

DP4 Interview Schedule – Outline Questions

Establish current course (if part time options exist, note this).

Can you tell me about decision to apply to X course at X university? (Influences)

- often this may bring up a visit to the campus, so you can ask more about what the event was like to find out what it was about the event that helped make the decision
- you may want to address each question individually – interest in the university itself and then interest in the course

Did you get into your first choice?

- What were your choices etc?

Do you have career plans? What interests you about this? Did you consider other careers?

Do you enjoy maths? What do you enjoy and not enjoy about maths?

- What maths course have you taken? (and other courses?)

Can you describe a lesson or time you were doing maths you particularly enjoyed?

Can you describe a typical lesson?

- This usually brings up topics like working in groups or exams etc.

How are you expecting/already finding university learning to be the same or different?

What are your expectations for university?

- This will relate to coursework expectations, people, learning styles, lecturers.
- You may need to follow up asking about specific apprehensions or hopes

Is there anything you've learned about the course since starting that surprised you/that you weren't expecting?

- Explore what they might be disappointed by, new anxieties, or pleasant surprises.
- What did you gather from the **inductions**? How did you find the events?

Additional questions sometimes asked:

You said X in the survey, can you say more about that?

- Some areas of the survey we have talked about have included their story 'canons', their reasons for choosing university, their confidence with different subject topics in maths, their expectations for university, and any open responses given.

You said you work now, where do you work?

You mentioned family issues, did this influence your coursework or future plans?

How does your family feel about your decisions?

Was there anything about the survey you felt you wanted to be able to say more about?

Any survey questions you found difficult to answer?