

# **SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY BSc (HONS)**

## **INTERVIEW ADVICE**



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Your Speech and Language Therapy Interview Day will combine scenario questions and a course presentation, plus optional activities such as campus and accommodation tours. We are proud that 100 per cent of our Speech and Language Therapy graduates from summer 2017 are in work or further study after graduating, according to the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) 2016-17 report [above the sector average of 94.6 per cent], and look forward to giving you a deeper insight into the course during your Interview Day.

On the following pages you will find lots of useful information and advice to enable you to prepare for your day to help make the experience as useful and positive as it can be.

## YOUR INTERVIEW EVENT

University interviews are often a new experience for applicants and we want to ensure that anyone applying to De Montfort University (DMU) is given the most useful information to make the experience an enjoyable one.

### WHY DO WE INTERVIEW?

Our Interview Days are designed not only for us to assess your suitability for the course, but also to make sure you are choosing the right course for you. Universities interview in particular for courses where a specific skill set is required, or where the course leads to a particular profession.

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE DAY?

Following registration and document checks (as detailed on page 7), your Interview Day will include selection events where you'll be responding to scenario based questions and taking part in both an individual interview and a group interview. The itinerary also includes a course presentation and there will be opportunity to go on a campus and accommodation tour. On the day you will also be able to speak to staff and current students about the range of facilities and support available at DMU.

See your itinerary and [dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays](http://dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays) for further information and to help plan your day.

### WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DAY?

Academic and professional members of staff, service users, service providers and current students may be involved in the selection event.

### HOW LONG WILL THE INTERVIEW LAST?

The first part of the afternoon, welcome, registration and the presentation will take around 60 minutes. The scenario based question, individual and group interviews will take around 2 hours in total and include opportunities to chat with current students, service users and staff.

### CAN I BRING SOMEONE WITH ME?

You are welcome to bring a guest with you to your Interview Day and they will be able to come along to any of the activities that do not form part of the selection process. Where it is not possible for your guest to stay with you (i.e. during the interview) there will be plenty of waiting areas such as the Food Village, Newarke Café or Riverside Café. Guests will also have the opportunity to talk to current students and staff.



### WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE FOR THE INTERVIEW?

- Think about some basic questions that may be asked at the beginning of an interview and how you might answer them. For example, tutors may ask why you have chosen Speech and Language Therapy and why you want to study it at DMU
- Read widely around the subjects of Speech and Language Therapy including newspaper articles, websites, journals, magazines and any other publications that are relevant for your course
- You will need to complete the self-declaration form using the link on your interview invite email

As Speech and Language Therapy is not a course taught at school or college, you need to be able to demonstrate that you understand what the course/ career entails. However, you will not be expected to have a detailed understanding of technical topics. The discussions will give you the opportunity to demonstrate the skills needed by a Speech and Language Therapy undergraduate. Some of these skills might be:

- The ability to use information to construct your own opinion
- Willingness and the ability to analyse
- Problem solving skills
- Good communication and interpersonal skills

Aside from course specific preparation you may also wish to:

