



## 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)
- your commitment as a student at York College (including Functional Skills, Skills Development, Enrichment, Tutorial Programmes)
- the entry requirements for the courses you have applied for
- the Code of Conduct that all students must follow (Student 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:

- ideas from career guidance you've had to help you in your choices of career or university ambitions
- 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.

## 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 Media, The Arts & Fashion courses).

**Your interview will normally last about 30 minutes, but some courses may take up to two hours.**

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, residentials 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.

## Media, The Arts & Fashion Courses

**When you are invited for your Media, Arts or Fashion 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
- sketch books showing your personal ideas and interests
- any other supporting evidence which may include design projects, craft work, photography, observational drawings or work in a digital format
- for **Fashion & Clothing** examples of garment construction and pattern cutting if available, illustration skills and ideas for the design of garments.

If you are applying for a performing arts acting/musical theatre/dance course you will be asked to prepare a piece for an audition/workshop auditions will take place on a date arranged after your interview.

- For **acting** you will be asked to prepare a monologue from a play of your choice.
- For **musical theatre** you will be asked to perform a monologue, short song and dance solo.
- For **dance** you will be asked to perform a dance solo and participate in a workshop.
- Preparing for a **music** course you will be required to prepare a solo piece of your choice to perform to your interviewer.
- For **media** courses you will be asked to bring examples of your work, film and graphic based (dependant on the area you wish to study) to share and discuss with your interviewer.

**Bringing work to your interview helps us to place you on the appropriate level.**

## 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 allow up to one hour for your interview.

## York College

York College's is the largest provider of A Level and vocational programmes for 16 - 19 year olds, offering over 40 A Level subjects and 80 vocational programmes, the widest range of courses in the area, including almost any combination of A Level subjects.

York College ranks in the top ten colleges in the country for its impressive A Level achievement, with results above the national average for sixteen consecutive years. This year the college celebrated its best ever A Level results, with an overall pass rate of 99.1%. Six students received the necessary grades to go to either Oxford or Cambridge universities. Also, students studying vocational programmes achieved an impressive 178 triple distinctions (equivalent to 3 A's at A Level).

The college has consistently maintained a high standard of achievement due to the highest quality of teaching and learning by tutors who are experts in their specialist subjects. This is underpinned by a strong pastoral and support system focussed on the individual needs of students.



York College provides excellent preparation for university and this year in excess of 900 students submitted university applications. The college also offers specific support to students aiming for top universities, including an opportunity to study the Extended Project Qualification, a nationally recognised qualification worth up to 70 UCAS points.

York College offers a more adult environment for students which acts as an ideal stepping stone to university or the workplace. Students learn the right skills, and receive the necessary support they need, to achieve their goals. This includes a first-class Xtra Curricular programme with a huge variety of activities selected to enhance and enrich the students' individual programme of study.

York College has a state-of-the-art £60 million building with first-class resources, designed with post-16 students in mind. This, combined with the highest standards for individual student achievement, provides an outstanding environment for teaching and learning.

## 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** Pink Line 12, Brown Line 13  
**0845 6045460**

### First York Buses - Special Rate Weekly/4 Week 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 01482 222222

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. More information can be obtained from our website, at open events or your interview. Alternatively you can 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 to purchase a permit to park on college premises.

Please bring your interview letter with you.