

## Application Form Guidance

Please read this guidance carefully before completing your application.

### **Recruitment**

It is the School's policy to employ the best qualified personnel and to provide equal opportunity for the advancement of employees including promotion and training and not to discriminate against any person because of their race, colour, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital or civil partnership status, religion or religious belief, disability or age. All new posts within the School are subject to a probationary period.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A copy of the School's Recruitment Policy is available on the school website.

If your application is successful, the School will retain the information provided in this form (together with any attachments) on your personnel file. If your application is unsuccessful, all documentation relating to your application will normally be confidentially destroyed after six months.

### **Section 2: References**

One of these must be your current or most recent employer. If your current/most recent employment does/did not involve work with children, then your second referee should be from your employer with whom you most recently worked with children. Neither referee should be a relative or someone known to you solely as a friend. The School intends to take up references from shortlisted candidates before interview for academic positions. The School reserves the right to take up references from any previous employer.

### **Section 8: Criminal Records**

An offer of employment is conditional upon the School receiving an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) which the School considers to be satisfactory. The School applies for an Enhanced Check for Regulated Activity from the DBS (which includes a check of the Children's Barred List) in respect of all positions at the School which amount to regulated activity. It is unlawful for the School to employ anyone who is barred from working with children. It is a criminal offence for any person who is barred from working with children to attempt to apply for a position at the School. If you are successful in your application you will be required to complete a DBS Disclosure Application Form. Any information disclosed will be handled in accordance with any guidance and/or code of practice published by the DBS.

The School is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore all convictions, cautions, reprimands and final warnings (including those which would normally be considered "spent" under the Act) must be declared, subject to the DBS filtering rules referred to below. If you have a criminal record this will not automatically debar you from employment. Instead, each case will be assessed fairly by reference to the School's objective assessment procedure (a copy of which is available from the School on request).

Please see the information on Spent Convictions and the DBS filtering rules below.

## Spent convictions and the DBS filtering rules

Sentence	Rehabilitation period (in all cases the period commences from the date of the conviction)	
	Aged over 18 at time of the conviction	Aged under 18 at the time of the conviction
Prison sentence for a term exceeding 6 months but less than 2.5 years	10 years	5 years
Prison sentence for a term of 6 months or less	7 years	3.5 years
Fines, probation, compensation, community service, reparation orders, curfew orders	5 years	2.5 years
Absolute discharge	6 months	6 months

Prison sentences of more than two and a half years are never considered spent

### Filtering rules

You are not required to disclose information about spent criminal convictions if you were over 18 years of age at the time of the offence and:

- 11 years have elapsed since the date of conviction;
- it is your only offence;
- it did not result in a custodial sentence; and
- it does not appear on the list of "specified offences".

You are not required to disclose information about a spent caution if you were over 18 years of age at the time of the offence and six years has elapsed since the date it was issued, and provided it does not appear on the list of "specified offences".

You are not required to disclose information about a spent criminal conviction if you were under 18 years of age at the time of the offence and:

- five and a half years have elapsed since the date of conviction;
- it is your only offence;
- it did not result in a custodial sentence; and
- it does not appear on the list of "specified offences".

You are not required to disclose information about a spent caution if you were under 18 years of age at the time of the offence and two years has elapsed since the date it was issued, and provided it does not appear on the list of "specified offences". The list of "specified offences" that will always be disclosed can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-list-of-offences-that-will-never-be-filtered-from-a-criminal-record-check>