



Moorside
High School

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Y11 Mock Interviews - Friday 31st March 2023 (INSET Day)

Year 11 – To help you prepare for any interviews you may have this year or after leaving school, we have planned for you to have a practice (mock) interview with a visitor from industry.

The interview will be around 15-20 minutes long, and you are allowed to wear smart "office attire" interview clothes. You must have your printed your CV for your form teacher by Tues 28 March.

Group 1 - 11EH	09.00 – 09.20
Group 2 - 11EM	09.20 – 09.40
Group 3 - 11JH & 11PH	09.40 – 10.00
Group 4 - 11JM	10.00 – 10.20
BREAK	10.20 - 10.40
Group 5 - 11LH	10.40 - 11.00
Group 6 - 11LM & 11MPH	11.00 - 11.20
Group 7 - 11MLH	11.20 - 11.40
Group 8 - 11PM	11.40 - 12.00

Please be in school 10 minutes before your interview time (Pupils are grouped in form groups, as shown in the table above, but your interview will be 1:1)

Before the interview...

- Think about what you have written in your CV– the interviewer will likely ask you questions on this!
- Prepare answers to some of the typical questions that an interviewer may ask – Mr Farmer has provided some examples (they may ask 7-8 of these, not all!)
- Check your appearance before you go to the interview– you want to make a smart and mature impression! (Is your tie done correctly? Is your shirt tucked in?)

During the interview...

- Think about your posture; try to feel relaxed but avoid slouching!
- Keep good eye contact with the interviewer – this shows you are listening.
- Try not to fidget (e.g.tapping, shuffling etc). Keep hands on your lap if needed.
- If you are unsure of any questions or don't understand what you have been asked, let them know – it is absolutely fine to say "Sorry could you repeat that?" or "Can I check, do you mean...?" so you can answer the question better.
- Try to give good answers with examples (don't just say "yes" or "no" too often!)

After the interview...

- You will receive verbal feedback at the end of your interview and you will receive a written feedback sheet at a later date.
- Think about what went well, and what could you do better next time?

We hope you find this practice interview helpful, and very best of luck! Mr Farmer, Careers Adviser



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Example Interview Questions

1. Tell me about yourself?
2. What motivates you?
3. Where do you see yourself in 5 years time?
4. What is your plan after you finish school?
5. What is important to you in a future job?
6. Do you prefer working independently or as part of a team?
7. Can you give me an example of when working in a team was a positive experience?
8. Can you give an example of when you worked in a team, but it was a negative experience? Could you have changed anything about this experience?
9. Are you a leader? Give an example.
10. Is being punctual/on time important to you? Why?
11. Who in history do you admire most and why?
12. What kind of books do you enjoy?
13. What newspapers / magazines / blogs do you read?
14. Can you work well with pressure? Can you give an example?
15. What is your greatest strength?
16. What is your greatest weakness?
17. Are you creative? Give an example.
18. How would you describe your personality?
19. How do you deal with stressful situations?
20. Can you give an example of something you have achieved that you are proud of?
21. How do you spend your spare time and summer holiday?
22. Apart from your school work, do you support your school in any way? (e.g. prefect, sports, drama, music) – what skills does this give you?
23. What kind of people do you like?
24. Do you have any work experience? What did you learn?
25. Do you have any questions for me? (*Could be asked at the end of the interview*)

Y11 - think of how you would answer these questions; always try and give answers in full sentences with examples If possible. Try and think of at least 1 question you might want to ask your interviewer at the end - maybe a question about their own career path??