

Interview and Taster Event Information

Animal Science and Conservation Department

Thank you for completing your application. We are pleased that you have chosen to study with us at SGS College and look forward to meeting you.

Please read the following information in order to prepare for your Interview and Taster Event at our:

STROUD CAMPUS

Please report to Reception on arrival.

You must attend an Interview to secure a place on your chosen study programme.

Your final offer is subject to meeting standard conditions such as:

- ✓ Reference(s)
- ✓ Grades
- ✓ Successful Taster/Skills Test
- ✓ Attendance %

There may also be additional entry requirements specific to your study programme which your interviewer will discuss with you on the day.

Prior to Interview/What to bring with you...

(In addition to the requirements stated in your invitation)

- ✓ Read the Interview Checklist for your chosen subject, this will help you prepare for the areas that will be covered at interview, and highlight any questions you may wish to ask.
- ✓ Please come dressed in appropriate clothing for animal handling (no nail varnish or jewellery allowed in animal handling sessions)
- ✓ You need to prepare a **handwritten** document (at least one A4 side) answering the following questions...
 - What are you doing at the moment (at school, work etc.)?
 - What do you enjoy about it?
 - Why would you like to study your chosen subject area?
 - What would you like to do after you complete your study programme at SGS?
 - What sort of personal interests do you have?
 - Where do you see yourself in 5 years' time working in the industry?
 - What skills and qualities are required to work in the Animal Science and Conservation Industry?

Interview and Taster Event Structure

Whilst you are in College you will receive...

- A **group presentation** about the College and more specifically the Animal Science and Conservation Department.
- An introduction to our **Money Management Service Team** who will advise you about the support they can offer with payments, bursaries, loans and any other financial queries you may have.

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- An introduction to our **Work Placement Team** will also discuss their role in your study programme and the advice and guidance available from their department.
- Finally, you will participate in **short group activities and practical tasks** relating to your chosen subject. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know your potential peers and meet our staff.

Applicants will be taken for their 1-1 interviews throughout the interview/taster event.

There will be plenty of opportunity to ask any questions throughout the day to help you feel fully prepared for your start in September 2018.

Interview/Taster Dates available are as follows...

Tuesday 5th December 3.00-5.00pm

Wednesday 24th January 3.00-5.00pm

Tuesday 6th February 3.00-5.00pm

Wednesday 14th March 3.00-5.00pm

Tuesday 3rd April 3.00-5.00pm

Tuesday 29th May 3.00-5.00pm

Wednesday 4th July 3.00-5.00pm

Spaces are limited for each date so please ensure that you have been allocated an appropriate date/time. If you cannot attend your appointment for any reason please contact our **Admissions Department 01453 761165**, who will be able to arrange another date/time for you. *Please note: if you miss multiple interview dates, this may have a negative impact on your application.*

Should you at any time decide not to take up your place on the course, we would be pleased if you would let us know so that we can offer the place to another applicant if needed.

We hope you have all the information you need at this time. However if you do need anything further please contact our Sector Administrator Samantha Bawn on 0117 9092 220 or email Samantha.bawn@sgscol.ac.uk

What Happens Next?

Once you have successfully completed your interview you will receive a letter from us confirming your final offer. If you do not meet the entry requirements you may be offered another level or study programme. Joining Instructions will be sent July 2018.

Within the next week or so, you will also receive a survey via email asking how your interview went and if there is any else we can help you with. We value your feedback to help us improve each year!

Please note we cannot confirm your final timetables until your first day in College. This is due to the fact timetabling takes place across the whole College during summer break and is subject to change during this time.