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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to Reigate Grammar School Riyadh – a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-thinking learning community where students from Early Years through to Secondary are nurtured, challenged, and inspired. At RGS Riyadh, we believe in providing more than just an education; we offer a foundation for life. Our commitment is to help each child discover their strengths, develop a lifelong love for learning, and grow into confident, compassionate individuals ready to thrive in a global society.

Across both our campuses, students benefit from a rich and balanced curriculum delivered in a supportive and stimulating environment. From our engaging Early Years settings and dynamic Prep School classrooms to the more specialised teaching and opportunities in Secondary, every stage of the RGS Riyadh journey is designed to encourage curiosity, creativity, and independence.

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Our facilities reflect our values: state-of-the-art classrooms, innovative learning spaces, dedicated science and IT labs, well-stocked libraries, creative arts studios, and excellent sports amenities all contribute to a well-rounded and fulfilling educational experience. Beyond the classroom, our extensive programme of co-curricular activities, trips, and events enables students to explore their passions, build character, and develop leadership skills.

At RGS Riyadh, we value strong partnerships with families, knowing that collaboration between home and school is key to student success. We are excited to welcome you to our community and look forward to working together to shape a bright and meaningful future for your child.





RGS UK

Reigate Grammar School Riyadh is proud to be part of the Reigate Grammar School (RGS) family, a prestigious educational institution founded in 1675 in Surrey, England. This affiliation ensures that RGS Riyadh upholds the high standards, academic excellence, and values for which RGS UK is renowned. As a member of the RGS International network, RGS Riyadh benefits from a shared vision and collaborative approach to education that spans continents.

The global RGS family includes schools in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia), Hanoi (Vietnam), Nanjing (China), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), along with additional partnerships currently under development.



ACCREDITATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

> “Standards achieved by students at IGCSE and A Level are outstanding.” (BSO Inspection 2025).

Reigate Grammar School Riyadh officially opened in September 2022 as the first school in Saudi Arabia established through a partnership between Reigate Grammar School UK (RGS-UK) and ADECO, the education division of Ethraa Holdings. This collaboration represents a shared vision to deliver outstanding British education within the Kingdom.

BSO
British School Overseas
Inspected DfE Accredited

We are proud to have received official accreditation from British Schools Overseas (BSO), placing us among the leading schools in Riyadh to achieve this prestigious recognition. In our most recent 2025 Inspection the school was judged Good and Outstanding in all areas. This accreditation affirms our commitment to internationally recognised standards in teaching, leadership, and student outcomes.

As members of the Council of British International Schools (COBIS) and British Schools in the Middle East (BSME), RGS Riyadh is part of a strong professional network committed to quality assurance, development, and enrichment.

The school is a registered centre for both Cambridge International Examinations and Pearson Edexcel, offering students access to respected global qualifications. Additionally, as part of the Royal Commission for Riyadh City (RCRC) International Schools Programme, RGS Riyadh supports the goals of Saudi Arabia’s Vision 2030 through high-quality educational provision.

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LEADERS

Karim Murcia is a distinguished school leader known for his innovative leadership and strong commitment to educational excellence. As Founding Principal of Eden Girls' School, Slough, he led the school to an outstanding Ofsted rating in 2018. He later served as Principal and CEO at GEMS Education in Dubai, where he led GEMS Al Barsha National School and contributed to strategic leadership across the GEMS network.



KARIM MURCIA
EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER

He holds a First-Class Degree in French and Arabic from UCL, a PGCE and Master's from the UCL Institute of Education, and has completed both the NPQH and NPQEL. Karim has also served as Chair of Governors and delivered national leadership training programmes.

As Executive Headteacher, he leads all areas of RGS Riyadh, promoting high academic standards, strong pastoral care, and a culture of continuous improvement aligned with Vision 2030.

Alistair Downs is a highly experienced leader who has founded and led international schools across Asia and the Middle East.
Since his first Founding Headship in 2010, he has established schools in Qatar, China, Thailand, and KSA.
He is passionate about school improvement and is a qualified schools inspector, regularly leading BSO inspections and COBIS Peer Accreditation visits. He has led schools through BSO, CIS, COBIS, ISQM, and local accreditations.



