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Your interview with Cardiff School of Art & Design

To secure a place to study at Cardiff School of Art & Design you will need to prepare your portfolio and make the most of your interview.

Like most art and design schools we receive more applications than we have places available, so we're looking for the most enthusiastic, able and inquisitive students to join us and make a contribution to our creative community.

Our interview process allows us to find out more about you, your ideas and your creative practice. We want to find out about your interests and your understanding of your chosen subject. We'll want your personality to shine through and to be convinced that you'll make the best use of your time at Cardiff School of Art & Design should you join us.

First steps

You should have by now received an email from Cardiff Met Admissions inviting you to attend an interview with us. Please check that you can get time off from your school, college or place of work to attend your interview. Follow the link provided in the email from our Admissions Team to confirm an interview date and time that best suits you.

If you would prefer to be interviewed in Welsh please let us know as soon as possible and we will organise this.

Finding us is straight forward but please plan your journey in advance. Our postcode is **CF5 2YB** and helpful advice on travelling to our Llandaff Campus can be found online at www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/campuses

Parking

You can be dropped off and picked up from our Llandaff Campus but parking is not available on weekdays. If you have a disability and you will need a parking space or special facilities please call the University's Admissions Team to make the necessary arrangements.

Preparing for your interview

The interview process will involve a review of your portfolio and a conversation with members of staff and other students. The conversation will be relaxed and informal as we want to meet you at your best, not when you are stressed out and nervous!

You will be given an opportunity to discuss work from your portfolio. Be yourself - purposeful and enthusiastic - so that we learn about who you are and why you want to study your subject with us. Above all you need to show that you have an enquiring mind, want to take risks, play with ideas and develop your practice. Don't be afraid to ask lots of questions!

Ultimately we are seeking people who will contribute to the academic and creative community of people who make up CSAD - both our staff and students.

Your portfolio

Your portfolio represents you as an artist, designer or maker and should give us an insight into your interests, skills and creative scope.

- ✓ Select your best work. This may be work created on your current course or personal work that you have created for yourself outside of your studies.
- ✓ Don't bring everything that you have ever created. Your portfolio should show us that you have the critical ability to select an appropriate body of work that relates to the course you have applied for. Remember quality should be prioritised over quantity!
- ✓ Consider including some work in your portfolio that shows that you are open to experimentation... even if it went wrong!
- ✓ We would normally expect students to present a single portfolio for review (ideally A3 – A1 in size) but do feel free to bring one or two sketchbooks along too as they provide interesting insights into your ideas and how you develop your work.
- ✓ If you have three dimensional work that you would like to show off at your interview please don't bring it with you but do ensure that it is well photographed and documented in your portfolio.
- ✓ If you have digital or moving image work and use a tablet device to showcase it, please ensure the device is unlocked/not password protected for the duration of the interview.



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How to find us

The university is approximately a ten minute bus ride from Cardiff Central Station.

Use bus numbers 25, 62 or 63 and ask to alight at Llandaff village (mention that you're travelling to Cardiff Met).

It is a 5 minute walk to Llandaff campus.

Full directions can be found at: www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/findus

www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/csad www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/studywithus

Handy sites:

www.cardiffbus.com
www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk
www.traveline-cymru.info
www.nationalrail.co.uk

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On the day

You will be invited to attend an interview at 9:30am or 1:00pm. However, we would strongly advise that you arrive half an hour prior to this in order to sign in and drop off your portfolio.

The structure of your interview will depend on the course that you have applied for. As a part of the process some of our courses may ask you to participate in a creative workshop - these have previously included activities such as drawing and 3D printing.

As a part of your interview session you will be given a tour of the art and design facilities including our studios and workshops. You are more than welcome to arrive early or stay late after your interview has finished should you want to have a look around the University campus and the Library, or to grab a cup of coffee or something to eat in one of our coffee shops or the Student Union bar.

Parents, carers and guests

Parents and guests are welcome to accompany you although they will not be permitted into the interview session with you. Your guests are welcome to grab a coffee from our café and they will be also offered the opportunity to join a tour of our facilities whilst they wait for you.

After your interview

If we offer you a place at Cardiff School of Art & Design we will write to you and inform UCAS of either our conditional or unconditional offer. For information on entry requirements please check our website.

Our entrance expectations and our rigorous but friendly interview process creates a community of students who are serious about their studies in art and design. Our courses receive many applications for every place so if you receive an offer you'll be joining our creative community, working alongside other imaginative, curious and astute artists and designers who are learning

the skills that will enable them to become leaders in their field.

We are proud of CSAD for its history, its standards, and for the way in which it enables our students to shape their studies around their own interests and ambitions. The fact that Cardiff is an exciting student city with a vibrant creative and cultural scene makes it all the better.

Good luck!

We look forward to meeting you!



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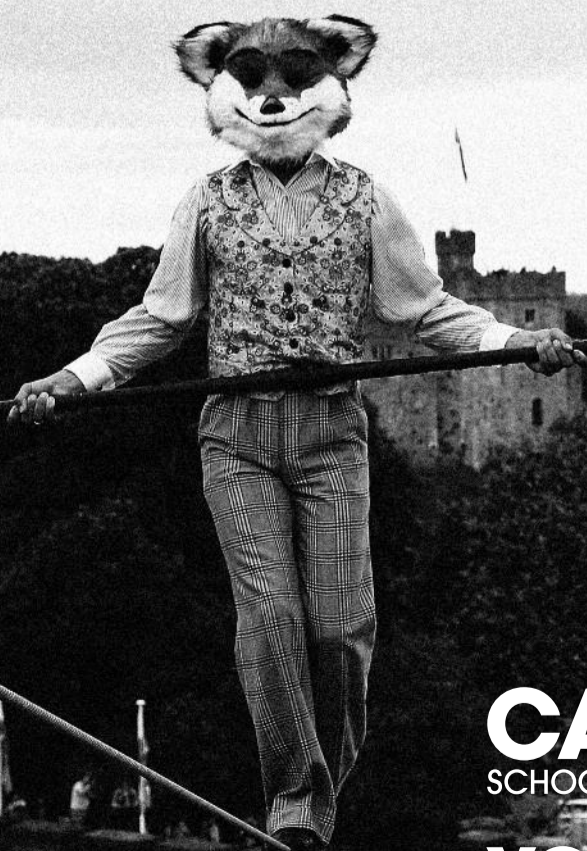
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Interview Checklist

- ✓ Make sure you know the correct time and date of your interview.
- ✓ Plan your journey and allow for delays. Our postcode is CF5 2YB.
- ✓ Prepare your portfolio. Think carefully about what work you have included. Is it all appropriate for the course you are being interviewed for?
- ✓ Dress appropriately. Whilst the interview process is informal the way in which you present yourself is important.
- ✓ Prepare some questions to ask our lecturers to show that you are serious and enthusiastic and to find out more about what CSAD can offer you.



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