HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN INTERVIEW

What to include:

An interview is a great opportunity for us as a university to get a better idea of your creative practice, interests and career goals. Don't forget, it's as much about your attitude and work ethic as it is about your creative potential.

Interviews at Arts University Plymouth are relaxed and informal. Our lecturers will ask about your portfolio, interests, and ambitions for the future. They want to hear that you care about your subject and you're eager to learn new skills and techniques. Remember, this is also your chance to ask questions and find out more about the course, its structure and student life.

Top tips

1. **Research** the course and university
2. **Practice** open body language & friendly tone of voice
3. **Think positive** — remember to smile and take a deep breath
4. **Speak clearly** about your knowledge and skills and remember to use your portfolio as evidence
5. **Listen closely** to the lecturer and offer thoughtful responses
6. **Ask questions** about the course (e.g unit structure, work experience, trips and opportunities)
7. **Express yourself** — mention any interests and influences that you are passionate about — we want to find out what makes you tick!
8. **Stay calm**. It's okay to be nervous, just take your time.
9. **Reflect** — you've challenged yourself and gained new experience.
10. **Relax** — pat yourself on the back for taking an important step towards your future!

Discussion prompts

Think of a response to the questions below to prepare for a future (online or in-person) Interview. Use our cue cards to help you with this:

1. Why do you want to study this subject?
2. Who/what are your creative inspirations?
3. What career would you like to go into after university?
4. Can you describe your creative process?
5. What are your creative strengths?
6. Do you have any areas you would like to improve?
7. Which creative medium do you like to work in the most?
8. What are you hoping to experience during your studies?
9. How does this course support your long-term ambitions?
10. Have you faced any creative challenges?

Online interviews

1. Make sure your equipment is in working order i.e mic, camera, laptop/tablet etc.
2. Have a practice run through to make sure there's no problems with your WIFI
3. Find a quiet place away from any distractions. This will help you focus and show off your knowledge and skills.
4. Speak clearly and try not to speak too quickly, technology is not always on our side and this can help the interviewer incase signal drops out

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