



Interviews – top tips

It's important that you make the most of a university interview. It's your opportunity to sell yourself and show why you should be chosen over other applicants. Follow our top tips to ensure you're fully prepared and ready to impress.

In the run up...

- ✓ **Read the documentation sent to you beforehand** – make sure you have the date, time and venue correct so you don't turn up on the wrong day or at the wrong time! If you can, try and visit the university beforehand so you know where to park and how long it will take to get there. Print off any directions or maps you might need from the University website.
- ✓ **Familiarise yourself with your application** – the interviewer/interview panel will ask you questions based on your application form. You'll be asked to provide examples based on the information you've given so make sure you're familiar with the points you've mentioned.
- ✓ **Research the course and university** – it's important you show you're interested in both the university and course you're applying to. Make sure you research both the university prospectus and the website so that you're fully prepared should you be asked any questions about the institution.
- ✓ **Practice makes perfect** – try and see if you can get a mock interview at school or college to get some experience. Have a think about the questions you might be asked and try and think of some example answers.

On the day...

- ✓ **Don't be late!** – make sure you arrive on time. Punctuality is one of the things universities look for in a student.
- ✓ **Dress appropriately** – you need to remember this is a professional environment so dress in formal/smart clothing.
- ✓ **Expect the unexpected** – be prepared to answer questions you may not have prepared for, even questions that don't relate to the course or university you're applying to, for example current affairs. Stay calm and answer concisely, they may want to see how you react under pressure.
- ✓ **Ask questions** - make a list of questions you'd like to ask. You'll look keen that way.