

# Parent & Child Webinar: The Headmaster Interview & How to Prepare



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## People Who Care: Our Directors

Joyce Connell is our Founder. She holds a MA (Oxon) from Oxford University in History and completed an MSc at Birkbeck University whilst previously working full-time for Her Majesty's Government, UK. She runs the UK's only Oxbridge Mentoring Programme (OMP), helping students access Oxford and Cambridge universities. For over 16 years, she has successfully advised students into top UK boarding schools and universities. Alongside Insight's core programmes, she runs workshops to help prepare students for interviews. Passionate about raising educational standards worldwide, she enjoys new projects and working with like-minded others.



Mark Cousins is Head of School & University Counselling and enjoys using a personalised, interactive approach in his work when brainstorming personal statements with students. In his previous career, he was previously a research and information manager for two London Mayors. He brings his research, creative design and public speaking skills to Insight business planning, presentations and training. He enjoys conducting headmaster mock interviews, challenging pre-conceptions about topical issues and perceived truths behind scientific research that helps students adopt more original perspectives. He is keen on creative approaches to bring learning to life.

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- ✓ Short courses (as group-based online classes)
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- ✓ Cambridge & IELTS English classes
- ✓ 1:1 Tuition for UK School Entrance Tests
- ✓ Running Workshops online and in-person



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- ✓ Oxbridge/University Mentoring
- ✓ Private 1:1 Tutoring (IGCSE, A level, IB)
- ✓ 1:1 Career Mentoring
- ✓ Teacher Training
- ✓ Educational Consultancy

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## The Challenges for your Child

1. Not knowing what questions will be asked.
2. No experience or little experience of being interviewed.
3. Not used to having conversations with grown-ups and therefore intimidated.
4. Not know *how* to answer questions
5. Language barrier

## The Solution

- ✓ Understanding why the interview is important
- ✓ Listening closely and **interpreting what questions** are *really* asking
- ✓ Presenting their best side whilst trying to “be themselves”.
- ✓ **Learning our technique** that allows a child to demonstrate “agile” thinking
- ✓ Practice using list of past interview questions

# The point of the interview

## The School Perspective

- ✓ Allows the school to “see” and get to know your child
- ✓ **An opportunity to ask Qs that detect if the child will be happy at the school**
- ✓ A chance to detect if the student has done their “homework” on the school

## Questions are likely to cover

About the child's family background

Hobbies & Interests

Reasons for studying in the UK

Opinions (current affairs)

Favourite subjects

Reading

About personality & character

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**Framework for Keeping it “REAL”  
at Boarding School Admissions Interviews**

**R** esearch

**E** nthusiasm

**A** nalysis

**L** ateral thinking

**P**olitical  
**E**conomic  
**S**ocial  
**C**ultural

## Demonstrating Poor & Good Interview Answers Using the REAL Framework



## Guest Appearance: Bella



An 11 year's old who enjoys singing, dancing, gymnastics, riding, swimming, skiing, reading, and playing the piano, violin and recorder.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in German Federal Competition for Violin Solo (2022)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Hong Kong International Young Musicians Competition (2021)
- ABRSM Music Exams in Grade 4 Violin & Grade 1 Singing
- ABRSM in Grade 2 Musical Theatre (2019)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Vocal Ensemble Regional Competition (2019)
- 1st place in Club Gymnastics Championship of TSV Wolfratshausen
- Royal Academy of Dance London Award (2018)
- Disney Channel – Gag Attack Staffel (2021 & 2022)

## 5 Key Things to Remember

- ✓ Never just answer “yes” or “no”, give reasons for your answer
- ✓ Pause to think before your answer; use either REAL or PESC technique
- ✓ Questions are designed to find out more about you and your interests
- ✓ Relax; be yourself and allow your personality to shine
- ✓ After the interview, try not to analyse or worry about your answers



**Good Luck!**



# Headmaster Interview Preparation Workshops



18:00-19:30 CET Tuesday 22 & 29 November  
(1.5hrs each; 3hrs total)  
= £100.00 per child

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