

Interview and Taster Event Information Childcare and Education (Early Years) & Health and Social Care

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:

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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 Event/Skills Test
- ✓ Attendance %
- ✓ Successful DBS Check

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 You Need to Bring...

(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.
- ✓ You need to bring a **handwritten** document answering the following questions with you to interview...
 - 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?
 - What qualities do you think a professional should have in the education/care industry?
- ✓ It is a legal requirement that a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is carried out before you are able to take up your position in health and social care. Please bring the following documents with you when you attend:
 - DBS identity documents (see below)
 - Cheque for £44.00 made payable to "South Gloucestershire and Stroud College", to cover the cost of the DBS application
 - Your latest school report

Interview and Taster Event Structure

The structure of the event includes...

- A **group presentation** about the College and more specifically the Childcare & Education/Health & Social care Department.

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- 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.
- 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 fun 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.

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...

Thursday 25th January 2018, 16:00pm – 18:00pm

Wednesday 11th April 2018, 16:00pm – 18:00pm

Wednesday 27th June 2018, 13:00 – 15:00pm

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** on **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.

DBS Information:

Please follow the guidance available on our website document...

Early Years DBS Document Checklist.

If you have any difficulty locating certain documents or are unsure of what to bring, please bring what you have to your Interview/Taster Event and our Work Placement Officers will advise accordingly. Document route options below, lists of acceptable documents follow.

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!

We hope you have all the information you need at this time. However if you do need anything further please contact our Sector Administrator on 01453 761108 or email Abz.Davis@sgscol.ac.uk