

Interviews for Modern Languages

Be prepared for much of the interview to be conducted in the language[s] for which you are applying.

General questions

Tell us about your A-levels.

Why did you choose to apply here?

What do you hope to do during your year out?

Besides your course, how do you spend your time?

Tell us about any exchange visits you have been on.

Course/subject specific questions

- 1 How long have you been learning the various languages which you speak/are studying?
- 2 Could you have learnt any other languages from scratch [*ab initio*] in the sixth form?
- 3 What is the balance, between language, literature, socio-political issues in your present foreign language course? Which parts appeal to you most? Why? What sort of balance do you want in a degree course?
- 4 Tell us about the set books in your present course: Which ones interest you particularly? Why?
- 5 What other books have you read in French/German/Spanish/..... besides your set books? Tell us about any which you have particularly enjoyed.
- 6 You have been on several exchange visits; describe where you have been. What have you learnt from all these exchanges? Do exchanges just make people more xenophobic?
- 7 Tell us about an essay you have got to write at the moment: How are you approaching it? Have you reached any conclusions? How would you justify them?
- 8 Please read this passage, and then translate it.

Questions you might ask

What have previous graduates from this course gone on to do?

Who arranges the placements abroad in the third year?

Items you might take along or be asked to take along

Recent essays [marked]

Exchange visit notebooks