



40 Questions To Ask When Visiting Colleges

We've listed 40 questions you could be asking on open days/evenings:

1. How will the course be assessed? Exams, coursework or a mixture?
2. How many students will be on the course?
3. What careers have recent students gone on to?
4. Is there an opportunity to take a placement? If so, will the college organise this?
5. What sort of student support provision is in place?
6. Do the staff seem knowledgeable and accessible?
7. What sports and enrichment activities are available at college?
8. When will I be interviewed for my course?
9. What grades do I need – and can I still get a place if I don't quite get the grades?
10. Which qualifications and combinations of qualifications do they accept/prefer? Do they accept Level 1 and 2 technical and vocational qualifications?
11. Am I able to apply for more than one course?
12. What do you look for in your application and the personal statement?
13. Does the college have an application deadline?
14. What will the course be like when I'm there?
15. What does the course cover?
16. How many hours a week will I be in timetabled teaching?
17. What facilities are there for breaks and lunch?
18. Are there spaces I can use to study or do research when not in class?
19. How much flexibility is there?
20. How will the course make me more employable? Do they offer or arrange placements?
21. What have previous students gone on to do after finishing?
22. What's on offer here that will provide opportunities for me to develop my employability skills? Are there any connections with local employers?
23. Are there any jobs on the college campus available for students?
24. Are there any volunteering opportunities?



25. What academic support is available?
26. What sports and societies are available?
27. What are the transport links like? Are most things available on the college campus?
28. Will the college timetable allow room for a PT job?
29. What bursaries, scholarships or financial help is available? How do you apply?
30. If I get stuck with an assignment, who can I go to for help?
31. Lots of colleges offer the subject, so why should I choose you?
32. What have the grade results been like for the last 2 years?
33. Will I be able to attend subject lessons or do you offer taster days?
34. What is the process if I pick a course, then find it's not for me – what would be my options?
35. Once I've applied to the college, how long will it be before I get an interview date?
36. If I drive or ride a moped, is there a place to park?
37. Are there any additional costs for my course? For example hair, engineering, catering or construction may require protective equipment or specialist kits.
38. Is there any financial help if I can't afford something for my course?
39. Is there access to a careers service?
40. What help is there to get into university or find an apprenticeship?

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