

Preparing for Judging



These are guidelines to help students prepare for interviews with expert judges during the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition:

1. Know Your Project:

- Review your project thoroughly, ensuring you have a deep understanding of the research question, methodology, results, and conclusions.
- Be prepared to explain your project in a concise and organised manner.

2. Anticipate Questions:

- Consider potential questions that judges may ask based on your project's topic and content.
- Practice answering questions related to your research process, experimental design, data analysis, and interpretation of results.

3. Confidence and Professionalism:

- Project confidence during the interview. Maintain good eye contact, speak clearly and audibly, and demonstrate enthusiasm for your work.
- Dress appropriately and professionally to make a positive impression.

4. Presentation Skills:

- Practice delivering a clear and engaging presentation of your project. Be prepared to adapt your presentation based on the judge's level of expertise or specific interests.
- Use visual aids such as your poster or other materials to support your explanations.
- Practice presenting in front of other classes and teachers

5. Be Open to Feedback:

- Demonstrate a willingness to receive feedback and learn from the judges' expertise.
- Accept constructive criticism gracefully and consider it an opportunity for growth.

6. Scientific Terminology:

- Use appropriate scientific terminology when discussing your project. Familiarise yourself with the key terms related to your research and be able to explain them clearly.

7. Project Significance:

- Clearly articulate the significance and real-world implications of your project.
- Explain how your project addresses a particular problem, fills a knowledge gap, or contributes to the field of study.

8. Research Process:

- Describe your research process, including how you developed the research question, designed the experiment, collected and analysed data, and drew conclusions.
- Highlight any challenges you encountered during the process and how you overcame them.

9. Demonstrate Critical Thinking:

- Showcase your ability to think critically and analytically about your project.
- Discuss any limitations or alternative explanations for your results and explain how you addressed them.



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10. Practice and Mock Interviews:

- Practice answering potential interview questions with a teacher, mentor, or peer.
- Conduct mock interviews to simulate the experience and gain confidence in responding to various types of questions.

11. Time Management:

- Be mindful of the time allocated for the interview. Practice delivering concise and focused responses to ensure you cover the essential aspects of your project within the given time frame.

12. Professional Etiquette:

- Demonstrate professionalism and respect towards the judges. Listen carefully to their questions, maintain a positive attitude, and show appreciation for their time and feedback.

Remember, the interview is an opportunity to showcase your knowledge, passion, and ability to communicate effectively. By preparing well and being confident, you can make a strong impression on the judges and leave a lasting positive impact.