

Use of Cookies on the Bridgend College Website

As of 26th May 2012 a new law came into effect regarding the use of 'cookies' within websites.

These small files are used to customise and enhance your experience of the Bridgend College website. This page is designed to inform you about what 'cookies' are, how they are employed within the Bridgend College website, how to switch off cookies within your Internet browser and some useful links for further reading on the subject. If this page does not meet all your requirements please send an email to data@bridgend.ac.uk and we will endeavor to answer your questions.

What are 'Cookie' files?

'Cookie' files are small data files that are sent from a website to a user's web browser (such as Internet Explorer, Chrome and mobile devices such as Safari). These cookies act as a memory for the website allowing it to recognise returning visitors to the site thus enhancing their return visit.

Name of Cookie	Type of Cookie	Expiry Period	Reason for Cookie	Description
headerbar	Session Cookie	Session	Your visit	Maintains visual state of sidebar/accordion across session.
__utma	Persistent Cookie	2 years	Analytics	This cookie is set by Google Analytics and is used to improve our understanding of how people use our website and services.
__utmb	Persistent Cookie	30 minutes	Analytics	This cookie is set by Google Analytics and is used to improve our understanding of how people use our website and services.
__utmc	Session Cookie	Session	Analytics	This cookie is set by Google Analytics and is used to improve our understanding of how people use our website and services.
__utmz	Persistent Cookie	30 minutes	Analytics	This cookie is set by Google Analytics and is used to improve our

				understanding of how people use our website and services.
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Please note – ‘Cookie’ files are not software and cannot be programmed. As such ‘cookie’ files cannot contain malware or viruses.

How do Bridgend College use ‘cookies’?

When visiting the Bridgend College website (www.bridgend.ac.uk) the website will use following cookies:

Site: www.bridgend.ac.uk

How can I switch off ‘cookie’ files?

All modern Internet browsers will allow you to change your ‘cookie’ file settings. These options will typically be under the ‘Options’ or ‘Preferences’ within your Internet browser. In order to change your ‘cookie’ file settings you may find the following links useful:

- [Cookie Settings in Internet Explorer](#)
- [Cookie Settings in Firefox](#)
- [Cookie Settings in Chrome](#)
- [Cookie Settings in Safari](#)

Please note that permanently disabling the Bridgend College ‘cookie’ files will severely hamper your ability to use many of the Bridgend College products.

Useful Links

If you would like to read more information about how ‘cookie’ files are used throughout the Internet then please read the following links:

- [Microsoft Cookies Guide](#)
- [All About Cookies](#)

For further information on about the legality of privacy laws you may want to visit:

- [Data Protection Act 1998](#)
- [The Information Commissioner’s Office](#)

If you have any further questions please email data@bridgend.ac.uk