



**Harris
Manchester
College**

Written Work Guidance

Archaeology and Anthropology

As part of your application all candidates are required to submit the following:

- A short essay of no more than 800 words in response to the following question: “How do you understand the connections between Archaeology and Anthropology? Illustrate your response by reference to what we can learn about people in the past and/or present from their material culture”.
- Two recent marked essays written as part of a school or college subject, preferably in different subjects. Essays should be typed and in English.

The main purpose of the essays is to demonstrate that you can write acceptable prose, carry out a piece of research and structure written work based on it, and address a topic through a logically constructed argument. The essays may be discussed during your interview.

If you do not have a recently marked essay from school or college, then you may write essays specifically for the application. Aim for no more than 3,000 words per essay and indicate how long it took you to research and write it. You may want to choose from one of the following topics:

- A critique of an archaeological site or museum you have visited, or an archaeological/anthropological TV programme you have seen, or book you have read.
- Why is the past important to us today?
- What are museums for?
- Is anthropology an imperialist endeavour?