

Interview Questions (by type)

Personal

Tell me about yourself

What do you do in your spare time?

Give me an example of 1 of your weaknesses

How would you describe yourself in 3 words?

What is your favourite lesson in school and why?

What is your least favourite lesson in school and why?

What grades are you expecting to get in your subjects?

What subjects do you need to work hard at over the next year and why? What do you want to do at the end of year 11 and what do you need to do between now and then to make it happen?

What grades do you need to be able to achieve what you want to?

What do you want to do for a career and what research have you done on this type of work?

How are you going to get your dream job-what qualifications do you need?

Employability Skills

What do you think employers are looking for?

What are the main things you would want from a job?

If I was interviewing you for your dream job, what would you be telling me about yourself?

Where do you see yourself in the next 5/10years time?

What skills do you have that would make you a good employee?

What skills do you need to improve to make you more likely to get into the career you want?

(What questions do you have for me?)

Work/Voluntary Experience

What work experience have you had?

Why is it important?

Did you enjoy it? Why/Why not?

Example based questions

Can you give me an example of when you have been involved in a team?

-Was it successful and why?

-What did you learn?

Can you give me an example of when you have effectively used problem solving?

-what was the situation?

-why did it work?

-what did you learn

Questions for Apprenticeship/job interview

Why are you interested in an apprenticeship/job?

What knowledge or experience do you have of this field?

What skills do you have that you think make you suitable for this work?

How would you like your career to develop?

Can you give me examples of how you work as part of a team?

Can you give me examples of how you work independently?

Questions for university course interview

Why did you apply to this university?

Why did you apply to this course?

What do you love about this subject?

What have you read/seen about this subject that isn't part of your school course?

Which particular aspects of college/university study of.....(subject) attract you and why?

What will you bring to the college/university?

How will you fit in?

Can you give me examples of when you have worked/studied independently? What did you learn from it?

Oxbridge additional "can you think and argue coherently" questions

(Choose according to arts or science base – taken from Oxford/Cambridge websites)

Are there too many people in the world?

Why do zebras have stripes?

Why does your heart rate increase when you exercise?

What is 'normal' for humans?

What does it mean to be happy?

What books are bad for you?

What is the meaning of life?

In a world where English is the global language, why learn Spanish?

Is someone who risks their own life (and those of others) in extreme sports or endurance activities a hero or a fool?