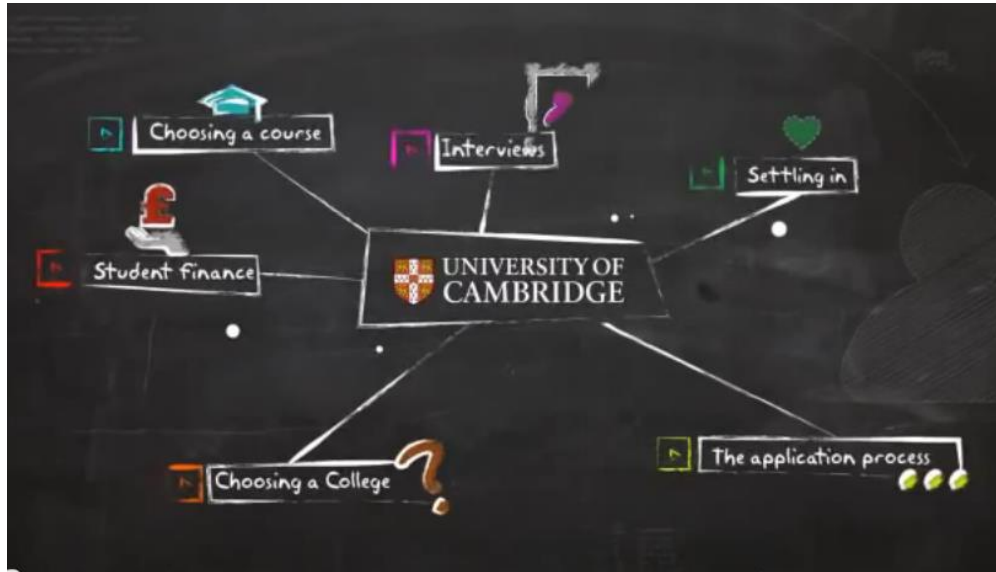


INTERVIEW PREPARATION



INTERVIEW TIPS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kujKOW-K0qc>



PRE-INTERVIEW PLANNING

What to wear?



WHERE TO GO?

- ✓ Plan your travel in advance.
- ✓ Check the timetable for bus/train
- ✓ Give yourself extra time on the day for unexpected traffic delays etc.

TIMING

- ✓ Arrive early
- ✓ Be enthusiastic
- ✓ If you cannot make an interview let them know **in advance!**

KNOW YOURSELF!!!

Be able to articulate YOUR

- Skills
- Values
- Interests
- Abilities
- Long term plans

Be able to give examples of them

Think on your feet

- outside the box

Use common sense



DO YOUR RESEARCH



- ✓ Know the course content very well
- ✓ **College website** - find out as much as you can about the college!
- ✓ What sports or clubs does the college have
- ✓ Have you gone to the **open day**?
- ✓ Show your passion for the subject area
- ✓ Talk about any work experience you have done
- ✓ Don't be afraid to mention your **achievements**

THE INTERVIEW

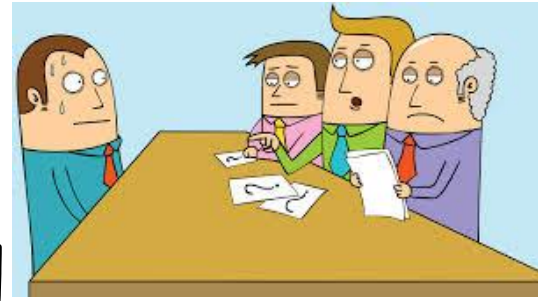
AT THE BEGINNING

- ✓ Be confident
- ✓ Shake hands with everyone
- ✓ say good morning
- ✓ good eye contact

DURING THE INTERVIEW


- ✓ Speak slowly and clearly
- ✓ Don't be afraid to pause and think of your answer
- ✓ No waffle!
- ✓ Avoid yes or no answers - always give more information, you can control the direction the interview takes
- ✓ Smile


Body Language




- ✓ First impressions very powerful
- ✓ Allow time to relax
- ✓ Dress appropriately
- ✓ Entrance, introductions & handshake
- ✓ Smile and make eye contact
- ✓ Be aware of own movements
- ✓ Watch body language of interviewer

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

- ✓ Why have you chosen this course?
 - ✓ Why have you chosen this college?
 - ✓ What is unique about you?
 - ✓ What subjects/modules would you expect to study on the course?
 - ✓ Why do you feel this vocational field best suits your abilities and aptitudes?
 - ✓ What were your favorite subjects at school?
 - ✓ Is there any area in your chosen course in which you would like to specialise?
 - ✓ Did you undertake any project at school which had a bearing on your choice of course?
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- ✓ What are your strengths?
 - ✓ Where do you see yourself in five years' time?
 - ✓ Did you ever hold positions of responsibility in school or in your local community?
 - ✓ Tell us about your hobbies and interests.
 - ✓ Have you any work experience relating to your chosen career?
 - ✓ Have you visited any companies/departments to see how they operate?
 - ✓ What appeals to you about this course?
 - ✓ How would you rate your attendance/participation?
 - ✓ Have you any questions for us?
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DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

- ✓ How do you define success?
 - ✓ Give an example of when something went wrong and how you coped.
 - ✓ If you could choose any job, what would it be?
 - ✓ Describe a situation where you had to motivate other people?
 - ✓ Give an example of when you have worked as part of a team?
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GOOD AND BAD INTERVIEWS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1ucmfPOBV8>

- ✓ Be yourself!
- ✓ Good Luck!

FINAL REMINDERS

📄 Remember to be yourself...

📄 Everyone is nervous...

📄 Be prepared

