

West Kirby School and College

Questions to ask on open days/evenings:



STOP!

Before you go to the open event, have you looked on their website? NO, then go look there first because there is a host of information about the course you are interested in on the website – do your research first!

GO!

If you've already done your research, then look at the following questions and think about what is important to you and ask the staff at the event.

- How will the course be assessed? Exams, coursework or a mixture?
- How many students will be at college and in my class?
- Is there an opportunity to do work experience? If so, will the college organise this?
- What support will I get at college?
- If I have a issue about my course, who do I go to?
- If I have personal issues where do I go?
- Is there access to enrichment activities and clubs to joint at college
- Do you have a free gym?
- What happens at the interview? Is it a formal or informal interview process?
- I have an EHCP, who do I need to meet with to discuss my support?
- What grades do I need – and can I still get a place if I don't quite get the grades?
- Which qualifications and combinations of qualifications do they accept/prefer?
- Can I able to apply for more than one course?
- Can you show me a sample timetable for my course?
- What topics does the course cover?
- How many hours a week will I be in timetabled teaching?

- What facilities are there for breaks and lunch?
- Are there spaces I can use to self regulate
- Are there spaces I can independently study or do research when not in class?
- How will the course make me more employable?
- What have previous students gone on to do after finishing?
- What's on offer here that will provide opportunities for me to develop my employability skills?
- What connections with local employers does the college offer?
- What academic support is available?
- Do you provide a free bus pass?
- Will the college timetable allow room for a part-time job?
- What bursaries, scholarships or financial help is available? How do I apply?
- If I get stuck with an assignment, who can I go to for help?
- What do you offer as a transition to college?
- Will I be able to attend subject lessons or do you offer taster days?
- What is the process if I pick a course, then find it's not for me – what would be my options?
- Once I've applied to the college, how long will it be before I get an interview date?
- I have an EHCP, so how long after the formal consolation process will I hear if you can meet my needs
- Is there access to a careers, advice and guidance in the college? Will they help me to get a job or an apprenticeship or go to university?
- If I drive or ride a moped, can I park in the college car park?
- Is there any financial help if I can't afford something for my course?
- When do I finish at the end of the academic year?

You may have other questions and you might not what to ask any of these questions. If you want Mrs Shallcross or your parents/carers to get this information for you, let us know and we will help you.