

How to Ace Your Admissions Interview

This sheet is designed to help you prepare for your upcoming admissions interview.
Most importantly, relax and just be yourself!

What to Expect for Your Interview

1. Your interview will take place using Microsoft Teams. You will receive an email the day before your interview with a link, so please be on the lookout for that email.
2. When you log in, you will be placed in a lobby until the interviewer admits you. We suggest you log in to your meeting 5 minutes prior to when it starts and when your interviewer is ready, they will begin the meeting.
3. You will meet with an administrator, staff member or a teacher who will conduct your interview.
4. Your interview will only take about 10-15 minutes.

Ten Tips for a Successful Interview

1. Turn your camera on and unmute yourself!
2. If you are confused about a question, ask for clarification before you answer.
3. Avoid one-word answers; try and add detail to your answers. (Bonus tip: practice answering the questions below to an adult!)
4. Address the person who is interviewing you by their name.
5. Dress in business casual. Girls, please wear a sweater, dress or appropriate shirt. Boys, please wear a shirt and tie or a shirt with a collar.
6. Find a place in your house where the background is plain and not distracting.
7. Make eye contact while you are talking to your interviewer. The more you look directly at them while speaking, the better.
8. Remove any distractions that you may experience during your interview. If you are typically in a room where your family gathers, move to a quiet place for full focus.
9. Ask questions. Prepare 2-3 questions to ask the interviewer about John Carroll, the admissions process, etc.
10. Do not chew gum or eat snacks during your interview!

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Sample Interview Questions

1. Why are you interested in coming to John Carroll?
2. What are you looking forward to most about high school?
3. If I were to have a conversation with someone who knows you well, what three words would they use to describe you?
4. What makes you a good candidate for admission to John Carroll?

Good luck and have fun!

We are looking forward to getting to know you better.