

Shape Futures
Join Our Team.



New Applicant Information.





Welcome.

Thank you for your interest in joining Gloucestershire College. We believe that our people are our greatest strength. Working here is about more than just a salary, it's about being part of something meaningful.

We create a supportive, values-driven environment where everyone plays a role in inspiring the next generation. We're passionate about learning and committed to helping you grow. From day one, we'll support you both professionally and personally, giving you the tools and opportunities to succeed.

Respect and collaboration are at the heart of what we do. We value the unique skills and experience each person brings and work together to create a workplace where everyone can thrive and give their best.

Safeguarding

Gloucestershire College promotes the welfare and safeguarding of our young people and vulnerable adults. All new employees are required to obtain an enhanced DBS disclosure, which will be against a child and/or adult workforce depending on the role.

Generally, we are permitted to ask whether an applicant has any convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings which would not be filtered in line with current guidance, as defined by The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020). This Order sets out the circumstances in which an individual can be asked about spent convictions (but not protected convictions or protected cautions) and when an employer can consider these. This includes "any employment as a teacher in a school or establishment for further education and any other employment which is carried out wholly or partly within the precincts of a school or establishment for further education, being employment which is of such a kind as to enable the holder to have access to persons under the age of 18 in attendance at the school or establishment for further education in the course of his normal duties."





All candidates will be requested to bring supporting documentation (proof of right to work in the UK, address and relevant qualifications) to interview. There is also a requirement for providing satisfactory references and online searches will be conducted for candidates. References will be requested either after an offer is made or, with your consent, prior to interview. Once offered you will complete the online DBS application form which will be submitted for processing. When the DBS result, references and new starter paperwork are returned, we will confirm your start date.

Once appointed, all colleagues are required to read the relevant sections of Keeping Children Safe in Education and undertake safeguarding training. You will also undertake the College Induction programme covering safeguarding and be an advocate for creating a culture of vigilance.

Self-Disclosure

All prospective applicants will be required to answer screening questions related to eligibility and safeguarding prior to submitting an application, as well as notifying the College of any gaps in employment and declaring any spent or unspent convictions. The College will give due regard to the recruitment of ex-offenders in line with our policy.

Inclusivity

We believe that diversity makes us stronger. We are proud to foster an inclusive workplace where everyone, regardless of background, abilities, or ways of thinking, feels valued and empowered to succeed. We celebrate neurodiversity and welcome team members with unique perspectives, including those with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and other neurological differences and we would encourage all applicants that identify with this to apply.





Outline of recruitment process

We're proud to be a Disability Confident Committed Employer and part of the AoC Mental Health Charter, reflecting our commitment to inclusion and wellbeing.

How Shortlisting Works

Our hiring managers review applications against the shortlisting criteria in the job description, with personal details removed to help prevent unconscious bias. To give yourself the best chance, make sure your application clearly shows how you meet the criteria.

As a Disability Confident Employer, we make sure that applicants who tell us they have a disability are given fair consideration. If you meet the essential criteria for the role, you will be guaranteed an interview. This is part of our promise to create an equal and welcoming recruitment process for everyone.

What happens next:

If you are shortlisted, we will email you with full details of your interview. Here's what to expect for the different roles:

Teaching Roles: You'll deliver a short teaching session (micro-teach), followed by a panel interview.

Support Staff: Usually a panel interview and a task related to the role.

Leadership and Management: You will receive details of an interview and assessment centre tailored to the position. This may include psychometric profile and critical thinking tests.

Top tip: Our panels score answers against set criteria of met, partially met or not met. Use recent, relevant examples to show your experience and skills.





Interview Preparation

Teamwork	Please give me your best example of working cooperatively as a team member. What was the goal or objective? What was your role in achieving this objective?
Communication	Tell me about a time when you had a difficult conversation. How did you feel? What action did you take as a result?
Improvement	Tell me about a time when a lesson didn't go to plan. How did you feel? How did you respond? Tell me about a time when you recognised an opportunity for something to improve and what you did about it.

During the interview you will be asked competency-based questions linked to our values. This helps us understand how you approach situations and work with others, in addition to your technical skills and experience for the role. Here are some example questions:

Reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process:

At Gloucestershire College we want every applicant to feel supported throughout the recruitment process. As a Disability Confident employer, we are committed to making adjustments that help you show your best.

To request a reasonable adjustment, you should provide the following information:

- Tell us why you need an adjustment
- Share any specific adjustments that would help
- Let us know about previous adjustments you have had (if any)

Once you have applied, a People Coordinator will get in touch to confirm what you need. If you realise later that you would like an adjustment, don't worry – just email us at people@gloscol.ac.uk.





Examples of reasonable adjustments you can request:

- Extra time for tests or assessments
- Accessible interview rooms
- Interview questions provided in writing
- Rest breaks during interviews, tests or assessments

This isn't a full list, and we will consider any reasonable adjustments that you might need. After you submit your request, our People team and hiring manager will review it and let you know the outcome.

Summary.

Thank you again for your interest in joining Gloucestershire College. Please review the job description and shortlisting criteria for the role you are applying for and submit your applications through our online system.

If you have any questions, email us at people@gloscol.ac.uk

