



Harper Adams
University

Interviews at Undergraduate Applicant Afternoons

FAQ, Travel Information, Local
Accommodation, and Health and Safety

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Interviews

A number of course areas require applicants to attend an interview before an offer is made on their chosen course. Interviews take place during our applicant afternoons.

If you are invited, please ensure that you inform the Admissions Office if you are able to attend or not and make sure that you complete and return a vocational log if you were asked to.

Interview FAQ

Q. Why do I need an Interview?

The main purpose of the interview is to assess your suitability for the course. We want to ensure that you have an understanding of the course which you have applied for. For some courses we will also use the interview to discuss your work experience to date. This will allow the Course Manager to make you an individual offer for the right course in line with your career aspirations.

Q. What happens at an Applicant Afternoon?

After your arrival and registration a light buffet lunch is provided followed by an introduction to the University. You will then attend a course talk for your specific area and take a tour of the campus. You will have your interview with a member of the course team. Information in relation to student finance and accommodation will be available at the end of the day. The afternoon is expected to finish around 4pm.

Q. Can I bring someone with me?

You are welcome to bring a guest, who will be extended the same hospitality above. Guests receive an extended tour of the campus while interviews take place. Please indicate if you are bringing a guest with you when you reply to the invitation.

Q. What will be discussed?

You should expect to be asked questions relating to your chosen area of study, such as recent developments, issues in the media and questions of a technical nature. You will have the opportunity to reflect on any recent work experience that you have undertaken and will be able to discuss your career aspirations. The main thing that we want to know is why you want to do the course. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have relating to the course or the University.

Q. Do I need to bring anything?

Please check your invitation letter. If we require you to supply specific documents, such as original qualification certificates, it will be specified.

Q. What should I wear?

There is no strict dress code for Interview Afternoons. Smart casual dress is deemed appropriate. You are attending an interview but you will also be taken on a walking tour of the campus so ensure that you wear suitable footwear and have appropriate outerwear for the weather.

Q. Where do I park?

Please see the [campus map](#) which shows the location of various car parks available on Campus. You MUST display the parking permit that was enclosed with your interview letter.

The campus map shows the location of the Faccenda Centre (21). Please follow signs for Interview car parking to direct you to the allocated parking which we try to get as close to the Faccenda Centre as possible. Allocated car parking will be available from 12.00pm.

Q. When will I know the outcome?

We aim to make a decision on applications within 2 weeks of interview, however at peak times it could take up to a month. If there is an expected delay beyond this, we will keep affected applicants informed.

If you have any questions not answered here you can contact the Admissions Office via email: admissions@harper-adams.ac.uk or telephone: 01952 815000 (9am-5pm Monday-Friday)

Travel Information

By Car

This is the easiest way to travel to Harper Adams (Postcode for **SatNav: TF10 8NB**).

From the North

1. Take the M6 South.
2. Leave M6 at junction 14 (signed Stone and Eccleshall, A34).
3. Follow the A5013, signed to Eccleshall.
4. After 1.5 miles turn left on to B5405.
5. At the T-Junction in Woodseaves, turn left on to the A519 and follow signs for Newport.
6. As you near Newport, at T-junction turn right, about 100 yards on, turn left for the B5062 (signed Edgmond/ Shrewsbury) follow this road for 2 miles and the University is on the right.

From the South

1. Take the M6 North.
2. Leave M6 at junction 10A (signed Telford/North Wales) and join the M54.
3. Leave M54 at junction 3 (signed Whitchurch).
4. Take A41 towards Whitchurch.
5. Near Newport go past the exit for National Sports Centre.
6. At the first roundabout go straight over, you will pass Focus on your left.
7. At the next roundabout turn left (signed Harper Adams University).
8. You will then come to a mini roundabout (signed Town Centre), at this roundabout bear left you will now be on the A518.
9. This road takes you to Newport Town Centre where you see another mini roundabout, turn right and drive straight through town.
10. On the left is the B5062 (signed for Edgmond/ Shrewsbury) follow this road for 2 miles and the University is on the right hand side.

By Train

If travelling by train we will be happy to pick you up from **Stafford Station**. The University minibus will pick up candidates and their guests from the main entrance of the station at 12 noon. Please indicate if you require this when you reply to your invitation.

Return to Stafford Station

We will take you back to Stafford Station. The mini-bus will leave Harper Adams at 4:00pm from the Queen Mother Hall building. Please ensure your return train is NOT BEFORE 5:00pm.

Local Accommodation

If you would like to stay overnight and extend your visit to the area we have listed some local accommodation below. Alternatively, contact the Short Course and Conference Office on 01952 815324 to discuss the possible availability of University accommodation.

Premier Inn

Stafford Road, Newport, Shropshire

Tel: 0871 527 8812

Lane End Farm

Chetwynd, Newport, Shropshire

Tel: 01952 550337

Premier Inn

Donnington Wood Way, Telford, Shropshire

Tel: 0871 527 9084

Red Gables Bed & Breakfast

Longford, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 8LN

Tel: 01952 811118

The Swan at Forton

Eccleshall Road, Newport, Shropshire

Tel: 01952 812169

The Mill House

Shrewsbury Road, High Ercall, Shropshire

Tel: 01952 770394

Woodcroft

Chetwynd Aston, Newport, Shropshire

Tel: 01952 812406

Newport Arms Hotel

Lower Bar, Newport, Shropshire

Tel: 01952 810126

Health and Safety Information for Visitors

We give priority to your safety and welfare and wish you to note the following during your visit:

- Observe the University's Health and safety Policy which is displayed at Reception
- Comply with any specific safety instructions given by University staff
- Observe 'No Smoking' signs

In the event of an accident or if you feel unwell, contact a member of reception staff by dialling '0' on the nearest telephone.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

In the event of the alarm sounding, visitors should proceed as quickly as possible to the nearest emergency exit and follow the signs to the assembly area.

Remain with your host who will accompany you to an assembly area or follow other staff and students.

Do not re-enter the building until instructed to do so. DO NOT return to your vehicle and do not leave the University premises without notifying a member of staff.