

# Interview Preparation

## St Joseph's Catholic School

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

Evaluation Report  
Students & Teachers

## Event summary

Year 10 students from St Joseph's Catholic School spent a lesson understanding:

- Personal skills and qualities
- Effective communication
- Presenting yourself

## Summary of Impact of Event

The majority of students were well engaged with the session and realised the importance and significance of what was being discussed and the reasons for this.

From the students' evaluation forms, there were significant increases in students':

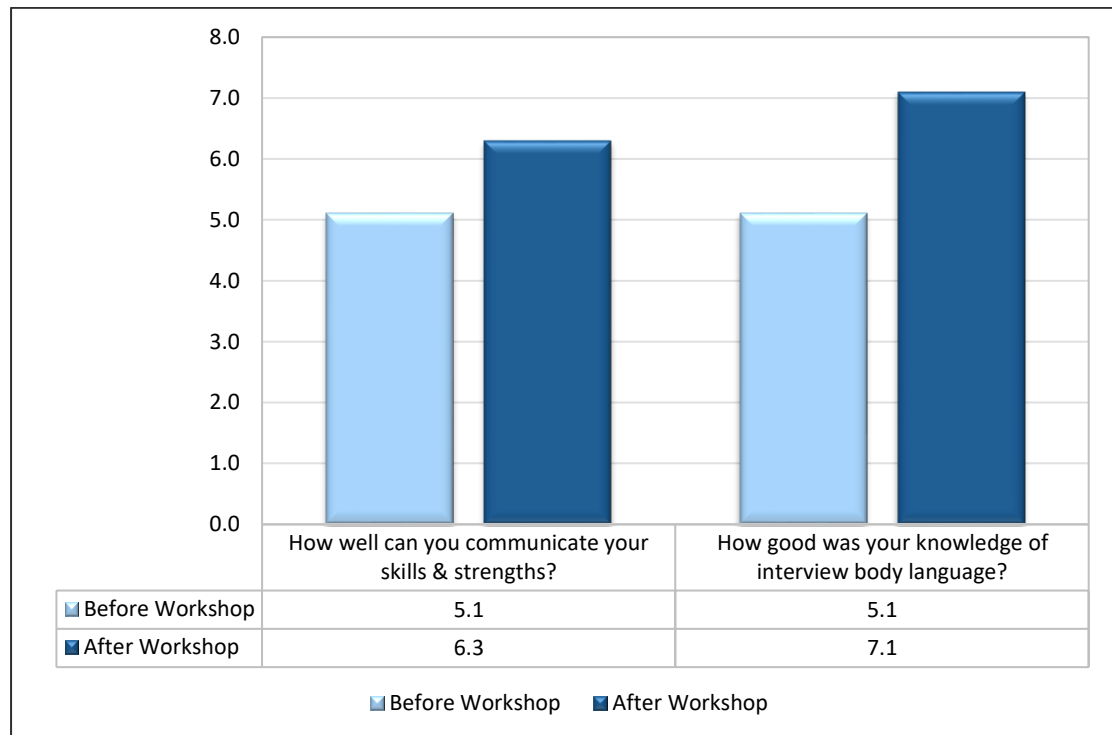
- Knowledge and skills of interview techniques and body language
- Understanding about their own skills and qualities and how to articulate these

## Student evaluation (85 responses)

### How much did you enjoy today's activities?

Average score 4.9/10

### Knowledge levels



### Highlights

- 72% of students said they had improved their knowledge of interview body language skills after taking part in the workshop
- 76% of students said they had improved their ability to communicate their skills and strengths at an interview after taking part in the workshop

