



Skype Guidelines for Candidates

Ideally St John's College would like to interview all shortlisted EU and International applicants who have applied for an interview in Cambridge. However, because of geographical distance and/or visa requirements, we realise this is not always possible. In the event that an applicant cannot attend their interview in Cambridge some subjects may be willing to interview by Skype as an alternative.

If you have any queries regarding whether you may require a visa to travel to the UK you can visit Cambridge's International Student Team website (<http://www.ist.admin.cam.ac.uk/>) or the Home Office website (<https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa/y>).

The Skype Interview Process

The interview is a formal part of the application process of the University of Cambridge, and our preference is to hold Skype interviews in schools/colleges wherever possible. The interviews will be academic in nature, and will be as similar as possible to those held for applicants attending interviews in person. If the Tripos you have applied for conducts At Interview Assessments, and you are selected for a Skype interview, you will receive additional information regarding your Assessment separately.

If the College confirms that you have been selected for a Skype interview please be aware of the following:

- You should check your emails (including junk mail/spam folders) regularly between your application and the scheduled interview.
- You should ensure that you are available for a while before and after the scheduled interview time.
- You should ensure that you are in an appropriate room (in a school or college wherever possible) where you will not be disturbed by others. There should be no other individuals present in the room during your interview, unless they are there for IT support.
- You may be asked to produce ID at the start of the interview to confirm your identity.
- You must not record your interview.
- You may at any time be asked to conduct a camera sweep of the room to verify that you are alone during the interview.
- You may have blank paper and a pen on which you may be asked to work through problems.
- If problems arise with the use of Skype you should have a telephone near you that does not require you to leave the room to use. Should technical issues occur this will enable the interview to proceed either wholly via the telephone, or using the phone for sound and Skype for images. If you are concerned that technical difficulties are impacting upon your interview please make the interviewers aware of this so that a decision may be made as to how best proceed.