



THE DOWNS
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
BRISTOL

APPLICATION FORM FOR SUPPORT STAFF

Name:

**Position you are
applying for:**

If you are completing the form by hand, please use black ink.

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The School is legally required to carry out a number of pre-appointment checks which are detailed in the School's Recruitment, selection and disclosure policy and procedure. The information you are being asked to provide in this form is required so that the School can comply with those legal obligations should your application be successful.

Section 1: Personal details

Title:Dr/Ms/Mr/Miss/ Mrs/Other	Forenames:	Surname:	
Date of birth:		Any former names:	
		Preferred name:	
Teacher registration number (if applicable):		National Insurance number:	
Address:		Telephone number(s):	
		Home: Work: Mobile:	
		Email address:	
Are you eligible for employment in the UK?		Yes	No
Please provide details:			
<p>Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance advises schools to undertake social media checks. Please provide details of social media platforms you use and your username for each:</p>			
Do you have Qualified Teacher status?		Yes	No
Please circle to confirm you have you read the School's child protection policy on our website.		Yes	

Section 2: Sanctions, restrictions and prohibitions

Have you ever been referred to, or are you the subject of a sanction, restriction or prohibition issued by, the Teaching Regulation Agency (previously known as the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL)), any equivalent body in the UK or a regulator of the teaching profession in any other country?	Yes	No
Have you ever been referred to the Department for Education, or are you the subject of a direction under section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 which prohibits, disqualifies or restricts you from being involved in the management of an independent school?	Yes	No
Have you ever been the subject of a direction under section 142 of the Education Act 2002?	Yes	No

If answering "Yes" to any of the questions in Section 2 please provide details on a separate sheet and send this in a sealed envelope marked "confidential" with your application form.

Section 3: Education

Please start with most recent

Name of school/college/university	Dates of attendance	Examinations									
		Subject	Result	Date	Awarding body						
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Section 4: Other vocational qualifications, skills or training

Please provide details of any vocational qualifications or skills that you possess or training that you have received which you consider to be relevant to the role for which you have applied.

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Section 5: Employment

Current / most recent employer:

Current / most recent employer's address:

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Please provide details of any vocational qualifications or skills that you possess or training that you have received which you consider to be relevant to the role for which you have applied.

Current / most recent job title:

Date started:

Date employment ended
(if applicable):

Current salary / salary on
leaving:

Do you / did you receive any employee benefits?

Yes

No

If so, please provide details of these:

Reason for seeking other employment:

Please state when you would be available to take up employment if offered:

Section 6: Previous employment and / or activities since leaving secondary education

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Dates	Name and address of employer	Position held and / or duties	Reason for leaving
From:			
dd / mm / yy			
To:			
dd / mm / yy			
From:			

Section 6: Previous employment and / or activities since leaving secondary education

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

dd / mm / yy			
To:			
dd / mm / yy			
From:			
dd / mm / yy			
To:			
dd / mm / yy			

Section 7: Gaps in your employment

If there are any gaps in your employment history, eg looking after children, sabbatical year, please give details and dates.

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Section 8: Interests

Please give details of your interests, hobbies or skills - in particular any which could be of benefit to the School for the purposes of enriching its extra curricular activity.

Section 9: Suitability

Please give your reasons for applying for this post and say why you believe you are suitable for the position. Study the job description and person specification and describe any experience and skills you have gained in other jobs or similar environments which demonstrate your ability and aptitude to undertake the duties of the post. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Section 10: Criminal record

The School applies for an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (**DBS**), including a Children's Barred List check for 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. Employment with the School is conditional upon the School being satisfied with the result of the Enhanced DBS Disclosure. 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. **You are not required to disclose a caution or conviction for an offence committed in the United Kingdom if it has been filtered in accordance with the DBS filtering rules (see Appendix 1 to this form.** 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 set out in the School's recruitment, selection and disclosure policy and procedure.

It is a condition of your application that you answer the questions below. **Before doing so please read Appendix 1.**

Have you been cautioned, subject to a court order, bound over, received a reprimand or warning or been found guilty of committing any criminal offence whether in the United Kingdom or in another country? You are not required to disclose a caution or conviction for an offence committed in the United Kingdom which is subject to the DBS filtering rules (see Appendix 1).	Yes	No
Is there any relevant court action pending against you?	Yes	No

If answering "YES" to any of the above, please provide details on a separate sheet and send this in a sealed envelope marked "confidential" with your application form.

