Your Statement of Purpose allows us to better assess whether or not you understand the program and to examine your reasons for wanting to study at the High School Academy. We will use your Statement of Purpose to help us determine if the program is a good fit for you, as well as help us advise you on courses and campus opportunities that will help you achieve your goals once you arrive in NYU Shanghai.

Please use the following guidelines when writing your essay:

1. **Length of essay:** 500 words in English
2. **Background:** Briefly describe the course work or experience that you believe has best prepared you to succeed as a student at NYU Shanghai. Please tell us about academic successes that may not be apparent from just reading your transcript.
3. **Anomalies:** Please explain if there are any anomalies in your academic transcript that you would like us to consider in reviewing your application (such as a failed course, one semester of a lowered GPA or a switch in your major concentration).
4. **Understanding of the program:** Briefly explain your understanding of the program’s requirements and the courses you will be eligible to apply for as a student, as well as restrictions on your enrollment. Please also state the name of the program you are applying to and specify what you hope to learn from the program.