



EDGBASTON HIGH SCHOOL

PREP SCHOOL SECRETARY

Part-time, term-time only; starting in June 2025



INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

HISTORY

Founded in 1876, Edgbaston High School for Girls (EHS) is the oldest independent day school for girls in Birmingham. The School site is very pleasantly situated next to the Botanical Gardens in the leafy suburb of Edgbaston, 1½ miles from the city centre. Continuity of education is a key feature of EHS, but girls can join at different stages of their academic career.

GOVERNANCE

The Council, which is the School's governing body, actively supports and encourages the work of the School. In the last decade over six million pounds have been spent on major development and refurbishment programmes.

MODERN AND AMBITIOUS

Pupils enjoy a broad-based programme which substantially fulfils the requirements of the National Curriculum and extends beyond it. Examination results are very good with high grades distributed across both Science and Arts subjects. Staff and parents work closely together so that each girl can develop her individual gifts to the full.

SCHOOL SITE AND FACILITIES

Pupils' education at EHS is supported by superb academic facilities in our 14 acre site – from our modern classrooms and science labs to our ICT suites and libraries. We also provide excellent facilities for a wide range of creative and sporting activities, including:

- Swimming Pool, equipped gym and fitness suite, dance studio, floodlit astroturf, athletics track, cricket square, outdoor courts and sports pavilion
- Art studios including graphic design, printmaking, ceramics and fine art facilities
- Fully equipped food preparation rooms
- DT and textiles studios with cutting-edge CAD/CAM devices and sewing machines
- Purpose-built Music School
- Drama studio
- The Octagon - a large, purpose-built theatre seating up to 600 people, with full AV and lighting
- School allotment

PUPILS

Edgbaston High School has approximately 870 girls aged 2 to 18 across its Pre-Prep, Preparatory, Senior and Sixth Form Departments. Around 500 of these are in the Senior Department. The School attracts girls both from the immediate neighbourhood and all over the West Midlands. They come for the high academic standards, the lively programme of co-curricular activities and for the individual attention and flexibility of approach.





WORKING AT EDGBASTON HIGH SCHOOL

PROFESSIONAL REWARD AND DEVELOPMENT

We recognise the expertise of our staff and aim to create an inspiring environment in which you can work to your full potential and develop your career. As a school we believe in:

- A competitive salary with additional allowances for extra responsibilities
- Fully funded training costs where there is a benefit to the School and many opportunities for continued professional development projects
- Personal Development and recognition through our annual appraisal scheme
- Full commitment to the induction and training of ECTs
- Comprehensive INSET programmes, delivering high quality seminars, shared good practice and insights from external speakers
- Well-resourced departments

BENEFITS

- Access to a staff Pension Scheme with highly attractive employer contribution rates
- Free refreshments and lunches when the school is operational provided by our excellent Catering team
- Generous fee remission for the children of staff who might wish to attend EHS
- Free access to the Botanical Gardens for yourself and your family
- Free on-site parking

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Your health and wellbeing are important to us and we offer:

- Free use of the school's gym and swimming pool at agreed times
- Access to our onsite counsellor
- Access to an employee support package
- A supportive network of experienced Heads, Deputies and Senior Leadership Teams
- As part of the staff community there are opportunities to take part in enjoyable social events, sports activities and more
- Friendly and supportive staff who work together and share resources and ideas

ETHOS

Our mission is to nurture confident, considerate and intellectually curious young women – an ethos that underpins everything that we do. We are an ambitious and thriving school with a focus on providing a broad, modern, enriching and inspiring education that instils EHS girls with the confidence, independence, motivation and ambition to succeed both within and beyond the school. We foster an environment where students can expand their minds, think flexibly, develop the skills of leadership that they all have within them, and grow personally as well as academically. Children should be, and deserve to be empowered, inspired and challenged throughout their education so that they leave school fully equipped to succeed in whatever they decide to pursue.



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DIVERSITY

Diversity and inclusion is central to everything we do. We are actively committed to promoting and participating in good practice in the way that we attract, recruit and retain staff.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their whole self to work because we appreciate the value that a truly diverse workforce brings to an organisation. We celebrate difference, recognising the benefits this brings to our inclusive culture, including age, disability, gender identity and expression, religion, race, sex, sexual orientation and socio economic background.

EHS PREP SCHOOL

Our Prep school occupies its own dedicated part of the school campus, comprising of two parts, our Pre-Prep Department and our Prep Department.

Girls can join us from 2 years, and from their earliest days with us we encourage independence and value individuality. Our nurturing environment, led by highly experienced teaching staff, ensures that every girl has the opportunity to build the foundations blocks for a lifelong love of learning.

We are proud of, and celebrate, our academic achievements and many of our girls successfully gain places at highly sought after grammar schools or gain scholarships to EHS Senior school when they move on from the Prep school at the end of Year Six.

The Prep School has specialist subject rooms including a fully equipped Computer suite, with a green screen, an Art Studio, Language Room, Science Laboratory, Prep Hall and fully stocked Library which is used regularly by classes.