Section 11: References

Please supply the names and contact details of two people who we may contact for 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 on all shortlisted candidates before interview. The School reserves the right to take up references from any previous employer.

If the School receives a factual reference i.e. one which contains only limited information about you, additional references may be sought.

If you have previously worked overseas the School may take up references from your overseas employers.

The School may also telephone your referees in order to verify the reference they have provided.

Referee 1

Name:

Job Title:

Organisation:

Email Address:

Telephone number:

Address:

Referee 2

Name:

Job Title:

Organisation:

Email Address:

Telephone number:

Address:

May we contact prior to Interview?

Yes

No

May we contact prior to interview?

Yes

No

Section 12: Recruitment

How we use your information

Information on how the School uses personal data is set out in the School's Privacy Notice, which can be found on our website at www.thedownsschool.co.uk

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 appointments 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 and child protection policy is available for download from the School's website]. Please take the time to read them.

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 six months after the date on which you are notified of the outcome. Please refer to the School's retention of records policy for further detail on how such information is retained by the School.

Section 13: Declaration

- **I confirm that the information I have given on this application form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**
- **I confirm that I am not named on the Children's Barred List or otherwise disqualified from working with children.**
- **I understand that providing false information is an offence which could result in my application being rejected or (if the false information comes to light after my appointment) summary dismissal and may amount to a criminal offence.**
- **I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, I am not disqualified from working in early years provision or later years provision with children under the age of eight.**

Signed:

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Date:

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Where this form is submitted electronically and without signature, electronic receipt of this form by the School will be deemed equivalent to submission of a signed version and will constitute confirmation of the declaration at Section 13.

Appendix 1 Spent convictions and the DBS filtering rules

Spent convictions

Sentence	Rehabilitation period (in all cases the period commences from the date of the conviction)	
	Aged over 18 at the time of the conviction	Aged under 18 at the time of the conviction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prison sentence of more than 4 years Sentence of imprisonment, youth custody, detention in a young offender institution or corrective training of over four years Sentence of preventive detention Sentence of detention at Her Majesty's Pleasure Sentence of custody for life Public protection sentences* (imprisonment for public protection, detention for public protection, extended sentences of imprisonment or detention for public protection and extended determinate sentences for dangerous offenders) A public protection sentence (the provisions for which are set out in Part 12 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 and Part 8 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 means a sentence of imprisonment or detention, as detailed above, imposed for specified sexual and violent offences. 		
Prison sentence of more than 30 months but less than or equal to 4 years	Length of sentence + 7 years	Length of sentence + 3.5 years
Prison sentence, or sentence of detention, of more than 6 months but less than or equal to 30 months	Length of sentence + 4 years	Length of sentence + 2 years
Prison sentence, or sentence of detention, of less than or equal to 6 months	Length of sentence + 2 years	Length of sentence + 18 months
Removal from HM Service	1 year	6 months
Service detention	1 year	6 months
Community order or youth rehabilitation order	1 year	6 months
Fine	1 year	6 months

Compensation order	Once paid in full	Once paid in full
Absolute discharge	Spent immediately	Spent immediately
Driving disqualification	End of the disqualification	End of the disqualification
Driving endorsement	5 years from the date of conviction	30 months from the date of conviction
Relevant order (include conditional discharge orders, restraining orders, hospital orders, bind overs, referral orders, care orders and any order imposing a disqualification, disability, prohibition or other penalty not mentioned in this table)	End of the order or, if no date given, 2 years from the date of conviction - unless the order states 'unlimited', 'indefinitely' or 'until further order' as in these cases it will remain unspent	End of the order or, if no date given, 2 years from the date of conviction - unless the order states 'unlimited', 'indefinitely' or 'until further order' as in these cases it will remain unspent
Simple caution, youth caution	Spent immediately	Spent immediately
Conditional cautions youth conditional caution	3 months or when caution ceases to have effect if earlier	3 months or when caution ceases to have effect if earlier

Filtering rules

You are not required to disclose information about spent criminal convictions for offences committed in the United Kingdom 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 in relation to an offence committed in the United Kingdom 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>.