstatements.co.uk) for more information or contact us on [info@powerfulstatements.co.uk](mailto:info@powerfulstatements.co.uk). We would love to hear from you and show you how we can fully support you wanting to apply for a university place and beyond.*