**PREPARING FOR YOUR MOCK INTERVIEW**

*The Top 10 Questions you will be asked and some suggestions to help you prepare your answers*

**Complete the following questions/statements in full sentences:**

* 1. **Tell me about yourself:**
* Name
* Grade
* Strengths: why are they important when applying for the job ie: good communicator is very helpful in the service industry working with customers
* Interests/what you learn from them
* Community involvement and what you learned from it
* School involvement and what you learned from it

* 1. **Why do you want to work here?**
* State the company
* Discuss company goal and why you are a perfect fit
* Discuss how you love the customer service and product
* Be specific about what you like from the store and why-personal experience
* Trying to save money my post-secondary education-some spending money for myself so I can learn to budget my own finances-becoming more independent from my parent

**3. Why should we hire YOU? What can you do for us that someone else can not?**

* Discuss your strengths and how you would be a good fit for the job compared to someone else
* Discuss how you know the products and really enjoy them
* Discuss how you are a perfect fit for the company’s goal and that is why they should hire you instead of someone else

1. **Give me an example of an important goal you had to set and tell me about your progress in reaching that goal.**

* Possibly post-secondary goal? Explain what it is and how you are getting there short term vs. long term goal (use your career compass for ideas)
* Goal in sports? Drama? Music? Art? Club? Team? Etc.
* School goal?

1. **What do you consider to be your greatest strengths and weaknesses?**

* Be sure to turn your weakness into a positive point

Ie: taking on a variety of tasks-sometimes can be overwhelming, but I am learning how to budget my time and become a more efficient student etc…

Ie: International students: Working on learning English by going to tutorials-reading at home-speaking more English how? explain

1. **What would you consider an ideal work environment?**

* Friendly coworkers who help each other
* Safe environment
* Open and honest communication
* Give and take
* Good training
* Good team spirit
* Compassion, respect and understanding

1. **How well do you work with people? Do you prefer working alone or in teams?**

* This is a personal question but you should be clear that you can work together with others and that you are a “team player”-you like to collaborate with others as it inspires you – stress that you are able to work both individually or together with others and why.

1. **What motivates you to go the extra mile on a school project?**

* Being passionate for what I am working on-fun
* Always strive to achieve my best and feel great when I have worked the hardest I could-feeling of accomplishment
* I enjoy working on projects and love getting positive feedback from my teachers
* Getting good results (marks)

1. **What do you see yourself doing five years from now? Ten years from now?**

* Personal response and address BOTH parts of the question

1. **What is the most creative thing you have ever done?**

* Personal response: BE SPECIFIC
* School Project-hobbies-writing your own music-work experience-artwork-travelling (creating videos/albums etc)-writing-culinary (cake decorating etc), sports (determining new plays for the team), starting volunteering idea, innovation you created, web page design, coding, spoken word/rant, improv team, school play, specific school project etc.,