

The Chesterfield
College Group

**Your
Interview
Welcome
Guide**

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starts
now!**

**INSPIRING FUTURES
CHANGING LIVES**

Welcome to Chesterfield College.



Your future starts now!

Thank you for considering Chesterfield College as the next step in your journey to your chosen career. Inside this guide, we will tell you all about the interview experience with some handy tips to help you prepare...

Thank you for taking the time to visit Chesterfield College and attend your interview. This is your first step to studying with us and we can't wait to welcome you and see you progress on your chosen course or apprenticeship.

During your interview, our tutors will give you an overview of your course and ask you a few questions to make sure it's the correct course for you.

It's important to remember that it's never too late to make a change. If you feel like this course might not be the best fit for you our careers team will be happy to advise you on which programme of study is best suited to the career you wish to pursue and guide you to an alternative course.

Julie

Julie Richards
Principal and Chief Executive
The Chesterfield College Group



What to expect at your interview



We want you to get the most out of your interview experience and it's here where you will find out all about the course you have applied for, what it's like to be a student at Chesterfield College and all the things you can get involved with whilst studying with us.

We're here for you and our friendly team will guide you through the whole process.

Below are some questions you are likely to be asked during your interview.

- **Why do you want to apply for this course?**
- **What experiences have you had so far, including work experience, that have helped you to make this decision?**
- **Have you thought about which industry you might like to work in, in the future?**

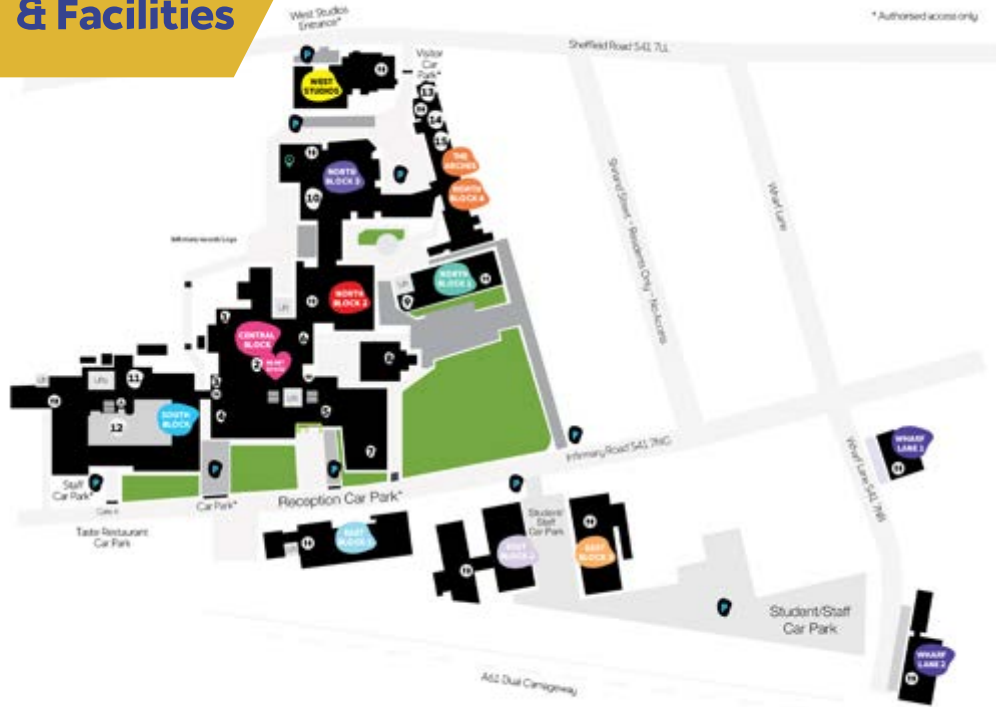
- **Why do you think maths and English skills are important to your success at college and in the world of work?**
- **What expectations do you think we have at the college around professional behaviours and attendance?**
- **What are you good at?**
- **Will you require any support whilst you are at College to help you get the most out of your experience?**
- **What have you identified as an area that you intend to improve upon?**

It's always great to know you have questions for us, this shows us that you are genuinely interested and excited about studying with us.

Here are some question prompts....

- > **Why should I study at Chesterfield College?**
- > **What exciting things can I get involved in?**
- > **What does a typical College week look like?**
- > **How will my timetable be structured?**
- > **What grades do I need?**
- > **How might I progress upon completion of the course?**
- > **Is College easier than sixth form?**
- > **How do I make sure I choose the right course for me?**

Your Campus & Facilities



CENTRAL BLOCK

- 1 EATERY/CAFE CENTRAL
- 2 HEARTSPACE
- 3 TASTE TO GO
- 4 DIGITAL LEARNING CENTRE
- 5 RECEPTION
- 6 STUDENT SERVICES
- 7 SPORTS HALL
- 8 LIBRARY/LEARNING CENTRE

EAST BLOCK 1

Carpentry & Joinery
Painting & Decorating
Plumbing (2nd Floor)