ALISTAIR DOWNS
EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Alistair holds a BSc in Geography from Loughborough University, a PGCE from the University of Cambridge, a Master's in Educational Leadership and Management, and the NPQH.

Ann Philip brings over 30 years of educational leadership experience in Saudi Arabia and internationally. She has served as Academic Head and Deputy Principal at the Multinational School Riyadh, where she implemented the Australian curriculum in collaboration with the Victorian Department of Education and Training.
Ann holds degrees in Statistics, Education, and a Master's in Strategic Educational Leadership from the University of Dundee. She led the transition from MNS to Reigate Grammar School Riyadh and now serves as School Improvement Partner, guiding the school with a vision rooted in innovation, inclusiveness, and academic excellence.



ANN PHILIP
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PARTNER

Atthar Malik is an experienced international educator with over 22 years in schools across the UK, UAE, Malaysia, and Egypt. He holds a Master's in Mathematics from Imperial College London and began his career through the Teach First programme.

He has held senior leadership roles focused on school improvement, curriculum development, teacher training, and inspection readiness, including strategic consultancy at government level in the UAE. In Malaysia, he was the founding Director of Studies at a British international boarding school.



ATTHAR MALIK
HEAD OF SECONDARY SCHOOL

Now in his third year at RGS Riyadh, Atthar previously served as Head of Secondary, contributing to the school's development and BSO accreditation. He holds the NPQH and is currently completing the NPQEL.

Stephen Deady is an educator with 20 years of experience in international and UK schools. Over half of his career has been dedicated to leadership roles in prestigious schools, including Brighton College Abu Dhabi and Cranleigh Abu Dhabi in the UAE, and Fettes College in China. For the past four years, Stephen has overseen the development of Reigate Grammar School's global village of schools, in China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia and of course Saudi Arabia. Stephen has gained invaluable experience working at RGS in the UK, where the school was recently named The Sunday Times Independent School of the Year for 2025.



STEPHEN DEADY
HEAD OF PREP SCHOOL



OUR VALUES AND VISION

At Reigate Grammar School Riyadh, our mission is to nurture curious minds, compassionate hearts, and confident young people who are ready to make a positive difference in the world. We are committed to providing an exceptional British education rooted in academic excellence, character development, and global-mindedness.

Our values shape everything we do. We believe in creating a caring and inclusive school community where every individual is known, supported, and celebrated. Through a balance of academic challenge, co-curricular opportunity, and personal growth, we empower our students to become resilient, reflective, and responsible learners.

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FACILITIES

Ghirnatah Campus

LOCATION

The Ghirnatah Campus, home to students from Year 7 to Year 13, offers a modern and dynamic learning environment designed to support academic excellence and personal growth. Spacious classrooms, fully equipped science laboratories, ICT suites, and quiet study rooms create the ideal setting for focused learning.

Creative expression is nurtured through specialist art and music rooms, along with a multi-purpose auditorium that hosts assemblies, performances, and events. Our sports facilities include a full-size football pitch, cricket field, and multi-use courts, promoting health, teamwork, and school spirit.

A well-resourced library sits at the heart of the campus, while our dedicated Inclusion Department area provides tailored support for students with diverse learning profiles. Outdoor seating areas, a newly renovated Grove area, and an Inclusion Department play space all contribute to student wellbeing, offering opportunities for rest and reflection throughout the day.





Qurtubah Campus

LOCATION

Our Qurtubah Campus, serving children from Nursery to Year 6, offers a warm and engaging environment where young learners thrive. Purpose-built classrooms are bright, spacious, and age-appropriate, creating a nurturing space for children to explore, inquire, and grow.

Our dedicated Early Years unit features enhanced EYFS learning spaces, including indoor and outdoor areas tailored to play-based and developmental learning. The campus also includes specialist rooms for subjects such as music, art, and Arabic, along with well-equipped activity rooms that support a broad and balanced curriculum.

A fully equipped clinic with qualified staff ensures the health and wellbeing of all pupils, while a welcoming parents' café fosters a strong school community. The campus boasts excellent sports facilities, including a swimming pool and a large football pitch, encouraging physical development, confidence, and teamwork from an early age.

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STUDENT CENTERED LEARNING

At Reigate Grammar School Riyadh, we take pride in offering a student-centered approach to education that recognises and celebrates the individuality of every learner. Our aim is to inspire a love of learning, foster independence, and equip pupils with the skills and character to thrive both academically and personally.

