



## Y11 COLLEGE INTERVIEWS & ACCEPTING OFFERS

DON'T MISS OUT!

- ❖ Kirklees Interviews will come out weekly by email
- ❖ HNC interviews Wednesday 5th March at HNC.  
Check your email for time
- ❖ CMSS Interviews Thursday 6th March 3.30pm at  
CMSS check email for further info
- ❖ All other colleges will contact you directly



# Top 10 Tips for HNC interviews (adaptable for other colleges)

## 1. Remember you can preview the questions you'll be asked and you are encouraged to prepare your answers

All students are asked a set of standard interview questions. It is important to understand that these are not scored or rated and it doesn't matter if you are not fully sure about one of your answers- the questions are designed to help us to get to know you a little better. Decisions about conditional offers are based on your predicted grades, attendance and behaviour record. The questions are listed on the next screen and you are welcome to bring notes with you about your answers.

I would recommend taking a copy of your personal statement, your answers to the questions and any questions you can think of to ask at the interview

We know that attending your College interview may be exciting or even a little nerve-wracking - sometimes it can even be a combination of the two!  
Our top ten tips will help you to prepare and get the very most from your experience and share more about what you can expect.

## Questions everyone will be asked.

1. *What is your long-term vision? (This can be as specific as a particular career, for example paediatric nursing, or as generic as a desire to progress to university or find a job)*
2. *Why have you applied for your chosen courses and how do they support your long-term vision?*
3. *How will you travel to College? What impact will your journey to College have on your daily routine?*
4. *What enrichment do you currently do? What enrichment would you be interested in taking up at HNC?*
5. *Which of the College values most appeals to you? How will you contribute to this value? What is the number one thing you would do to 'become your best self' as a student?*

**In addition, if the information we hold highlights any potential concerns regarding attendance and/or behaviour you will discuss this with your interviewer. It is important to understand that this will not necessarily prevent an offer of a place being made but rather we need to be sure you are genuinely in a position to meet the College's ABC expectations and thrive in a full time, campus based experience.**

The website shares more about [the College's values](#), and [our enrichment offer](#). You'll be asked:

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## **2. Don't panic if you can't think of an answer**

Your answers to the standard interview questions are not graded or scored, so you won't be disadvantaged if you don't have an answer or are unsure of your response to any of the questions above.

## **3. Be your authentic best self**

We want to meet the real you, so in your answers make sure you share your genuine thoughts – remember, the answers to the questions to the standard interview questions have no bearing on the decision itself, so it's in your best interests to be honest. Being honest means we can best support you and ensure the courses you choose genuinely support your vision for the future.

## **4. Comfort is key**

There is no need to purchase a new outfit for your interview. While you are very welcome to choose to wear business dress, applicants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing. You may also choose to come along in your school uniform.

## **5. Have you been asked to bring additional information?**

If so, it's important to bring it otherwise we are unlikely to be able to make a decision on the evening.

Don't forget you can get support with your application by attending one of Miss Timberley's after school sessions in IT1

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### **6. It's your opportunity to ask questions too**

If you have any queries, either about the interview process or College more generally, our welcoming team will be happy to answer them.

### **7. Thinking of asking about changing your application choices at interview?**

Our interview team will be able to discuss how particular courses might support your vision for the future, and we can support you if you wish to change your courses at interview.

### **8. Plan your journey so you arrive on time**

Make sure you allow enough time for your journey, and if you are being dropped off, please remember that the roads around College are likely to be busy. This avoids you becoming unnecessarily stressed.

### **9. Don't forget to relax**

The interview is designed to be a positive experience and we want you to enjoy it! Remember it is OK to ask for a question to be repeated, or to ask your interviewer to explain something again. Smiling and taking deep breaths can help you to relax. Please remember that parents/carers cannot accompany you to your interview. If you feel you would benefit from additional support at interview or particular adjustments it is important to contact us before your interview - you can let us know by emailing [studentservices@huddnewcoll.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@huddnewcoll.ac.uk)

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## 10. Got a conditional offer?

Most interviews do result in a conditional offer of a place. This means you will be able to enrol at HNC, subject to you achieving the published entry criteria on GCSE results day. **Remember that you can accept more than one place**, and it is untrue that you are required to confirm your first choice of College and decline all other offers. Every year we receive requests to reinstate offers at enrolment, and as availability is extremely limited, such students then miss out on the study programme they want and the opportunity to join HNC.

## Greenhead College Offers - Deadline 4th March

For those of you who applied and received an offer to study at Greenhead College please ensure you accept your offer no later than 4pm on March 4th

### All other college offers

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Kirklees - If you are applying for an apprenticeship and college course please let the interviewer know you want to keep both options open! Remember you need to secure a position with an employer to start an apprenticeship.



## **Next Steps**

**Attend your interview**

**Accept your offers**

**Attend support sessions after school**

**Seek further advice from Miss Timberley if required**