

THORNHILL COLLEGE

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS

1. CVs and Additional Information

Candidates must not submit CVs or testimonials. All relevant information must be provided within the prescribed sections of the application form. Applicants should ensure they fully complete all sections, providing clear, concise information that directly addresses the essential and (where applicable) desirable criteria. If acknowledgment of the electronically returned form is not received within seven working days, contact the General Manager.

2. Qualified Teacher Status/GTC

Candidates for Principal, Vice Principal and Teaching posts should ensure that they have indicated if they have been granted qualified status by the Department of Education and are registered with the General Teaching Council (GTC).

3. Disability

As an Equal Opportunities Employer, the Board of Governors welcomes applications from people with disabilities. The College will endeavour to make reasonable adjustments to policies and the physical environment in order to accommodate the employment of a person with a disability.

Under the Disability Discrimination (NI) Act 1995 (as amended) a disabled person is defined as a person with:

"A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial or long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities. "

If you have a disability, which means that you require special arrangements for interview, please give details in the relevant section of the application form or contact the school on Tel: 028 71355800

4. Attendance for Interview

If a candidate fails to present him or herself for interview, it will be deemed that they have withdrawn from the selection process. Interviews will not be rescheduled to facilitate candidates who are unable to attend on the agreed interviewing date by the selection panel.

Candidates who are short listed will be required to bring to interview documentary proof of qualifications, photographic ID, birth certificate and or marriage certificate.

5. Eligibility to Work in the UK

All applicants should ensure that they are free to remain in and take up employment in the UK. If you are successful in your application for this post you will be required to provide supporting documentation (If required).

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

6. Type of School/College/University Attended

Provide full details (title, level, examining body, grade, month/year obtained).

If studying or awaiting results, note this clearly.

An appointment is conditional upon receipt of original qualification certificates.

7. Recording Qualifications and CPD

When recording qualifications and both informal and formal CPD, please ensure that you give full and accurate details of the title and level of the qualification, the examining body and grade obtained. Please state clearly the month and year in which qualifications were obtained. If you are currently studying for, or have a qualification pending, please distinguish this clearly from completed qualifications, by inserting the word 'pending' and give details of when you hope to attain this qualification.

A formal offer of employment is conditional on receipt of original documentary proof of qualifications.

EMPLOYMENT

8. Present/Last Employer/School

If your present or last employment was in a school, please specify the name and address of the school rather than the Board under which you are/were employed.

9. Post(s) Held

If you have held more than one post with your current/last employer, please give details of each post, including dates.

10. Salary Details

For Principal, Vice-Principal and Teaching posts, please state your salary point and indicate if you are currently or have previously been in receipt of any additional allowances (Responsibility Points, Management Allowances, Special Needs Allowances or Recruitment and Retention Allowances).

11. Present/Previous Employment Details

Please give full details of your paid employment experience to date including the name and address of the employer, the dates of employment, job title and duties of the post. Voluntary experience should not be included in this section. Applicants must ensure that dates are correct and that the information is provided in date order starting with the most recent first.

Applicants must provide an explanation for gaps in employment history. Applicants for posts in regulated positions i.e., posts involving work in educational institutions or involving access to children/young people, may be required to explain gaps in their employment history during the interview process.

Candidates who have been employed in casual/irregular patterns of work (e.g., substitute teaching) should ensure they provide comprehensive details of employment dates and patterns of work.

12. Relevant Experience, Knowledge and Skills

To enable the Selection Panel to assess your eligibility for consideration, you must ensure that you provide sufficient detailed information to demonstrate your suitability for this post. Please refer to the specific essential and desirable criterion stated in the application pack (job description / person specification) when outlining the relevance of your experience, knowledge and skills.

13. Child Protection

Posts which require people to work in educational institutions or in posts where there is access to children/young people are deemed to be regulated positions and are therefore subject to the provisions of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order 2007. In line with our Child Protection Procedures for all posts, the College will carry out a pre-employment Disclosure vetting check on successful applicants through ACCESS NI. Successful candidates are required to pay £33 to Access NI for an Enhanced Disclosure of Criminal Record Certificate.

14. References

You are required to provide details of two persons to whom reference may be made regarding your suitability for appointment. For regulated positions, i.e., posts involving work in educational institutions or access to children or young people, at least one of your referees should be a present or previous employer who can comment on your suitability to work with children/young people. Your referees cannot be related to you or a member of the selection panel for this post or members of the Board of Governors of the school to which the application is being made. Prior consent of referees must be obtained. It should be noted that appointment to regulated positions will be conditional on receipt of satisfactory references.

15. Canvassing

Canvassing means contact or communication at any time in any manner (direct, indirect, oral or written, specific or general) with a Member of the Board of Governors/Appointments Panel involved in the recruitment of the post for which you are applying which could be deemed or perceived to be for the purpose of advancing your application. This includes consent to any manner or form of canvassing being carried out on behalf of an applicant.

Any applicant who is found to have approached a panel member for a post with a view to seeking favourable treatment will be disqualified. The Principal/General Manager may be contacted about the post.

GENERAL NOTES

16. All posts are exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Order 1978. Accordingly, the College will carry out a criminal record check with ACCESSNI on prospective appointees for all posts and candidates must reveal all convictions/cautions and bind-overs. Appointment to such posts will be subject to a satisfactory criminal record check. The AccessNI Code of Practice and related policies can be provided upon request.

17. The prescribed conditions regarding experience and qualifications will be investigated strictly but there is no guarantee that the eligibility of every applicant will be investigated before interviews are held. You should therefore, satisfy yourself of your eligibility before returning your application form. If you are successful, detailed enquires will be made into your eligibility for the post.

18. Candidates who are subject to immigration control should ensure that they hold a permit to work in the UK.

19. Regardless of the number of times you have completed a questionnaire, either as a previous employee or previous applicant an equal opportunities questionnaire must be completed, in full, and **returned in a separate envelope** with each application.