Illustration.

Interview Guidance.

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Congratulations, you have successfully been selected for an interview at the University of Northampton. The interview process will be kept as informal as possible and is aimed at helping us to get to know you and help you decide whether this is the right course for you.

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How to accept your interview.

Please accept your interview date through UCAS.

If you have extenuating circumstances which means you cannot attend on the day we have scheduled, please email interviews2019@northampton.ac.uk prior to your interview date and include your UCAS ID. A new date, if available, will be scheduled for you within two working days. Please check your UCAS Track for updates.

Checklist.

To do	Done
Read this document thoroughly as important instructions are included.	
Respond to your interview invite (as detailed above).	
Make a note of your interview date and time in your calendar.	
You will need to bring photographic identification with you on the day.	
Prepare for your interview (details below). Remember to bring your portfolio along where relevant.	
Let us know about any requests for reasonable adjustment.	
Plan your journey, make sure you know where you're going and how you're getting here.	

Interview details.

Arrival and structure of the day.

The time you have been invited for enables you to complete registration and have your documents checked before your interview begins. Should you be running late / unable to attend on the day please let the Interviews Team know as soon as possible.

On arrival please report to the Learning Hub

Campus tours.

During the day, you will be able to take a tour of the Campus, speak to current students about what it's like to study here, view on-campus accommodation, visit the Students' Union and drop in with our Student Services team and Employability team to get your queries answered. Our cafés and restaurants will be open for you to grab a bite to eat throughout the day and the town centre is a short 10 minute walk through Becket's Park so be sure to explore during you visit.

If you would like a guided campus tour during your visit, these are available at 11.30am and 2pm. Please register via the links below for your preferred tour time. Details of where to meet your tour guide will be included in your tour registration confirmation email.

Please click the time below to register for the tour of your choice.
11.30am
2pm

Guests.

Guests are welcome to accompany you to campus and will need to collect a visitor pass when you arrive at registration. Our tours, drop ins and cafés will be available for them to make use of whilst they wait for you to finish your interview.

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Preparation for interview.

Please read carefully the following information and instructions, which are intended to help you with your interview.

- We would like you to bring a portfolio of creative work including: examples of sketchbooks, visuals and drawings, creative ideas and concepts as well as more finished outcomes. Your aim is to show the breadth and quality of your experiences working with drawing and illustration to date.
- Try not to over edit – we like to see work that shows potential for development.
- Any bulky 3D pieces can be photographed, and digital work can be viewed on screen.
- Don't attempt to bring every piece of work you have ever produced, try and show around 15-20 key pieces of work.

Interview process.

We know that an interview can be a daunting experience. We make allowances for nerves and we endeavor to make the process as enjoyable as possible.

The interview will give you an opportunity to explore the potentials of the course. It will also give us the chance to know you better and provide you with early guidance in how to successfully start the course.

The interview will be relatively informal and will include an Illustration programme overview and an interview with the members of our academic staff team.

During your interview you will be asked to talk us through your portfolio, discuss your creative work and answer any questions about it. Do not worry about preparing a presentation for your interview. Instead, your portfolio will provide a starting point for an informal conversation about you and what motivates you as a creative practitioner, so come ready to talk about your interests and your work.

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Travel information.

For information on transport options, please visit our website.

Special Park and Ride interview day discount

Applicants attending an interview and their guests can receive a discounted Park and Ride fare to travel to campus on the day of their interview. The discounted rate is £1.20 per person for a return journey. Cash and contactless payments are accepted. Parking is free of charge.

In order to claim this discount, when you arrive at the Park and Ride car park, you will need to report to the security cabin, show your interview invite email and collect your Interview Pass. Please ensure you leave enough time to do this as there may be queues during peak periods (between 11am and 2.30pm).

The image to the left shows the security cabin that you need to look out for. It is near the entrance to the car park. **You must show your Interview Pass to the bus driver on both your journeys to gain your discounted travel so please keep it with you.** If you cannot show your interview invite email at the security cabin at the Park and Ride car park, they will not be able to issue you with an Interview Pass and you and your guests will need to pay the full fare.

The address for the Park and Ride is:
Claret Car Park and Saints Car Park
Edgar Mobbs Way
Sixfields
Northampton
NN5 5JR.

The buses run every 10 minutes Monday – Friday and depart from Edgar Mobbs Way (not from inside the car parks). It's approximately a 2.3 mile journey to the University. For the full timetable visit the Uno Bus pages.

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Other information.

Photographic Identification.

On the interview day please bring with you an original piece of photographic identification. The documents most commonly used are:

- Original valid passport
- Photographic drivers licence card

Requests for reasonable adjustment.

It is the policy of the University of Northampton that candidates should not be prejudiced as a result of any disability and reasonable adjustments will be made to mitigate unfair discrimination.

Therefore, all candidates with disabilities are encouraged to identify and/or request support for actual or potential circumstances in advance. Please contact admissions2019@northampton.ac.uk.

Please note you will be required to provide suitable medical evidence that confirms the nature of your condition and the need for adjustment.

Get in touch.

If you need to get in touch with us for any reason, please contact interviews2019@northampton.ac.uk

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