

# INTERVIEW QUESTION EXAMPLES



## **Q: Why did you choose this subject?**

A: An opportunity to tell your story and show how passionate you are about the course you have chosen.

## **Q: Why did you choose your previous courses?**

A: Again, an opportunity to tell your story - what options did you take in Year 10/11 - how did you narrow your options for post-16?

## **Q: Why did you choose this institution?**

A: Not "Er...because you do this course." Find out what benefits they can offer you, what the facilities are like and what appeals to you. Did you go to an Open Day? What made the place feel right for you?

## **Q: What are your greatest strengths?**

A: Make sure you know what your strengths are - if you aren't sure, ask your friends, family or teachers. Maybe it's your time management, determination, or your confidence!

## **Q: What achievement are you most proud of?**

A: This could be anything - an award in sports, getting a part time job, being resilient in a hard time, solving a problem, or being there for someone. Whatever you are proud of!

**Turn over for more!**



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## **Q: What are your weaknesses?**

A: Be genuine - everyone has weaknesses - but be sure to say how you are overcoming them.

## **Q: What do you see yourself doing after university?**

A: Will you continue to study – teaching degrees, masters, doctorates, or will you look to enter a career – maybe you have a few career options? Maybe you're looking for this course to be your foundation while you decide your route?

## **Q: What can you bring to the institution?**

A: Think about the skills you have; how would you work with your peers? What skills do you bring to your projects? Would you join a society?

## **Q: What Work Experience Have You Done? What did it Teach You?**

A: While your part time job may not link directly with the course you've chosen, the skillset you have started to develop will – do you work in team? Do you have to meet tight deadlines? Do you have to show empathy for the customers? Do you have to solve problems?

## **Q: Why should we offer you a place?**

A: Whilst you might want to say "because I am awesome" - that is not the answer! Think about who they want on the course and if you are that person. Think about your attributes, too.

