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Many students who are invited to attend interviews as part of the university application process are unsure what to expect.

Interviews are normally part of the application process for:

- Courses leading to a specific profession
- Courses that are particularly competitive
- Courses which require you to demonstrate a particular skill or competence, e.g. music or art
- Niche courses such as footwear design

The interview is an important part of the selection process. It is an extension of the UCAS form and determines if an offer is made and the level of offer made. It also gives admissions tutors the chance to learn more about you, and equally provides you with an opportunity to find out more about the course and university. Interviews can be crucial if, come results day, your grades aren't as expected as tutors may still offer you a place if you performed well at your interview.

BEFORE THE INTERVIEW

Make sure you know:

- What the format of the day will be
- Where and when the interview will take place
- What you need to take with you (e.g. portfolio, certificates etc.)

Different types of interview:

- Auditions
- Group exercise
- Panel interviews
- 1:1 interviews

Ensure you have done your research. You should be able to:

- Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the subject area and a sound knowledge of the course/university
- Explore current issues and developments in the subject area/profession
- Expand on your UCAS application and personal statement

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Think about the different questions you may be asked – take a look at the examples below:

- Why do you want to study...?
- What do you want to do after you graduate?
- What do you think the course can offer you?
- Tell me about your current studies. What do you enjoy the most/least about these?
- Give an example of when...? (You have solved a problem/worked as part of a team etc.)

DURING THE INTERVIEW

- Be confident and try to relax. Remember you've been invited to the interview as you've already shown potential
- Make eye contact and smile
- Listen and consider your replies. Ensure you are not just giving yes/no answers
- If you don't understand a question, don't guess, politely ask the interviewer to rephrase or clarify
- Be enthusiastic. Admissions tutors will be looking for applicants who share their enthusiasm for the subject

AFTER THE INTERVIEW

- **Relax** – the hard bit is over
- **Review** – think about what went well, what didn't and why
- **Get feedback** – constructive feedback will help you improve for next time
- **Enjoy the day** – take a look around the university/campus and the city to get a feel for where you could be living and studying

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