



PRACTICE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Have a go at some of these with people who know you and can help you.

Then find another person you do not know as well so that you can get used to somebody different.

TOP TIPS

- Try to **expand your answers** by giving examples.
Where you can, give a reason why if you are asked for your opinion on something.
- Remember to try to use **eye contact** and to **smile**.
- The questions are there to get a conversation going and to find out more about you.
 - Are you a good fit for the school?
 - Are you going to make the most of any new opportunities and will you be a good representative for their school?
- You can **ask questions** as well.
- Remember not to over rehearse!



Why would you like to come to our school?

Almost a **guaranteed** question. Try to convince them that you know a lot about their school and that there are things that match your interests and strengths.



ABOUT YOU

- Tell me a bit about yourself.
- What do you think are your best qualities?
- What book are you reading at the moment and why are you enjoying it?
- Can you give me three adjectives that your friends might use to describe you?
- How would your form tutor describe you?
- What are you most proud of? What is your greatest achievement to date?
- Can you tell me about a time that you have *failed* at something? What did you learn from the experience?
- Who inspires you?
- When / where in your life have you shown leadership skills / resilience?

SCHOOL

- What are you most enjoying about school at the moment?
- What is the best thing about your school?
- What is your favourite / strongest subject? Why?
- What subject are you weaker at and what are you doing to try to improve?
- If you could only have three lessons, which would they be?
- If you were to break one school rule, what would it be?
- Which two subjects would you drop from the timetable and why?
- What subject would you like to see introduced?
- If you were the Headteacher at St Andrew's, which one thing would you change?
- What are you most looking forward to at your new school?
- What qualities make a good student?
- What makes a good teacher?



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- What co-curricular clubs do you do? / Do you do any clubs outside of school?
- What might you be able to offer us in terms of co-curricular activities?
- What do you do in your free time to relax?
- What is a dream weekend for you?



OTHER

- What is current in the news?
- If you won £10,000, what would you do with the money?
- If you could be a piece of food, which piece would you choose to be?
- Pick three people to go to a dinner party with – alive, or dead.
- Here's a ticket to any place in the world. Where would you go and why?
- If you were stranded on a desert island which one item would you want with you (apart from food and water)?
- If you could interview any historical person, who would it be and what would you ask them?
- Give me three qualities that you think make a good leader.
- If you were to bring back one person from the past, who would it be?
- What is your experience of boarding?
- How do you think you would cope with boarding?



CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

- Tell me about a really difficult decision that you have had to make.
- Is the sky really 'the limit'? Is everything really possible?
- If your friend asked you to lend them £20 to get out of a 'difficult situation', what would you do?
- What would your Headmaster put in your final report?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages of single sex education?
- How do you cope with new challenges or difficult circumstances?
- You start a book and find you are not enjoying it. What do you do? Continue reading or start another?
- What do you know about climate change? What could you do to help?
- If you step on a spider by accident is this killing?
- Is it ever OK to steal?
- Is it ever OK to lie?
- Can war ever be justified?
- Which is more important: physical wellbeing or mental wellbeing?
- Should the rich pay more tax?
- If you were designing a new country, what three laws would you introduce first?
- Can money buy happiness?
- If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be and why?
- If you were a boardgame, which one would you be and why?



Do you have any questions for me?