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## Preparing for Higher Education interviews

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### How can you prepare for an interview?

- Be aware of the type of interview and the programme for the day.
- Re-read the university/college prospectus, course brochure and department website and then make a list of questions to ask.
- Read and remind yourself of your UCAS application details, including your personal statement.
- Show that you know the latest in your subject area and keep up to date with related news.
- Research your chosen career in detail if applying for a vocational course.
- Practise talking about yourself, your interests, work experience and ambitions, and take part in mock interviews.
- Plan your journey, including route and times.

### What should you do on the day?

- Get there in plenty of time and dress appropriately (wear something smart but comfortable).
- Listen carefully to any information given and questions being asked.
- Don't worry if you don't understand a question - ask them to repeat it or relate your answer to something you know better.
- Remember an interview should be a structured conversation, so avoid monosyllabic answers and be positive.
- Think about your body language - don't slouch or fold your arms, sit up straight and stay alert.
- Ask questions (but not the ones that have already been answered).
- Try to talk to current HE students already on the course during your visit.