



Website Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice has been written to inform you about how High Tunstall College of Science processes your personal data when you visit our website. This notice only applies to how the college uses your data when you visit our website. For more information about how the college uses personal data in general please see our other privacy notices here <https://htcs.org.uk/statutory/>.

Who are we?

High Tunstall College of Science is a 'Data Controller' as defined by Article 4 (7) of the UK GDPR for all processing activities less those with Twitter. This means that we determine the purposes for which, and the manner in which, your personal data is processed. We have a responsibility to you and your personal data and will only collect and use this in ways which are compliant with data protection legislation.

High Tunstall College of Science is a Joint Data Controller with 'X' formerly Twitter as defined by Article 26 of the UK GDPR for the cookie and insight data collected through the use of their 'Like' buttons that inserted as widgets on our website.

Contact details for 'X' are:

'X' Headquarters.
Market Square, 1355 Market St. Suite. 900
San Francisco, California
CA 94103

The college has appointed Veritau Ltd to be its Data Protection Officer (DPO). The role of the DPO is to ensure that the college is compliant with the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 to oversee data protection procedures. Veritau's contact details are:

Schools Data Protection Officer
Veritau
West Offices
Station Rise
York
North Yorkshire
YO1 6GA

schoolsDPO@veritau.co.uk
01904 554025



Please ensure you include the name of the college in all correspondence.

When you visit our website we want to ensure that it offers the best service to our users.



What are Analytics?

Analytics collect standard internet log information and details of visitor behaviour patterns. This is done to find out such things as the number of visitors to the various parts of the site, these are collected through the use of third-party widgets (Google Analytics, 'X', Facebook, Youtube). These will be referred to as cookies throughout this privacy notice.

What are cookies?

A cookie is a small file of text that we store on your browser or the hard drive of your electronic device (computer, phone, or tablet etc). Cookies are anonymous and contain no personal information that will identify you personally.

We use third-party widgets (standalone application that is inserted into the website i.e. a newsfeed or banner) on the site, such as Google Analytics, 'X', Facebook and YouTube. These widgets may set their own cookies, and they also may use cookies that we have no control over. However, the cookie information from each of these sites is usually anonymous, unless you are logged in to those third-party systems while you are on our website.

What do we use cookies for?

We use cookies so that:

- We can distinguish you from other users of our website and provide a good experience
- We can remember the information you've provided us with while on our website, so you don't have to keep re-entering the information whenever you visit a new page
- We can look at how you use our website so that we can improve it for other users.

We do not use cookies to:

- Monitor your usage of other websites (privacy intrusive cookies)
- collect any personal information about you (without your express permission);
- collect any sensitive information;
- pass data to any advertising networks;
- pass personal data to third parties.

What cookie types do we use?

Cookie types and expiry:

- **Session cookies** - these are temporary and are erased when you close your browser at the end of your visit, or if you delete them earlier. The next time you visit our website we will not recognise you and will treat you as a completely new visitor.
- **Persistent cookies** - these remain on your hard drive until you erase them or they expire, this is after 12 months.

We may use one or more of the following kinds of cookies:

- **Strictly Necessary Cookies.** These cookies are required for the operation of our website. This can include cookies that will enable you to log into a secure area of our website, e.g. staff, parent/carers or student area. Without these the website will not work as designed. These cookies do not require consent.
- **Functionality cookies.** These cookies require consent. They are used to recognise you when you return to our website. The content is then personalised to you and can greet you by name (once in the secure area) or remember preferences that you may set.

- **Analytical/performance cookies.** These cookies require consent. They allow us to count and recognise the number of visitors to our site. It also allows us to see when and how visitors navigate our website. Using these cookies helps us improve our website and make popular searched items easier to find. We also use the following widget(s) for this purpose:
- **Google Analytics.** They help us to analyse how you engage with and use our website. For more information on how Google Analytics collects and processes data using cookies, please visit <https://policies.google.com/privacy-european-requirements>.
- **'X' for Websites** is a suite of tools bringing 'X' content and functionality to our webpage. This enables the Twitter audience to share our twitter content and follow our feed. For further information on how Twitter collects and processes data using cookies, please visit <https://twitter.com/en/privacy>.
- **YouTube.** We embed videos from our official YouTube channel using YouTube's privacy-enhanced mode. This mode may set cookies on your computer once you click on the YouTube video player, but YouTube will not store personally-identifiable cookie information for playbacks of embedded videos. For more information on how Youtube collects and processes data using cookies, please visit [YouTube embedding information page](#).

How do we obtain consent for the use of cookies?

When you first visit our sites using a new browser, or if you visit in private browsing mode, we will provide you with a cookie's permission banner seeking your consent to use of cookies as required by law.

How do I erase or opt out of the use of cookies?

You can change your cookie preferences at any time through our cookie banner (bottom right hand corner of the page), but please be aware that opting out of cookies may affect your user experience on our website.

Alternatively, most web browsers allow some control of most cookies through the browser settings. To find out more about cookies, including how to see what cookies have been set, visit www.aboutcookies.org or www.allaboutcookies.org.

Find out how to manage cookies on popular browsers:

- [Google Chrome](#)
- [Microsoft Edge](#)
- [Mozilla Firefox](#)
- [Opera](#)
- [Apple Safari](#)

To find information relating to other browsers, visit the browser developer's website.

To opt out of being tracked by Google Analytics across all websites, visit <http://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout>

You can also use specialist software that protects against malicious cookies. These applications can be customised to let you change the content of the cookies you want to receive or will allow to be stored on your device.

Purpose and lawful basis for processing

The lawful basis we rely on to process your personal data is either Article 6(1)(a) of the UK GDPR, for example when we require your consent for the optional cookies we use, or Article 6(1)(f) which allows us to process personal data when it's necessary for our legitimate interests. For example, in order to maintain the integrity of our IT systems and the continuity of our business.

What are my rights?

You have the rights to withdraw consent at any time for the use of optional cookies, as we also process your personal data for legitimate interests as stated above, you have the right to object to our processing of your personal data. There are legitimate reasons why we may refuse your objection, which will depend on why we are processing it.

Copyright

Any information on this website, including but not limited to graphics, design, text, and images are subject to Copyright which belongs to the college or a third party that has given permission for the college to use this information. The college grants permissions to electronically copy, print to hard copy, or transfer such material so long as it is for college business only.

Disclaimer and External Links

The college makes every effort to ensure the content on this website is correct and factual. The college accepts no liability for any inconvenience or loss caused by reliance on any information contained on this website.

The college makes every effort to ensure links to external websites are secure. The college accepts no liability for the privacy practices of those external websites.

Who to contact if you have concerns over how your personal data is being handled

You can exercise any of your data protection rights by contacting: Mr Peter Ireland, Compliance Officer (PIreland@hightunstall.hartlepool.sch.uk) at the college.

If you have any concerns about the way we have handled your personal data or would like any further information, then please contact our DPO on the address provided above.

If we cannot resolve your concerns, you may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (the Data Protection Regulator) about the way in which the college has handled your personal data. You can do so by contacting:

First Contact Team Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF icocasework@ico.org.uk // 0303 123 1113
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Media Copies

Copies of the privacy notice are posted on the High Tunstall College of Science website electronically and are available in hard copy format from the college reception.

Changes to this notice

We reserve the right to change this privacy notice at any time. We will normally notify you of changes that affect you. However, please check regularly to ensure you have the latest version.

This privacy notice was last reviewed 11 March 2024.