

Privacy and Cookies

When we provide services, we want to make them easy, useful and reliable. Where services are delivered on the internet, this sometimes involves placing small amounts of information on your device, for example, computer or mobile phone. These include small files known as cookies. They cannot be used to identify you personally.

These pieces of information are used to improve services for you through, for example:

- enabling a service to recognise your device so you don't have to give the same information several times during one task
- recognising that you may already have given a username and password so you don't need to do it for every web page requested
- measuring how many people are using services, so they can be made easier to use and there's enough capacity to ensure they are fast

You can manage internet browser cookies yourself and learn more about them by visiting Directgov - <http://www.direct.gov.uk/managingcookies>.

We have tried to cover all cookies in this list that we or our service providers use. Please be aware that there may be a delay in updating this list. If you do notice any discrepancies please be sure to contact us and let us know.

Removing and disabling cookies

If you do not wish to accept cookies on to your machine you can disable them by adjusting the settings on your browser. However this will affect the functionality of the websites you visit.

Cookies set by us

This cookie stores transient (data messages) and search queries

Cookies to improve service

We use cookies to ensure that style selections persist, so that whilst browsing our website your preferences are stored. The style options available either change the background and font colours, or reformat the page for viewing on mobile devices

Name:	style
Typical content:	(null highvis1 highvis2 mobile)
Domain:	staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	1 year

Blackboard uses a technical 'session' cookie set by our website to share the number of visitors we get on our site between web servers. This is so the site does not get overloaded and can perform at its optimum potential.

Name:	ARPT
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	blackboard.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Cookies set to ensure authentication

We use cookies to ensure your login persists until you close your browser, if you have logged into an area of our site. These are:

Name:	PHPSESSID
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	JSESSIONID
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	CGISESSID
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	libcat.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	ASP.NET_SessionId
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	medialibrary.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	ksessionid
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	www.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	session_id
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	blackboard.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	authentication
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	jobs.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Accessing your email

Name:	OwaLbe
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	crwncas1.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	sessionid
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	crwncas1.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	UserContext
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	crwncas1.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	cadata
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	crwncas1.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Accessing MyPortal

Name:	myowa
Typical content:	(ok bad)
Domain:	staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	ssopassword
Typical content:	generated string
Domain:	staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	ssouusername
Typical content:	User Principal Name (UPN) of user signing in
Domain:	staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	portal
Typical content:	generated string
Domain:	myportal.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Cookies set by Google Analytics

We utilise Google Analytics to help us accurately record the number of visitors and volumes of usage of our web site. This analysis allows us to ensure that the service and content is available and relevant when you want it.

Name:	_utma
Typical content:	randomly generated number
Use:	tracks the number of times a visitor has been to the site, when their first visit was, and when their last visit occurred
Domain:	staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	2 years

Name:	_utmb
Typical content:	randomly generated number
Use:	track how long a particular visit takes
Domain:	staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	30 minutes

Name:	_utmz
Typical content:	randomly generated number
Use:	track how long a particular visit takes
Domain:	staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser

Name:	_utmc
Typical content:	randomly generated number
Use:	tracks which site or search engine the visitor came from, the link clicked or keyword used, and the visitor's geographic location
Domain:	staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	6 months

For further details on the cookies set by Google Analytics, please refer to the [Google Code](#) website

Cookies set by third-party services

Throughout the site we utilise the services of external service providers to enhance the visitors' experience. They set cookies to enhance their service or to track usage or to validate users. These cookies are only set when the page that uses that service is visited.

Cookies for web analytics

Some pages on our site use Sitemeter to provide web analytic data.

Name:	ug
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	.specificclick.net
Expires:	5 years

YouTube

YouTube - We have some embedded YouTube videos on our website, when viewing these videos YouTube may place a cookie on your device to improve the viewing process. For further details on the cookies set by YouTube please refer to the [YouTube Privacy Policy](#).

[jobs.staffs.ac.uk](#)

Name:	lastLogon
Typical content:	String containing the username/email address of the person signed in
Domain:	jobs.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	12 hours

Name:	userRoles
Typical content:	randomly generated string
Domain:	jobs.staffs.ac.uk
Expires:	when user exits browser