Privacy Notice – Website Use and Privacy

This Privacy Notice has been written to inform you about how Thirsk School & Sixth Form College processes your personal data when you visit our website. **This notice only applies to how the school uses your data when you visit our website. For more information about how the school uses personal data in general please see our other privacy notices.**

**Who are we?**
Thirsk School & Sixth Form College is a ‘Data Controller’ as defined by Article 4 (7) of GDPR. 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.

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

Data Protection Officer
Veritau Ltd
County Hall
Racecourse Lane
Northallerton
DL7 8AL

[veritau.co.uk](http://veritau.co.uk)
01609 53 2526

**Cookies**
When you visit our website we will place a small file on your electronic device (computer, phone, or tablet etc) – this file is called a ‘Cookie’. This is a common practice that most websites that you visit will use.

Cookies are used so that:-
• 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

When you use our website you agree that we can put these Cookies on your device.

We do not use Cookies that also monitor other websites that you've visited (these are known as privacy intrusive cookies).

Our cookies will not identify you but if you prefer you may wish to turn Cookies off. For more information about how to this, and more information about Cookies in general, please see https://www.aboutcookies.org/

**Google Analytics**
Because we want to make sure our web content is the best that it could possibly be, we use something called Google Analytics to collect information about how people use this website.

Google Analytics collects information about:-
• What pages you visit on this website,
• How long you are on this website,
• What you did to get here (through another website or by search engine),
• What you clicked on when visiting this website,
• The number of times a word is searched for and the number of negative returns of a search result.

We do not collect any personal information (such as your name) only the above activity.

This is an example of how we store this data and how long we keep it for:

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<thead>
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Typical Content</th>
<th>Expires</th>
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<tr>
<td>_ga</td>
<td>is used to distinguish users</td>
<td>2 years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>_gid</td>
<td>is used to distinguish users</td>
<td>24 hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-gat</td>
<td>is used to throttle requests</td>
<td>10 minutes</td>
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For more information about Google Analytics and to opt out of Google Analytics all together please see: [http://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout](http://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout)

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