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CV GUIDANCE  
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This presentation has been designed to help you write your CV;  
in particular it looks at hobbies and interests and references.



# HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- A good CV will contain a hobbies and interests section
- The purpose of this section is to provide your potential employer with a sense of your character and personality
- It is also a good opportunity to highlight some skills and abilities you have not already highlighted
- Where possible try to relate your interests to the job or industry to which you are applying

# HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- Avoid listing the obvious (i.e. gym, socialising with friends, cinema)
- Instead be honest and be specific (i.e. If you want to include reading, name your favourite book)
- Examples:

*Rugby – I love to play for both my school and the local team (Pearson RFC). I also attend the junior coaching days to support the more experienced coaches.*

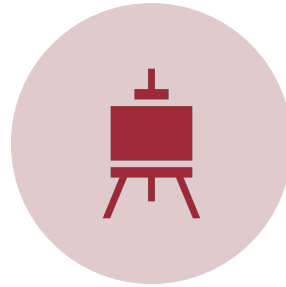
*Cadets – As a keen lover of the outside I have always been a member of the cadets and was recently promoted to the most senior rank for a person of my age.*

*Reading – I enjoy reading historical fiction and sci-fi. My favourite book is Lord Of The Rings.*

# ACTIVITY



LIST YOUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS



ALONGSIDE YOUR HOBBIES ADD SOME DETAILS YOU COULD INCLUDE ON YOUR CV



FINALLY, ADD SKILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE HOBBIES AND HOW THEY MIGHT FIT WITH YOUR CHOSEN CAREER PATH

# REFERENCES

- Most CVs simply (and quite rightly) show:

References available on request

- If you want to include references you could consider asking:

Teachers or Head of Year

Headteacher

Work experience manager

Current manager from a paid job

Coaches

Someone to reference voluntary work

# ACTIVITY



Approach 3 – 5 people and ask them to act as your referee



Agree how and when they are happy to be contacted



Collect their contact information

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