EAST BLOCK 2

Fabrication & Welding
Mechanical Engineering
Joinery
Plumbing

EAST BLOCK 3

Auto

NORTH BLOCK 1

- 9 SALON RECEPTION
- Hair & Beauty
- Fashion

NORTH BLOCK 2

Art & Design
Graphic Design
Media
Music Production Studio
Photography
Printmaking

NORTH BLOCK 3

- 10 THE STUDIO THEATRE
- Art & Design
- Performing Arts
- Silversmithing

SOUTH BLOCK

- 11 WELLBEING HUB
- 12 TASTE RESTAURANT

SOUTH BLOCK CONTINUED

Business
Childhood Studies
Digital Technologies
Electrical Engineering
Electrical Installation
Health & Social Care
Hospitality & Catering
Mechanical Engineering
Public Services
English, Maths & ESOL
Sport
Travel & Tourism

THE ARCHES/NORTH BLOCK 4

- 13 THE ARCHES CAFE
- 14 LEARNING RESOURCES
- 15 UNIVERSITY CENTRE

WEST STUDIOS

Creative Studios, Café & Shop
Sixth Form

WHARF LANE 1 & 2

Automotive/MOT Centre (Wharf Lane 1)
Bricklaying (Wharf Lane 2)

Library & Learning Resources

In our learning centres, you can access books, journals and PCs to help with your studies. You will also find staff who can advise on finding and using relevant information and who can help with troubleshooting PC problems.



Wellbeing Hub & Multi Faith Room

Sometimes college can feel really busy. The Wellbeing Hub (ground floor of South block) is a really calm place to spend time so you feel comfortable and ready to learn.

Our multi-faith room for staff, students and visitors to make use of. This is a quiet room for prayer or meditation. To access the room, speak to the main reception.



Taste

Our newly refurbished, stylish restaurant is situated on the first floor of our tower building. This restaurant is run for students, by students, offering a range of breakfast and lunch options for students, staff and the general public.



Salon

Open to the general public, the salon offers a friendly atmosphere in which hair and beauty, sports massage and media make-up students hone their skills.



Eatery & Cafe Central

In the Heartspace there's the Eatery where you can grab breakfast, lunch and snacks. Whether you're in the mood for pizza, curry, pasta, roast dinner or just a humble sandwich, you'll be spoilt for choice at the Eatery. Café Central offers fresh coffee, 'Subway Style' sandwiches and cakes for those looking for food on the go.



If you decide to study with us, there is a wealth of knowledge and support available to you.

Just a reminder...

If you feel like this course might not be for you at the end of your interview and you would like to apply and participate in an interview for a different course, let the interviewer know and they can arrange this for you immediately.



SEND Team

SEND stands for 'Special Educational Needs and Disabilities'. Our experienced SEND team will ensure that anyone with a disability, or possible disability receives all the support and adjustments they require to ensure you succeed with your education. The SEND team will ensure you feel included throughout your journey with the College.



Wellbeing Hub

A quiet, relaxing and safe space for you whilst you are at College. You can access additional learning support, safeguarding advice and guidance, early help support and counselling.



LEAP Mentors

LEAP stands for 'Learning, Engagement, Achievement and Progress'.

Our LEAP Mentors will support you through your journey with us here at College once you have started and can provide pastoral and academic support. They can also support your wellbeing, help you to build your confidence and resilience along with many other things.

Student & Apprentice Services Hub

Within this hub, you can access specialist advice and support on a variety of topics such as careers advice and guidance, apprenticeships, work experience and information about financial support that might be available to you whilst at College.



Our student

"I had no experience with the subject at school. Engineering has just always seemed interesting to me. It's a great course, the tutors are really **supportive** and they all have industry experience, so they know what they are doing. We get treated like adults, which is a big positive for me. The tutors having **industry experience** was a massive selling point for me when I came to look round. They've all done completely different jobs, so there's a wide range of skills and knowledge there. I also liked that the college has **good technologies**, facilities and also **connections** for apprenticeships within the industry."

Lennon Columbine, Mechanical Engineering



What happens next?



After your interview, one of three things will happen...

1. You will be offered a conditional place on one of our courses.

If this is the case your next steps will involve attending a variety of keep in touch days throughout the year here at College and you will receive our termly newsletter which tells you everything you need to know about College life and what to expect for enrolment in the summer.

2. Referral to careers

If at the end of your interview you decide the course you have applied for is not right for you then you will be referred to our careers team who can support you in finding an alternative course or programme. There is so much for you to choose from, and our team can talk you through all the available options.

3. Referral to a different subject area

If you decide at the end of your interview you would like to apply and participate in an interview for a different course, let the interviewer know and they can arrange this for you immediately.

Get in touch

We are here to help regardless of your enquiry.

For enquiries related to an application or interview.
admissions@chesterfield.ac.uk

For any general enquiries.
advice@chesterfield.ac.uk
01246 500500

FAQs

You might find the answer to your question on our website under the frequently asked questions. Scan the QR code on this page and it will direct you to the FAQ section.



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Do we have your correct details?

So we can keep you informed and up to date with any key information it is important that we have your up to date contact details. If your details change at any point, please let us know.

We will mainly communicate to you via email so please check your inbox and junk mailboxes regularly.





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soon!**