### After today's workshop, how confident do you feel about attending an interview?

Average score 6.3/10

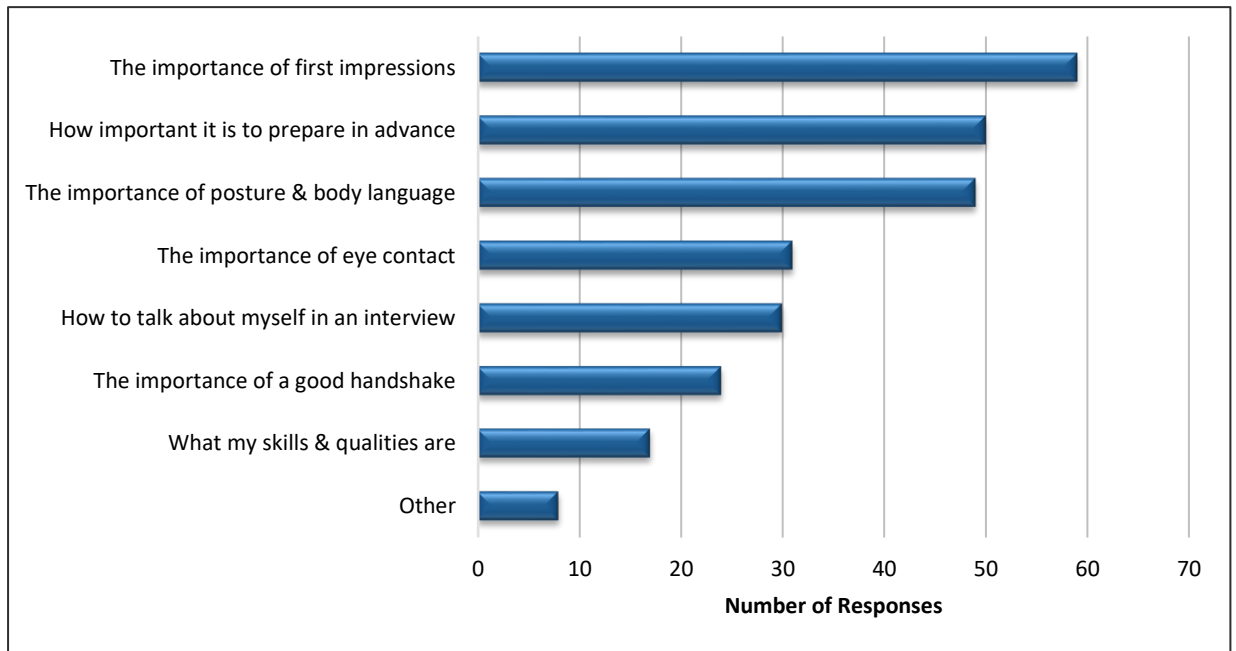
### After today's workshop, do you better understand what is expected of you in an interview?

Average score 6.9/10

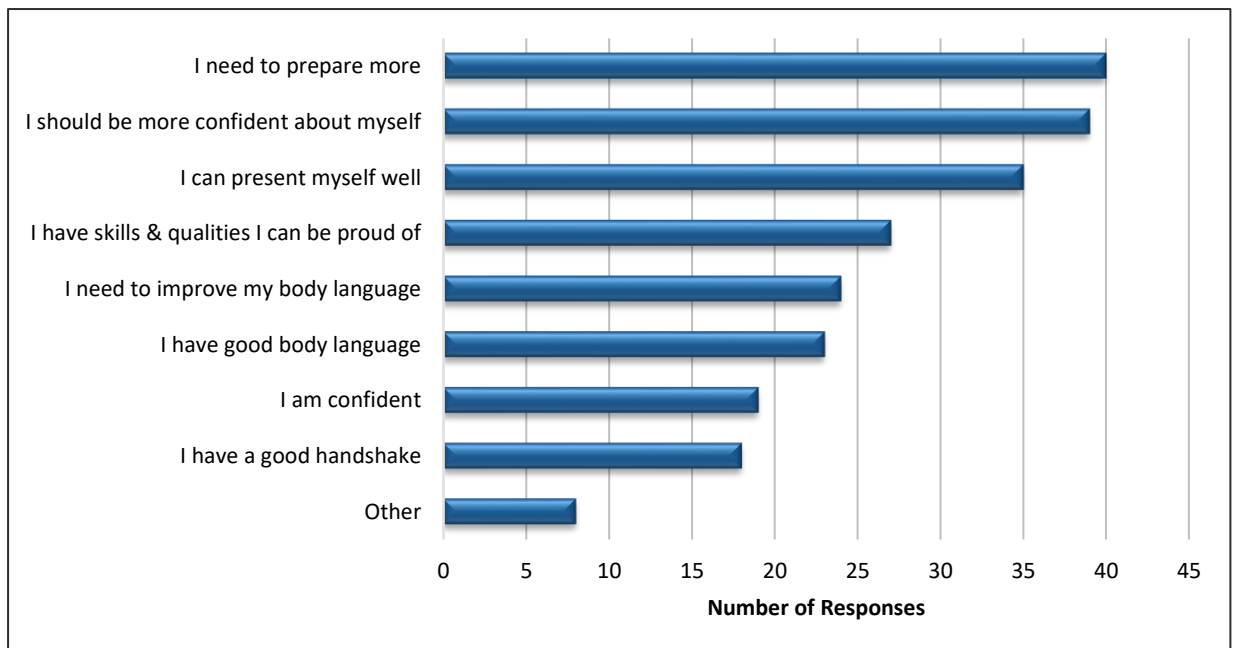
### Did you find the workshop valuable?

