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Cookie Policy

We ask that you read this cookie policy carefully as it contains important information on the use of cookies on our website.

This cookie policy relates to your use of our website. Throughout our website we may link other websites owned and operated by certain trusted third parties. These other third-party websites may also use cookies or similar technologies in accordance with their own separate policies. For privacy information relating to these other third-party websites, please consult their policies.

What are Cookies?

Cookies are small data files that are placed on your computer or mobile device when you visit a website. Cookies are widely used by online service providers to help build a profile of users. They are also used to make websites work, or work more efficiently, as well as to provide information to the owners of the site. Some of this data will be aggregated or statistical, which means that we will not be able to identify you individually.

You can set your browser not to accept cookies and the information below explains how to remove cookies from your browser. However, some of our website features may not function as a result.

Types of Cookies

The cookies we place on your device fall into the following categories:

1. **Session cookies** — these cookies allow our website to link your actions during a particular browser session. They expire each time you close your browser and do not remain on your device afterwards.

2. **Persistent cookies** — these cookies are stored on your device in between browser sessions. They allow your preferences or actions across our website to be remembered. They will remain on your device until they expire, or until you delete them from your cache.

3. **Strictly necessary cookies** – these cookies are essential for you to be able to navigate our website and use its features. Without these cookies, the services you have asked for could not be provided.

4. **Performance cookies** – these cookies collect information about how you use our website, e.g., which pages you visit most often. These cookies do not collect personally identifiable information about you. All information collected by these cookies is aggregated and anonymous and is only used to improve how our website works.

5. **Functionality cookies** – these cookies allow our website to remember the choices you make (such as your username, language, last action and search preferences) and provide enhanced, more personal features. The information collected by these cookies is anonymous and cannot track your browsing activity on other websites.

The Cookies We Use

The table below provides more information about the cookies we use and why:

The Cookies We Use	What They Do
svSession	Used to remember whether a visitor has interacted with the sitewide notification (e.g., dismissed it), so that it doesn't keep reappearing on every page load.
wordpress_test_cookie	Set by WordPress to check if the browser accepts cookies. It is only used for this purpose and does not contain any personal data.
wp_lang	Stores the user's selected language preference (e.g., en_GB) so that the site is displayed in the correct language.

How We Use Your Cookies

The School may request cookies to be set on your computer or device. Cookies are used to let us know when you visit our website, how you interact with us and to make your experience using the school website better for you. The cookies we collect may differ depending on what you are looking at on our website. You are able to adapt your cookie preferences but by blocking certain types of cookies, it may mean that your experience on

the website is impacted.

Consent to Use Cookies

When you visit our website, cookies (or similar technologies) may be placed on your device. Cookies help us operate the site, understand how it is used, and improve its performance and accessibility. We will ask for your consent before placing those cookies on your device, unless those cookies are:

- **Essential**: these are cookies that are required for the website to function properly (for example, enabling navigation or security features); or,
- **Low-risk analytics or functional cookies:** these are cookies used solely to collect statistical information or improve how the site works (for example, remembering your preferences or measuring page performance).

A notice (cookie banner) appears when you first visit our website. It explains the categories of cookies we use and gives you control over which non-essential cookies you consent to. You can change your preferences or withdraw consent at any time by clicking Cookie Settings at the bottom of the page.

Essential cookies cannot be disabled because the website would not function correctly without them.

For cookies that do not require consent (for example, analytics or functional cookies used only to improve the website experience), you can still opt out if you wish by disabling analytics in the cookie settings tool].

How to Turn Off Cookies

If you do not want to accept cookies, you can change your browser settings so that cookies are not accepted. If you do this, please be aware that you may lose some of the functionality of this website. For further information about cookies and how to disable them please go to

the Information Commissioner's webpage on cookies: https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/online/cookies/. You can disable cookies yourself by following the steps at this link: https://www.aboutcookies.org.uk/managing-cookies.