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## Bolton College

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# Interview



We understand that this may be the first interview you've ever been to so we wanted to provide you with some information and tips on how to prepare for it.

### **Will it be like a job interview?**

It's more like a discussion, so that we can figure out if the course is the right fit for you. The interview is your opportunity to chat about yourself, why you want to study a particular subject, what you want to do after College and your predicted grades and work experience.

It's also your chance to ask us about the course and about life at Bolton College.

### **How will the interview work?**

Interviews vary according to the type of course you have applied for. Some will start with a group presentation and some will go straight to your time with a Tutor.



However, there are some standard questions you should be ready to answer:

- What do you know about the subject you are applying to study?
- Why are you interested in this subject?
- Why do you want to attend Bolton College in particular?
- What do you want to do after the course (this may be move to the next level, get a job or apply to University)
- What do you like to do in your spare time?
- What are your predicted grades? (Bring along your predicted grades or your latest school report)
- Where did you do your work experience/What experience of work have you got?

**Remember, we're not trying to trick you. We just want to hear that you're ready to take the next step in your studies and are making the right choice for you.**

## What do we expect from you?

Like any other interview, please make sure you arrive on time and sign in with our Admissions Team (they will be in the Atrium when you arrive).

If you are going to be late or can't make your interview please let us know on **01204 482 000**. We'll let the Tutor know and invite you to book another date.

The dress code is smart casual. Your school uniform is a great outfit to wear.

Be positive and as confident as you can be - your interviewer will be thinking about what it would be like to have you on their course.

If you've got questions, don't be shy. It shows that you're interested!

Finally, don't worry about being nervous; it's only natural, and the Tutor will expect it.

## What can you expect from us?

- We will be pleased to see you and get you signed in and up to the right room as quickly as possible
- If you come with someone, we'll give them a voucher so they can enjoy a drink whilst you are in your interview
- If you would like your parent/carer to attend the interview with you, in most subject areas this is perfectly acceptable. However, there are some subject staff who will want to speak to you on your own first then invite your parent/carer to join you at the end of the interview to ask any questions they may have
- If you told us about a support need when you applied, someone from our Learner Support Team will be here to talk to you
- We'll usually be able to tell you the result of your interview on the night. We will complete a course offer form that you will take home with you
- We'll explain any conditions which go with your offer such as what results you need to achieve, what work experience you should have or whether or not you need a DBS check

If we aren't able to offer you a place on the course you applied for, we'll give you some advice about other options. If you need to speak to a Careers Advisor or meet another Tutor we'll arrange for that to happen as quickly as we can.

## Finally

We want you to enjoy your time studying at Bolton College so, if you have any questions we want you to contact us straight away. You can do this by calling the Admissions Team on **01204 48 2155/2195** (Monday to Thursday, 9am – 4pm and until 12noon on Fridays) or emailing them via **admissions@boltoncc.ac.uk**

**Important: if any of your electronic contact details change, please let us know as we will be sending you important texts and emails over the coming year.**