



## PREPARING FOR AN INTERVIEW

If you have been offered an interview—congratulations! Interviews (in-person or virtually) are a great way of being able to expand on the experiences you've mentioned in your personal statement and really show your personality. Some universities courses will require you to attend an interview, audition, or portfolio review before offering you a place at university. These may now take place online.

Being asked to attend an interview is the mark of an excellent application, but you'll be competing against other strong candidates, so it's important to be prepared. **Read these top tips and do your own research as part of your preparation.**

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**Plan ahead!** Think about what you will wear (smart but comfortable), your travel arrangements, what time you will arrive (not too early, but definitely not late!) and how you'll find the room of your interview etc. Find some time to review your application.

**2**

**Find out how individual universities conduct interviews,** as they may not all follow the same format! Make sure you know if you have a task to complete beforehand to share at interview, and give yourself plenty of time to complete and practise this.

**3**

**Read news articles or listen to podcasts in your chosen field** prior to the interview. Being able to talk about relevant current affairs helps to demonstrate your interest in the subject.

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**Plan and practise the answers to common interview questions,** for example 'why do you want to study this course?'. You could ask a family member or friend to help you by setting up a 'mock interview' in person or virtually.

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**Prepare your additional materials—** Art portfolios are usually presented in PDF or PowerPoint format. Performing Arts applicants may be asked to submit a video or audio audition this could be done via YouTube.

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**When asked about your experiences, use the S.T.A.R technique.** Careers like those in health and social care require you to reflect and learn from your actions. S—Situation, T—Task, A—Action, R—Result.

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**Prepare some questions to ask,** either about the course or the university. This demonstrates your interest and engagement.

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