The curriculum is thoughtfully designed to offer breadth and depth, with flexible subject choices that allow pupils to explore their interests while developing a strong academic foundation. Lessons are engaging, enquiry-driven, and tailored to meet the diverse needs and aspirations of our pupils.

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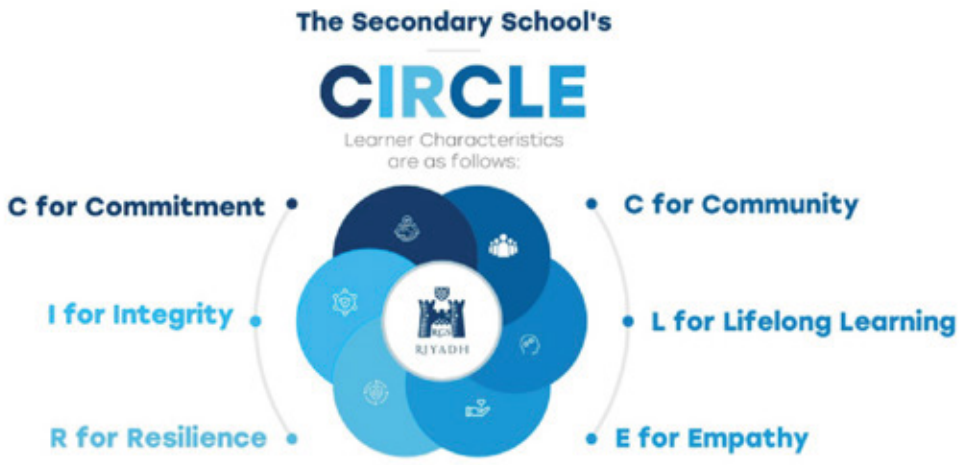


Guided by our Learning CIRCLE values—Collaborative, Inquiring, Reflective, Caring, Leading, Engaged—we promote curiosity, creativity, and intellectual rigour within a supportive and nurturing environment.



As part of our commitment to academic excellence, we implement a high performance learning approach, enabling all pupils to achieve highly, regardless of their starting point. We believe that high expectations, combined with the right support, can unlock every pupil's potential.

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Our Secondary School is built on a strong foundation of values known as the Learner Characteristics, which support and shape every student's journey through these crucial years. These characteristics—Commitment, Integrity, Resilience, Community, Lifelong Learning, and Empathy—represent the qualities we believe are essential not just for academic success, but for personal growth and meaningful contributions to the wider world.

Students are encouraged to demonstrate Commitment to their goals and responsibilities, uphold Integrity in their actions, and show Resilience in the face of challenges. Through a strong sense of Community, they learn the importance of collaboration and respect, while Lifelong Learning nurtures curiosity and a love for discovery beyond the classroom. Most importantly, we promote Empathy, helping our learners to understand and connect with others from diverse backgrounds.