Music is taught by specialist teachers in the Music School and the girls are given numerous opportunities to perform to their peers and parents. This includes the Carol Service, class assemblies, Teatime Concerts for Years 3 to 6, Whole School Concerts, Summer Concert and the Year 6 Production. There are also some opportunities to collaborate in projects with the Senior School. One of the benefits of being a 'through school' is that girls have access to facilities and specialist teacher expertise not found in stand-alone Prep Schools. Our multi-use performance space The Octagon, the Music School and our on-site swimming pool and large gymnasium are good examples.





PREP SCHOOL SECRETARY
Job Description

Title of post: School Secretary
Responsible to: Head of Prep
Hours of work: Part time, 29 hours per week: Monday to Thursday: 1.00pm-6.00pm
Friday 8.00am-5.30pm

Purpose:

- To act as a first point of contact for visitors, parents, staff, students and telephone callers in a professional and courteous manner.
- To provide administrative support to staff.
- To be punctual and adaptable.

Responsibilities:

- Monitoring and greeting visitors in a polite and courteous manner:
 - Carrying out and recording relevant identification checks where necessary for visitors, and directing them to the relevant person;
 - Ensuring that all visitors sign in before entering the school buildings.
- Communications to parents via iSAMS.
- Maintaining pupil attendance registers.
- Distribution of incoming mail to staff in a timely fashion.
- Specific work for the Head of the Prep School and also for the Deputy Head (Prep and Pre-Prep) and Assistant Head (Pre-Prep) as required.
- Monitoring and co-ordinating the booking of minibuses and drivers internally and externally; liaising with Bursary and parents regarding bookings.
- Booking parent appointments for members of staff as required.
- Taking minutes for Staff Meetings as required.
- Providing admin support for school functions and events and the EHSPA.
- Acting as the Head of Prep's PA when required.
- Organising flowers for school events and staff gifts.
- Acting as a first aider when required.
- Placing orders and liaising with the Bursary.

General Responsibilities:

- To promote and safeguard the welfare of students you come into contact with.
- To be aware of and comply with all school policies and procedures.
- To be aware of and support equal opportunities for all, understanding the requirements of Equality and Diversity.
- To contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
- To participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- To ensure the confidentiality and discretion is maintained at all times.
- To attend to any other reasonable duties at the request of the Headmistress or Head of Prep.



PREP SCHOOL SECRETARY
Person Specification

Qualifications/Professional Development

- A good standard of educational achievement
- Relevant professional qualifications would be desirable
- Evidence of involvement in related CPD
- First Aid qualification, or willingness to undertake training

Experience and skills

- Experience of front-facing roles is essential
- Experience of working in a school would be very beneficial
- Excellent working knowledge and understanding of Microsoft applications is essential
- Experience of using MIS applications or similar databases would be very beneficial (training will be provided)
- Experience of minuting meetings would be beneficial
- Experience of working as a PA would be beneficial

Knowledge

- Sound understanding of safeguarding principles
- Sound understanding of data protection and confidentiality
- Understanding of Health & Safety and fire evacuation procedures

Personal attributes

- Excellent telephone manner
- Attention to detail
- Build and maintain positive relationships through effective interpersonal skills
- Strong organisational and administrative skills
- Sensitivity to others and the ability to work cooperatively
- Excellent communication skills to inspire, challenge, motivate and empower others
- Think creatively to anticipate and solve problems
- Work under pressure, maintaining a sense of perspective and humour
- Ability to manage own time effectively, whether working independently or as part of a team
- Naturally demonstrate a 'can do' helpful attitude
- Reliability, integrity, resilience and tenacity
- Commitment, honesty and dedication
- Wholehearted commitment to the School's vision and the life of a vibrant school community

This job description indicates only the main duties and responsibilities of the post. It is not intended as an exhaustive list. Original certificates will be required as proof of qualification. All other attributes will be assessed using the contents of the application form, at interview and with the professional references. All members of staff are required to promote and safeguard the welfare of children they are responsible for, or come into contact with, and to adhere to, and ensure compliance with, the School's child protection procedures and staff guidance at all times.



HOW TO APPLY

This position is part-time during term time only. We are looking for someone to start on Monday 16th June or as soon as possible after this date.

At interview applicants must provide original documents to confirm their identity and right to work in the UK. They must also bring proof of qualifications where relevant for the post. The documentation required by applicants is listed in the Recruitment Policy which is available on the school website and from the School.

The post is subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check (including a Barred List check), a satisfactory online check, a satisfactory medical fitness declaration and satisfactory references. Confidential references will be sought prior to interview.

Edgbaston High School is an equal opportunity employer.

Applications addressed to Mrs Nina Hobson, Head of Prep, should include the completed school application form and a covering letter of not more than 2 pages summarising your suitability for the role as outlined in the information pack.

Please submit these to the HR & Compliance Officer, Ms Corinna Gregory:
recruitment@edgbastonhigh.co.uk

If candidates prefer to send their application by post, it should be addressed to:

**Corinna Gregory, HR & Compliance Officer
Edgbaston High School for Girls
Westbourne Road
Edgbaston
Birmingham
B15 3TS**

The closing date for applications is **noon on Thursday 22nd May 2025.**

Interviews will take place at Edgbaston High School for Girls on **Thursday 29th May.**

Successful candidates will be invited to a formal interview and will be given an administrative task.

Please note, we are looking for someone to start as soon as possible. We reserve the right to close posts and commence interviews at any time, once we have received sufficient applications. We advise you to submit your application as early as possible to prevent disappointment.

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