



HARROW  
SCHOOL

# JOB APPLICANT PRIVACY NOTICE

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## INTRODUCTION

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As part of any recruitment process, Harrow School (the School) collects, processes and stores personal data relating to job applicants. The School is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

Throughout this Privacy Notice we use the term 'processing' to cover all activities involving your personal information, including collecting, handling, storing, sharing, accessing, using, transferring and disposing of the information

## WHAT INFORMATION DO WE COLLECT?

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In order to manage your application, the School needs to process certain personal information about you. This includes:

- Your name, address and contact details including e-mail address and telephone numbers;
- your date of birth and NI number;
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history;
- information about your current employment including salary, notice period and reason for leaving;
- whether or not you have a disability for which the School needs to make reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process;
- information about your right to work in the UK;
- equal opportunities monitoring information, including information about your ethnic origin, nationality, disability, gender and age;
- details of qualifications and membership of professional bodies;
- contact details for your referees;
- details of criminal convictions, cautions or bind-overs.

If we invite you for interview, we will also keep interview notes, test results and results from interview tasks and technical assessments.

We do not normally use automated decision-making processes.

## WHY DOES THE SCHOOL PROCESS PERSONAL DATA?

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The School needs to process data to take steps prior to entering into a contract with you. If you are appointed, the School also needs to process your data to enter into a contract with you.

The School needs to process data to ensure that it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, it is required to check a successful applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts. The School also needs to seek information about criminal convictions and offences to carry out its obligations under safeguarding and child protection legislation.

The School has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows the School to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's suitability for employment and decide whether or not to offer a job. The School may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against legal claims.

The School processes health information if it needs to make reasonable adjustments to the recruitment process for candidates who have a disability.

Where the School processes other categories of data such as information about ethnic origin, this is for equal opportunities monitoring purposes.

## WHO HAS ACCESS TO DATA?

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Your information will be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the HR team, interviewers involved in the recruitment process, recruiting managers and secretaries/administrators who arrange interviews on behalf of recruiting managers.

The School may share your data with third party psychometric test providers (if appropriate for the role).

The School will not normally share your data with any other third parties unless your application for employment is successful and it makes you an offer of employment. The School will then share your data with former employers to obtain references and the Disclosure and Barring Service to obtain enhanced disclosure checks.

References sent to or provided by Harrow School as part of the application process will be handled with the utmost confidentiality. The information contained in these references will only be accessed and used for the intended purposes of evaluating applications, academic performance, or character assessments. The references may be subject to disclosure under certain circumstances such as a request for disclosure by an Employment Tribunal or a Court of Law.

The School will not transfer your data outside the European Economic Area.

## HOW DOES THE SCHOOL PROTECT DATA?

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The School takes the security of your data seriously. It has internal policies and controls in place to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and it is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties.

## FOR HOW LONG DOES THE SCHOOL KEEP DATA?

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If your application for employment is unsuccessful, the School may hold your data on file for up to six months after the end of the relevant recruitment process. We keep your information for this period to enable us to respond to any complaints which may arise after the recruitment process has been completed.

If you agree to allow the School to keep your personal data on file beyond six months, we will hold your data for a further 6 months for consideration for future employment opportunities. At the end of that period, your data will be deleted or destroyed unless you are offered employment with the School.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained during your employment. The periods for which your data will be held will be provided to you in a new privacy notice for employees.

## YOUR RIGHTS

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As a data subject, you have a number of rights. You can:

- Access and obtain a copy of your data on request;
- require the School to change incorrect or incomplete data;
- require the School to delete or stop processing your data;

- object to the processing of your data where the School is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing; and
- ask the School to stop processing data for a period if the data is inaccurate or there is a dispute about whether or not your interests override the School's legitimate grounds for processing data.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact the School's Privacy Officer at [privacyofficer@harrowschool.org.uk](mailto:privacyofficer@harrowschool.org.uk)

If you believe that the School has not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO's contact details are:

0303 1231113 (Helpline) or [https://ico.org.uk/global/contact\\_us/email/](https://ico.org.uk/global/contact_us/email/) (e-mail).

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE PERSONAL DATA?**

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You are under no statutory or contractual obligation to provide data to the School during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide the information, the School may not be able to process your application properly or at all.

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