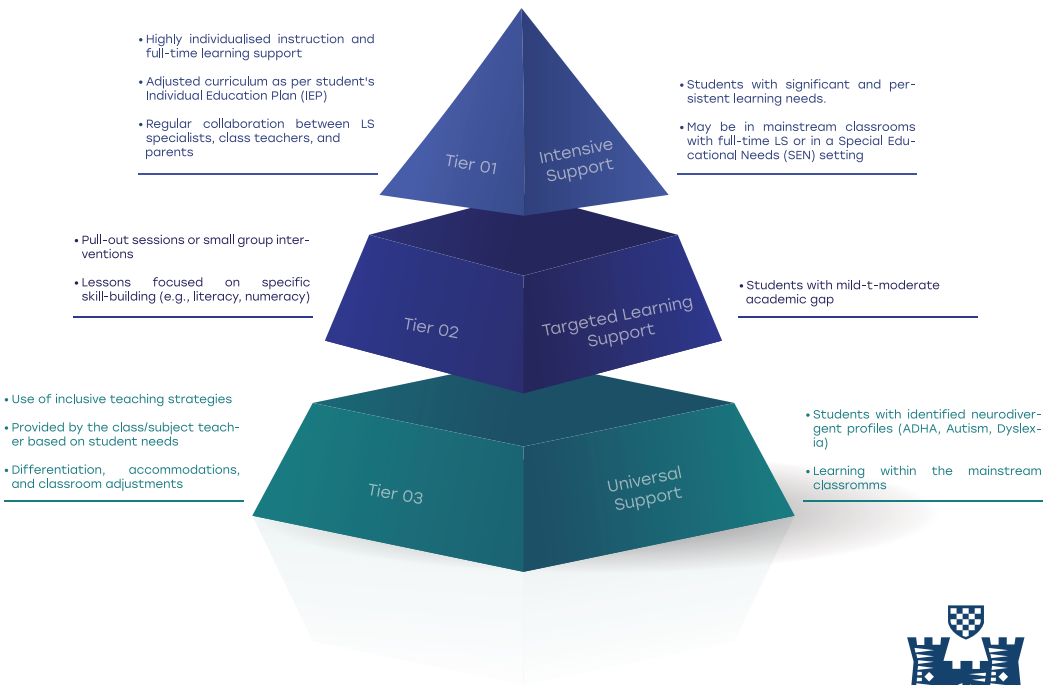
INCLUSION DEPARTMENT

Our Inclusion Department offers two key provisions: Learning Support (LS) and Enhanced Provision (EP) Classes. Together, these services ensure that students with diverse learning profiles can access high-quality education in a safe and supportive setting.

RGS Riyadh follows a three-tiered framework to ensure the right level of support for each learner.

Every placement decision is guided by the student's best interests and the school's ability to provide meaningful, high-quality support.

Tiered Levels of Learning Support



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PASTORAL CARE AND COMMUNITY

Pastoral care lies at the heart of all we do at Reigate Grammar School Riyadh. We believe that pupils flourish when they feel safe, supported, and valued, and our approach to well-being is embedded across every aspect of school life.

Our dedicated pastoral team works closely with teaching staff, pupils, and families to ensure that each child receives the emotional, social, and academic support they need. Through regular check-ins, open communication, and a culture of kindness, we nurture confident, resilient, and emotionally literate young people.



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OASIS OWLS

MOUNTAIN LEOPARDS

DESERT FOXES

SEA SHARKS

The school's House System fosters a sense of belonging, teamwork, and healthy competition, offering pupils the opportunity to connect across year groups and develop leadership and collaborative skills. In addition, our Mentorship Programmes provide guidance and encouragement, helping pupils navigate challenges, set goals, and build positive relationships.

"Students develop the skills necessary to become well-rounded global citizens." (British Schools Overseas Inspection, May 2025)

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We believe that education extends well beyond the classroom. Our vibrant Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) programme plays a central role in each pupil's personal growth, offering a wealth of opportunities to explore interests, develop new skills, and discover hidden talents.

Pupils are encouraged to engage with a broad and balanced range of activities across four key areas:



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EDUCATIONAL TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

Learning at RGS Riyadh extends well beyond the classroom walls. Through a diverse range of local and international trips, students are exposed to experiences that foster holistic growth and broaden their global perspective.

Highlights from recent years include exciting outdoor excursions in the UAE, such as Khor Fakkan and Dibba Camp, along with a memorable ski trip to Azerbaijan. These carefully planned journeys complement academic studies while encouraging independence and essential life skills.

By engaging with new environments and challenges, students create lasting memories that contribute to their development as confident and well-rounded individuals.





SPORTS

At Reigate Grammar School Riyadh, sports play a vital role in nurturing confident, active, and well-rounded pupils. Swimming is a key component of our physical education curriculum, supported by a high-quality on-site pool that allows pupils to develop strong aquatic skills and confidence in the water from an early age.

Alongside swimming, students enjoy a broad range of sporting opportunities including football, basketball, athletics, and badminton. Regular training sessions and inter-house competitions encourage wide participation, while school teams proudly represent RGSR in inter-school matches across Riyadh.

These activities help students build resilience, teamwork, and discipline, fostering a healthy, active lifestyle and a strong sense of school spirit.





ARTS AND MUSIC

Creative expression is nurtured through drama clubs, choirs, and collaborative art projects. These platforms allow pupils to build confidence, creativity, and a sense of ensemble.





LANGUAGES AT RGS RIYADH

We believe that language learning is central to developing global citizens who are culturally aware and confident communicators. Our language curriculum reflects both our British heritage and our international context.

