

# A Rough Guide To Your College Interview



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## Your York College Interview

This interview is to help you choose the right course for you. Before the interview this leaflet will help you to think about what we will discuss and any questions you might have. Read carefully through this, but remember, it's not a test so don't worry - we don't expect you to have all the answers!

### What you might want to know about the course you have applied for:

- qualifications you will achieve
- employment opportunities and further study that the course could lead to
- other options you could consider (eg. Work Based Learning Apprenticeships at York College, or study at another college)
- your commitment as a student at York College (including Key Functional Skills or Skills Development, Enrichment, Tutorial Programmes)
- the entry requirements for the course you have applied for
- the Code of Conduct that all learners must follow (Learner Charter)
- the way your studies are likely to be organised and the amount of work you will have to do.

### In preparation for your interview you need to consider:

- what skills, qualifications, strengths etc. you have in relation to the demands of the course
- your reasons for wanting to come to York College
- your expectations and commitment to the course
- ideas from career guidance you've had to help you in your choices.

## What to bring to the interview

Please bring:

- your latest school report and Progress File which should include confirmation of estimated grades and Careers Action Plan (if you have them)
- anything else which you feel might be useful to show your interviewer
- folder of artwork (see paragraph on Art & Design courses).

Your interview will last a minimum of 30 minutes, but please allow up to 120 minutes depending on the course. Also, come prepared with any questions you want to ask.

## Support available to you

We may need to discuss:

- the costs of the course including such things as travel, materials, books, equipment, residential etc.
- how to get further help and advice
- any educational or learning support you may need.

If, at the interview, it becomes clear that the course you have applied for is not the right one for you, the tutor may suggest an alternative or arrange for a Careers Adviser to contact you. You can then discuss what is the best course of action for you; either a course here at York College or something else.

If you need any particular arrangements or support for your interview eg. help with mobility or communication support please contact Learning Support. Telephone - 01904 770472.

A family member, carer or advocate can come with you to your interview if you wish.

## Help the college can give you before you start

- careers advice
- financial support and advice
- help with finding accommodation
- InfoZone ring 01904 770397; an appointment might be needed.
- information on the College Day Nursery - 01904 770344
- Learning Support advice - 01904 770472

You can also find helpful information and advice on our website [www.yorkcollege.ac.uk](http://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk). Select 'student life' then 'student services' for more details.

## Art & Design Courses

**When you are invited for your Art & Design course interview, you will need to bring a portfolio of practical work which can include any of the following:**

- evidence of your ability to research and develop visual ideas toward a finished piece of work
- observational drawings from life recording the world around you
- sketch books showing your personal ideas and interests
- any other supporting evidence which may include design projects, craft work, photography etc.
- for Fashion & Clothing examples of garment construction and pattern cutting if available, illustration skills and ideas for the design of garments.

**Not bringing work may prevent us from supporting you at the right level and course.**

## Access to Higher Education Pathways

You are asked to carry out some research into the area of interest you would like to study when progressing into Higher Education. If you have already done GCSE or A levels in the past, if possible please bring your certificates with you to your interview.

**In preparation for your interview, we would like you to consider:**

- why you would like to go into Higher Education
- why have you chosen this particular course/university
- what childcare and financial considerations you may need
- do you have any learning/physical needs that should be considered?

Please be prepared for a formal interview that is likely to last one hour.

## York College

The landmark £60 million York College opened in September 2007 and is located on the southern gateway to the city. The college is one of the largest new-build colleges in the UK and has been described as 'the benchmark' for further education.

The new college has state-of-the-art teaching and learning facilities including a theatre, training restaurant, hair & beauty spa and nail bar, 3G sports pitch, travel agency, engineering and construction workshops, art & design studios and a learning centre on three floors equipped with the latest technology.

York College offers some 13,000 learners a wide range of academic and vocational courses at all levels, as well as working alongside local educational providers and businesses.



## Transport to the College

### Train

York station is 15 minutes away by bus that runs every 10 minutes (see below).

### Askham Bar 'First York' Park and Ride 01904 883100

White Line (Park & Ride) No.3

Buses run every 7 - 10 minutes in the **daytime** between York Railway Station / City centre and the college.

### Public Buses

The main bus services to the College are:

#### First York 01904 883000

Pink Line 12, Brown Line 13

### First York Buses - Special Rate Weekly Passes

These passes are available for full time York College students at discounted rates and can be used on the Park and Ride routes as well as First York anywhere in the city, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. These can be purchased from the Finance Desk.

### Council Supported Services 01904 655585

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### Yorkshire Coastliner 0113 2448976

Nos. 840, 843, 845

### East Yorkshire Bus Company 01904 883100

No. 746

**Routes are subject to change. Please check with bus companies before travelling.**

### College Coaches

The College provides coaches from surrounding rural areas. Tickets for these coaches can be purchased from the Finance Desk. For more information please ask at your interview or ring 01904 770397.

### Cycle

Sustran Route 65/66 passes close to the college. Covered parking areas are available on campus.

### Parking

Students are required to have a full driving licence for 9 months before being allowed a permit to park on college premises.

