

58 QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN VISITING COLLEGES

We have listed 58 questions you could be asked on Open Days/Evenings:

College Questions:

- How will the course be assessed? Exams, coursework, or a mixture?
- How is the course structured?
- What does the course cover?
- How many students will be on the course?
- What will the course be like when I'm there?
- How long are the lessons? How long is the college day?
- Will I have lessons every day?
- When will I be interviewed for my course?
- How will the course make me more employable? Do they offer or arrange placements?
- What percentage of students complete the course?
- What percentage progress into employment, apprenticeships, or university?
- Which employers or universities do students typically progress to?
- What have the grade results been like for the last 2 years?

Course Questions:

- What sizes are the classes?
- What careers or pathways have recent students gone on to?
- Is there an opportunity to take a placement? If so, will the college organise this?
- What sort of student support provision is in place?
- Is there support for mental health and wellbeing?
- Do the staff seem knowledgeable and accessible?
- What sports and enrichment activities are available at college?
- Will the interview be over the phone, in person or through a video platform?
- What grades do I need – and can I still get a place if I don't quite get the grades?
- What happens if I narrowly miss the entry requirements?
- Is there a taster day or induction before the course starts?
- Which qualifications and combinations of qualifications do you accept/prefer? Do you accept Level 1 and 2 technical and vocational qualifications?
- Am I able to apply for more than one course? How much flexibility is there?
- How many subjects can I take at college?
- Lots of colleges offer the subject, so why should I choose you?
- What do you look for in your application and the personal statement?
- Does the college have an application deadline?

Course Questions:

- How many hours a week will I be in timetabled teaching?
- Is attendance of lessons compulsory?
- What facilities are there for breaks and lunch?
- What sort of food can I buy and is it expensive?
- Are there spaces I can use to study or do research when not in class?
- What's on offer here that will provide opportunities for me to develop my employability skills? Are there any connections with local employers?
- Are there any jobs on the college campus available for students?
- Are there any volunteering opportunities?
- What academic support is available?
- What sports and societies are available?
- What are the transport links like? Are most things available on the college campus?
- How can I travel to the college?
- Will the college timetable allow room for a Part-time job?
- What bursaries, scholarships or financial help is available? How do you apply?
- Will there be any financial contributions to the college. Is there support for financial difficulties?
- If I get stuck with an assignment, who can I go to for help?
- Will I be able to attend subject lessons, or do you offer taster days?
- What can I expect from a taster day?
- What is the process if I pick a course, then find it is not for me – what would be my options?
- Once I've applied to the college, how long will it be before I get an interview date?
- If I drive or ride a moped, is there a place to park?
- Will I need to purchase a parking permit, is there any financial support available?
- Are there any additional costs for my course? For example, hair, engineering, catering or construction may require protective equipment or specialist kits.
- Is there any financial help if I can't afford something for my course?
- Is there access to a careers service?
- What help is there to get into university or find an apprenticeship?
- Is there a dress code?
- Will I need a computer/ laptop?



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