

Question 2: How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?

Word Count: Minimum 350 words

This is your chance to shout about the relevant or transferable skills you have gained from your formal education and highlight your understanding of how they will help you succeed in this subject area. Think of specific skills or experience, try to be unique!

Examples of what you might talk about here are:

- **How your studies or training relate to your chosen course(s) or subject area**
This could be current or previous studies within a school, college, training provider, or even a short online university course – any form of formal education. The main thing here is to focus on what is most recent and relevant to your chosen course(s).
- **What relevant or transferable skills you have that make you a great candidate**
Maybe there are a couple of subjects that have helped you develop a core set of skills required for your chosen course(s). Or a particular module that helped you understand where your interests and strengths lie.
- **Any relevant educational achievements**
Universities and colleges will see your grades elsewhere on your application so do not waste time talking about these. No need to mention your subjects – it is on your form! Consider accomplishments like winning a school or national competition, serving as a student ambassador or team captain, or landing the lead role in a play.

Here are some more examples for this section:

- Specific modules or topics.
- Essays or projects that explore a particular viewpoint or technique.
- EPQ – Extended Project Qualification.
- School, local, or national competitions e.g. UKMT.
- Private lessons and qualifications e.g. music, stage school or sports if relevant to the course.
- Tutoring or mentoring.
- Online courses leading to a qualification.

