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AND  
DON'T GET  
NERVOUS**

**So, you've got your College interview coming up... there is no need to worry!**

**On the reverse of this leaflet is a step-by-step guide of what to expect. You'll see there is nothing for you to be nervous about and you can contact us in advance if you have questions.**

# Why do we invite you for interview?

We want to give you the best advice we can. That means finding out a bit about you, what your interests are, what career ambitions you might have, and what level you are currently working at.

## What happens at interview?

We will invite you (by email) to come into College for an interview. Your interview will last around 15 minutes. You are welcome to bring a parent/guardian along, but please be aware we only have a limited waiting area. Dress Code is smart casual and most students wear school uniform. You will be given a date and time to attend. Please stick to that time if you can or let us know if it is a problem so we can rearrange it for you. When you arrive for interview, this is what will happen:

1. Report to our Learning Resource Centre in Kitson Building and tell staff you have arrived. If you have arrived early, there might be a short wait, but there will be lots of other students doing the same.
2. At your allocated interview time, you will be taken over to meet your interviewer, who will be a teacher or a member of support staff. You will find them to be friendly and easy to talk to and very knowledgeable, so they can give you the best advice possible.
3. The interviewer will talk through your subject choices and your plans for the future. If you have particular career ambitions, they will go through what subjects universities typically require you to have studied to make sure you are giving yourself the best chance possible to get good offers from university after you finish college. If you are thinking about something other than university, they can advise you on that too.
4. The interviewer will explain the entry requirements to you. You will be aware that our standard 3 A Level programme of study requires you to have at least two grade 6s at GCSE and at least a further three grade 4s. This should include at least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language AND Mathematics. However, also remember that some courses have additional entry requirements too. For a BTEC, you need at least two grade 6s at GCSE (or Merits on an equivalent course) and a minimum of a further three grade 4s at GCSE or equivalent including at least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Mathematics, with at least a 3 in the other one. If you have a grade 3 in one of these two key subjects you will be required to retake this GCSE in addition to the BTEC Extended Diploma. Some BTECs however do specify grade requirements for English Language and/or Maths so you are advised to check the separate course entrance requirements. The CACHE Level 3 Childcare Diploma requires both English Language and Maths at grade 4 or above. CACHE students wishing to move into Primary teaching in the future also require at least a grade 4 in Science. We want you to be able to go away knowing exactly what grades you will need to achieve to claim your place. If you have it, please bring along your predicted or working at grades and/or latest school report. Don't worry if you do not have this information, as we will be requesting references directly from your school.
5. All being well, we hope to be able to make you an offer there and then and you will leave with that offer letter. We can also provide a leaflet on Bursaries if you think you will need financial support.
6. Our interviewer might tell you about some of the other opportunities available to you at the College. For example, we run some specialist enrichments, geared towards particular careers, which might boost your prospects after College. This includes a Pre-Medical School for budding doctors, an Engineering Academy for those interested in that field of study and many more specialist enrichments.
7. We will tell you about the Welcome to College Day event in the summer, when you will be invited into College to have a taster in each of the subjects that you have an offer in, to make sure you have picked the right subjects for you! Enrolment is after you receive your GCSE results, so it's really important that you keep enrolment days free. You can check Welcome to College Day and Enrolment dates on the reverse of your offer letter.
8. You will have the chance to ask any questions you might have. Please speak up if you are confused about anything or are worried about any part of the application process.

## Questions?

Email [admissions@solihullsfsc.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@solihullsfsc.ac.uk) or call 0121 709 7803.