

Section 5

Preparing for interview

Preparation

- Research your course. Make sure that you know what you're applying for and that it's what you want to do (see section 1 - 'What to do before you apply').
- Look at other universities' prospectuses and websites - ours is www.arts.ac.uk.
- Attend open days.
- Talk to anyone you know who knows the college or the course you are interested in.
- Write down the time and date of your interview, and where it will be held.
- Be on time.
- If you can't make it, call to re-arrange your interview.
- Get a good night's sleep – you need to be at your best.

Presentation

Think about how you present yourself through:

- your body language;
- your voice and delivery; and
- what you say.

Think about what the tutors are looking for and how you can show them your:

- knowledge of the course and subject;
- enthusiasm;
- talent;
- motivation; and
- commitment.

This is section 5 of 11 sections.
For the full set of sections, please visit our website at www.arts.ac.uk

Practical tips

- Make an effort with your appearance, but wear something you are comfortable in.
- Be polite.
- Listen to the whole question before you answer it.
- Don't pretend to know about something if you don't. If you don't know the answer, admit it and change the subject to something you do know about.
- Show that you have a mind of your own and can think for yourself.

Possible interview questions

- Why have you chosen this subject?
- Why have you chosen this college?
- Have you attended an open day?
- What do you know about this particular course?
- What have you learnt on your current course?
- What do you think are the strengths and weaknesses in your work? (You might be asked to show pieces from your portfolio.)
- What do you think are the challenges in being an artist or designer?
- Which galleries, exhibitions or museums have you visited recently? (See section 2 - 'What to do before you apply' for a list of galleries and websites.)
- Who is your favourite artist or designer?
- What are your favourite books or films?
- What is your favourite shop?
- What do you know about jobs or careers open to you in this area when you leave?
- Have you got any questions for us?

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