## Disability Commitment

York College is committed to ensuring that disabled people, including those with learning difficulties, can access, participate and succeed in their learning. We will make all reasonable adjustments to ensure that disabled people are not substantially disadvantaged. Please make sure that we know what you need so that we can make reasonable adjustments to help you succeed.

## Equality and Diversity Statement

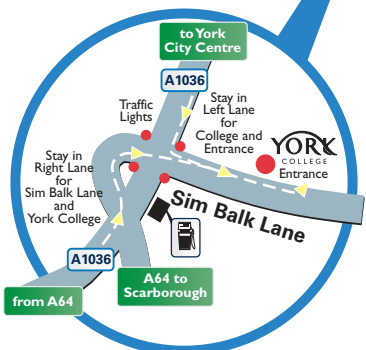
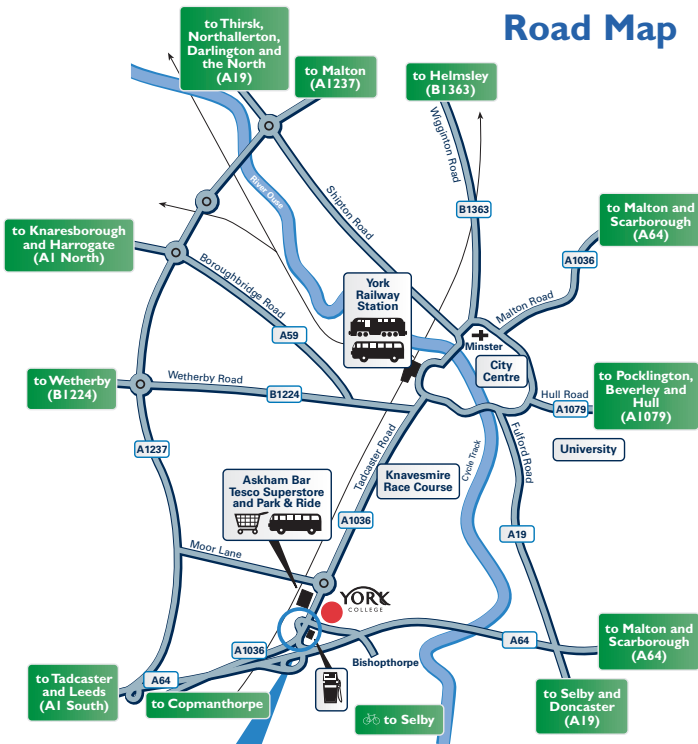
York College is committed to creating an environment where there is mutual respect and equality of opportunity.

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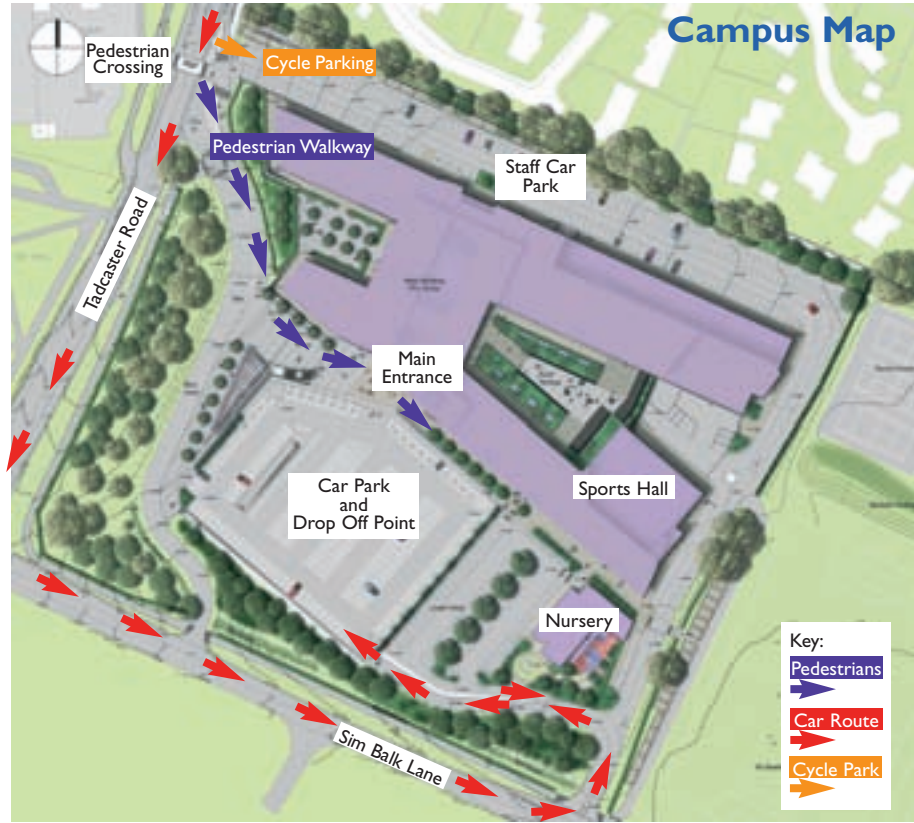
**Please bring your interview letter with you.**

# How to find York College

## Road Map



## Campus Map



## York College

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