



Guidance Interview

Frequently Asked Questions - A Level / Full-time Courses

What happens at the Guidance Interview?

All applicants for our full time A Level and Vocational courses must attend a Guidance Interview in order to secure an offer prior to enrolment. You will meet with a member of staff who teaches on your chosen course(s). They will check that the information you submitted on your application form is correct and talk to you about your predicted (or achieved) grades. You will also be asked about your career aspirations, why you are interested in the course and what you already know about the subject area. This is also your opportunity to ask any questions that you might have.

What should I do if I can't attend my Guidance Interview?

Please contact the Admissions Team as soon as possible using the contact details on your letter. We may be able to change the time of your interview or we will re-arrange your Guidance Interview for our next interview event.

What if I've changed my mind about my course?

Please contact the Admissions Team as soon as possible using the contact details on your letter. We may be able to offer you an interview for the alternative course on the same date or we will re-arrange your interview for our next interview event. If you've already been offered a place on a chosen course, please do not re-apply, contact the Admissions Team for your relevant campus to discuss the alternative course you are interested in.

What if I no longer wish to consider Cheshire College – South & West?

If you no longer wish to consider Cheshire College – South & West, please contact the Admissions Team for your relevant campus and let us know the reason you are withdrawing your application.

Where do I go when I arrive at the College for my Guidance Interview?

Please come in through our main entrance at the site indicated on your invite letter and report to Reception. Staff will be there to direct you to the relevant waiting area.

What should I wear for the Guidance Interview?

You don't need to wear your school uniform; casual wear is fine.

Can I bring my parents/guardians?

If you are under 18 your parent(s) or guardian(s) are welcome to attend your interview with you.

Do I need to bring anything with me?

If you are in Year 11, please bring your most recent school report. If you have already completed qualifications, please bring your exam certificates with you. If you have applied for one of our Art/Graphics/Photography courses (including Art/Graphic/Textiles A Levels) please bring a portfolio of work with you (further details will be included with your Guidance Interview Letter).

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How long will my Guidance Interview last?

This depends on how many interviews you have; if you have only one interview and don't require information from Transport, Careers, Bursary or Learner Services then your interview will last approximately 20 minutes. If you have a Hair, Barbering, Beauty or Hair & Media Make-Up interview, this will last approximately 45 minutes and will include a short presentation. If you have multiple interviews at the same event and/or need to speak to Transport, Careers, Bursary or Learner Services, you will need to allow more time.

I have two or more Guidance Interviews at the same event, what will happen?

We will ensure that interviews are scheduled so that you have sufficient time to get from one interview to the next. If there is a gap between your interviews, you will normally still go from one to the other. After your first interview please return to the waiting area and we will do our best to offer you the next available slot for your subsequent interview(s) to reduce any waiting time in-between your appointments.

I need more information about the course(s) I've chosen/entry requirements.

Please check our website for more information about your chosen course(s). Each course information sheet has a course summary, details of the entry requirements and information about what you can do next.

How do I find out about transport information?

Staff will be available at the event to talk to you about transport to and from the College. Information regarding Transport can also be found here: <https://www.ccsw.ac.uk/learner-toolkit/transport/>. Alternatively call into the Student Hub, 9.00am – 5.00pm during term time – in this instance it is advisable to ring before you travel to ensure staff are available.

Will I get any financial help whilst I'm at College?

A 16-19 Bursary Fund is available for learners aged between 16 and 18 on 31st August 2020. Learners aged 19+ may also be eligible for support. Further information regarding financial help can be found here: <https://www.ccsw.ac.uk/learner-toolkit/money-matters/>.

I don't really know what I want to do after College.

Please speak to our Careers Advisor at the Interview Event; alternatively telephone the College and ask to speak to the Careers Team on your relevant campus.

I will require support when I come to College.

Please speak to our Learner Services staff at the Interview Event, alternatively telephone the College and ask to speak to the Learner Services Team on your relevant campus. If you have any accessibility needs for the Guidance Interview, please contact the Admissions Team and we will do all we can to help.

How do I order a uniform if required for my course?

You don't need to order your uniform yet; further information will be available during enrolment.

How do I process my DBS if required for my course?

You don't need to request your DBS yet; further information will be available during enrolment.

What happens after my interview?

If you are offered a place on your chosen course(s), you will be informed at your Guidance Interview. We will confirm the offer in writing shortly afterwards. Enrolment information will be sent during the summer and we will keep in touch with you during the year.

How can I keep up to date with College news?

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

I have more questions...

Please contact the Admissions Team on:
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