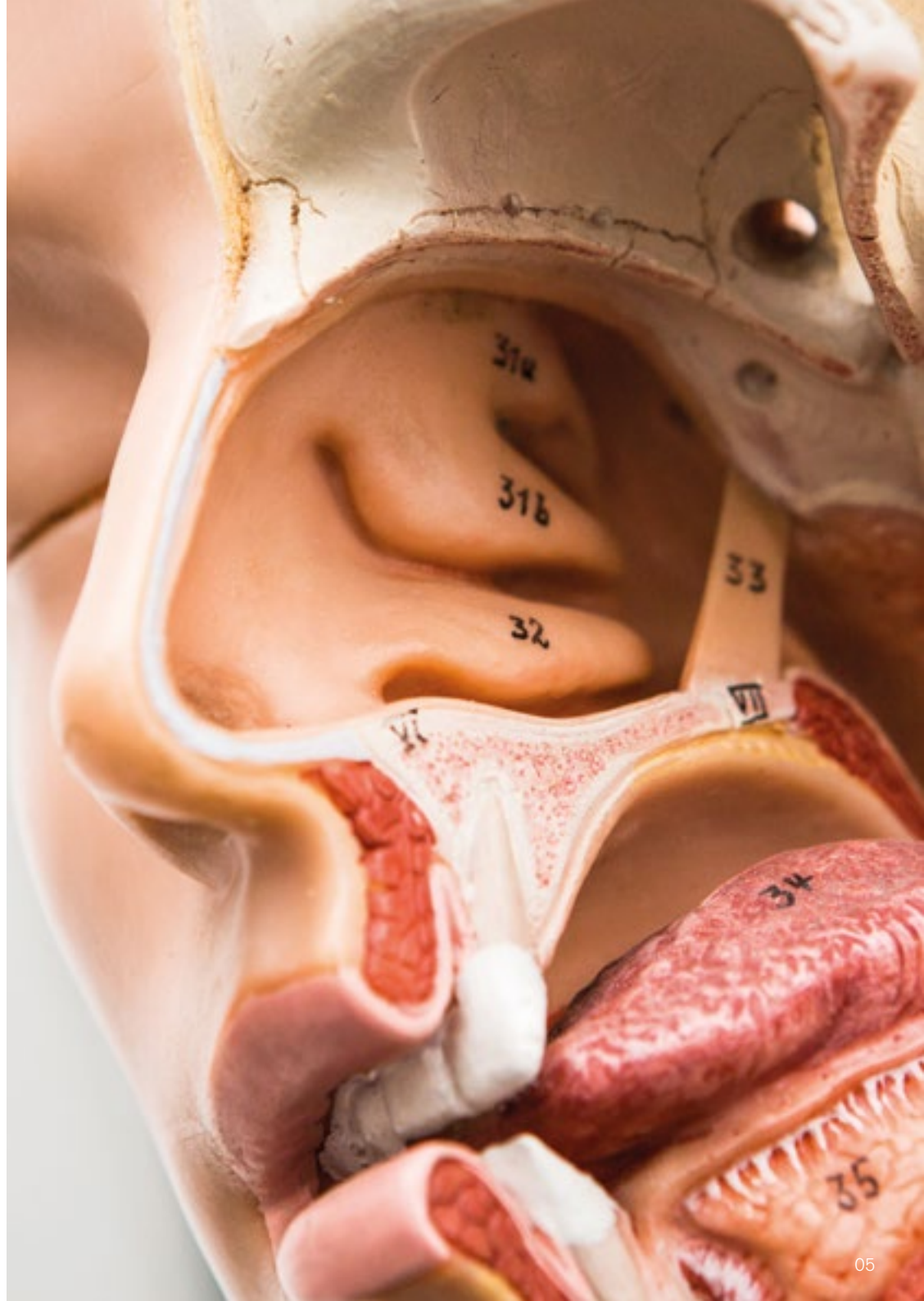
- Organise a practice interview for yourself. Ideally the person interviewing you will be a teacher/ careers adviser. If this is not possible it is usually better to use someone who isn't a close friend or family member as this will help you to gain experience talking about yourself and your work in an unfamiliar environment.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM RUNNING LATE ON THE DAY?

We know that delays are sometimes unavoidable so if you are running late on the day, please contact us on +44 (0)116 207 8443 as soon as you are able to and let us know your estimated arrival time. If necessary, we can tell you any alternate arrangements for your interview e.g. change of registration location. In some instances, if you expect to be significantly late, we may be able to offer an alternative date. However, due to limited dates and popularity of the course this may not always be possible.

### WHEN WILL I HEAR IF I HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

We aim to make decisions as soon as possible after the interview. In most cases these are communicated to you via letter and an update on UCAS Track within a week of you attending the event. We will also be in touch within a week if we are unable to make a decision straight away.





## DON'T FORGET...

- To conduct yourself professionally and adhere to a smart dress code
- To make sure you have planned your journey in advance – see our website ([dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays](https://dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays)) for travel information
- To have a read of our course pages to help you prepare for and anticipate interview questions ([dmu.ac.uk/salt](https://dmu.ac.uk/salt))

### DURING THE INTERVIEW

- Remember that you have been invited to the interview as you have already shown potential so try to relax, smile and be confident
- Listen and consider your responses, try to ensure that 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

## INTERVIEW CHECKLIST

### YOU WILL NEED TO BRING

- One form of photo identification (for example; Driving Licence, Passport – original and a photocopy)
- Your invite to interview and itinerary

It is important that you bring all of the above information with you to the interview as it will need to be reviewed on the day.

### ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

We endeavour to make all our events completely accessible. However, if you have any specific requirements or require additional facilities, please inform the Interview Events Team via email

[interviews@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:interviews@dmu.ac.uk) or call

**+44 (0)116 207 8443**

**For further information about your interview event,  
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