82% of students said "Yes"

### What is the most important thing that you have learnt today?



### What have you learnt about yourself?



**If you had to sum up your experience in a sentence, what would it be?**

- Helpful and interesting
- A good learning chance
- It was inspiring and I learnt a lot
- It helped me understand how to prepare myself for an interview
- I learnt how to present myself on an interview
- It was very helpful
- It was very excellent
- Inspiring and learnt a handful of skills and qualities
- The experience was a valuable asset in ensuring I present myself appropriately in an interview
- Engaging
- It was good to know how to prepare
- My experience was informative and has helped interview skills
- I understand more about body language
- I loved it!
- A simple fundamental guide of how a vast majority of interviews should be presented
- Enjoyable and informative. Helped me know what to do and not to do
- Great service, enjoyed this workshop. Very interesting how hard an interview really is!!

## Teacher evaluation (4 responses)

### How much do you think students benefited from this event?

Average score 6.3/10

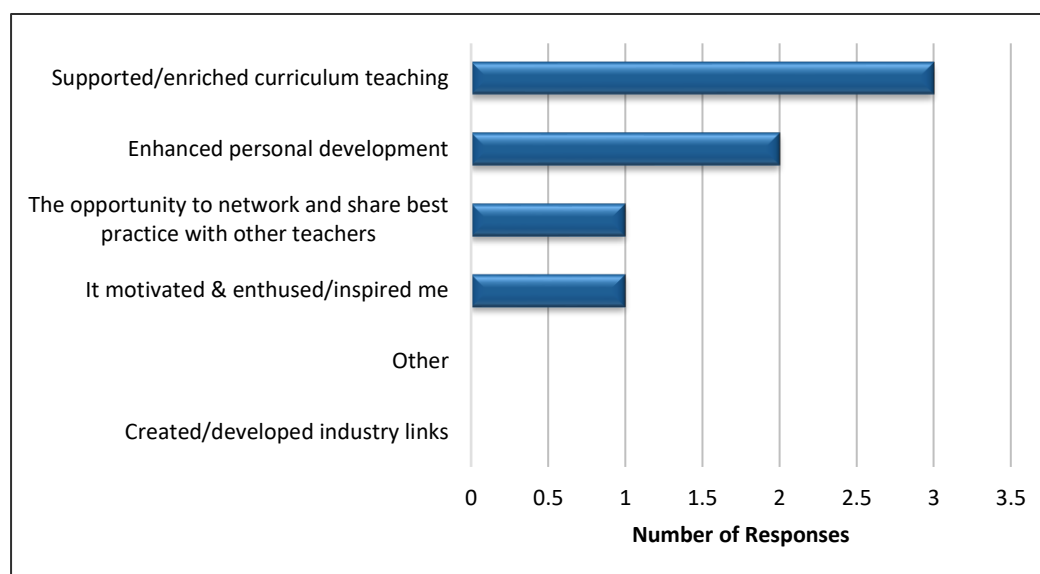
### How good did you think the organisations were that attended?

Average score 6.8/10

### How good was the information given to you for this event?

Average score 7.8/10

### What benefit did you get out of helping today?



### What was the students' biggest learning point?

- The dress code for different jobs and interviews
- The importance of language and dress at an interview
- Very good to have outside views/help/opinions and guidance on interview technique
- Our students have had virtually no input on this before this "talk"
- Listening to the company's teacher who explained very well the interview process

### Would you like to take part in this event again?

100% of teachers said "yes"

### Comments

- I also thought that showing good and bad examples of an interview benefited majority of the students, as it put everything into perspective
- Doing written tasks as well as visual listening was a good teaching task
- Thank you
- Enriching but definitely would benefit from being in person
- I think the guest speaker wasn't as relevant as they could have been – lots of our cohort won't go to university
- Good insight but needs tweaking to suit our students. Better face to face!

## Lessons learned

We ran this workshop at St. Joseph's Catholic School as a virtual workshop. The behaviour and attitude of the students was largely very good. To deliver a virtual offering this year was challenging but important to ensure this essential content was delivered to the students.

As part of the virtual workshop, we tried to incorporate some interactive activities, and this is something we will continue to do as they were well received. Our guest speaker, Vikram Kainth, was well received with relevant and engaging content which supported the workshop. It would have been useful to have been given more information regarding student progression post school in advance of the workshop e.g. apprenticeship pathway, university pathway, etc. to ensure that the discussion content was tailored to and more relevant to the students.

Going forward, St. Joseph's Catholic School are very keen for onsite workshops to begin again and wanted to make it known that a presence onsite would be preferable.

Students benefitted from this workshop, and they are better prepared for interviews because of it.

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