ARABIC

Arabic is a core part of our curriculum, fostering cultural understanding and supporting both native and non-native speakers in developing their skills in reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension in line with Ministry of Education standards. Building on this foundation, we are proud to launch the Arabic Centre of Excellence, a new initiative in collaboration with our sister school Adhwaa Al-Hedaya, led by Mr. Akram Zaitoun. The Centre will enhance Arabic language education through innovative teaching methods, immersive learning experiences, and meaningful cultural engagement.

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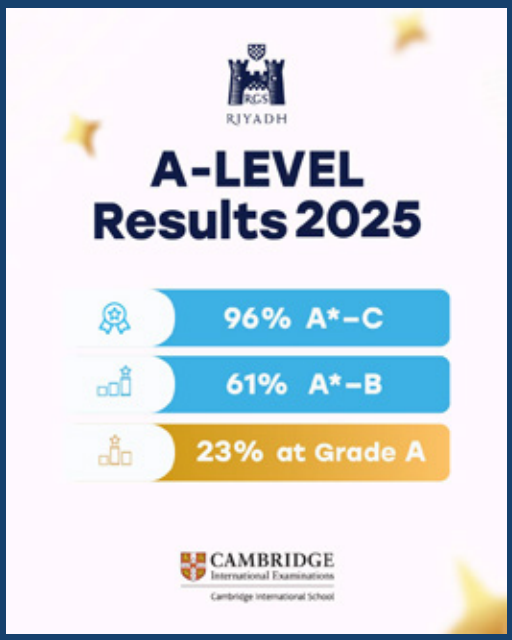
French is introduced as a modern foreign language in Key Stage 2 and continues into Secondary, offering students the opportunity to build proficiency in one of the world's most widely spoken languages.

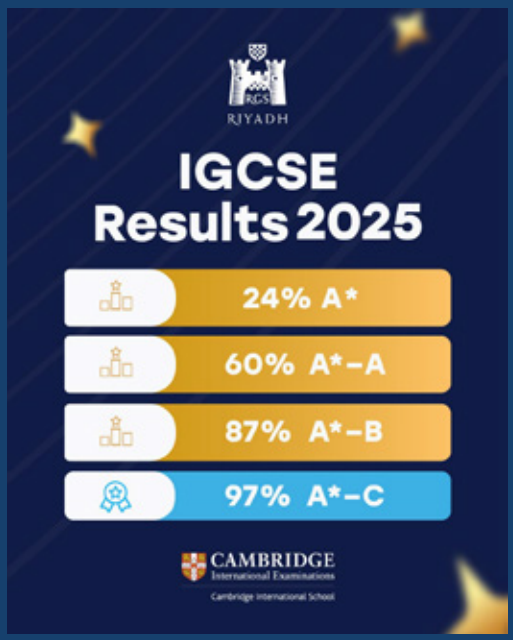
ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

For students who speak English as an additional language, we offer tailored EAL support to ensure full access to the curriculum and to help them thrive both academically and socially.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our latest examination results reflect the strength and consistency of academic achievement across the school. They are a testament to the hard work, perseverance, and ambition of our pupils, as well as the dedication, expertise, and encouragement provided by our teaching staff. These outcomes highlight our commitment to supporting every learner through a nurturing environment, high expectations, and personalised guidance. We take pride in offering a curriculum that challenges, inspires, and prepares students to excel both academically and personally, ensuring they are fully equipped for the next stage of their educational journey.





CAREERS INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Careers counselling is a key focus at the secondary level, providing students with robust support as they plan their futures.
Regular workshops and interactive sessions are organised to help students explore their interests and make well-informed decisions.

Students benefit from presentations by representatives of international universities and industry professionals, offering valuable insights into global opportunities. These activities, combined with personalised guidance, equip students with the knowledge and confidence to select appropriate academic and career pathways.

Through consistent and comprehensive support, the programme empowers students to approach their future with clarity and ambition.

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2025







COMMUNITY AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The success of our students is a shared responsibility, and we believe that a strong partnership between school and home is crucial to each pupil's development. The involvement of parents and the wider school community is central to creating a nurturing, supportive environment where students can thrive.

We prioritise open communication between the school and parents, ensuring that families are kept well-informed and actively engaged in their child's educational journey. Regular parent workshops, events, and school meetings provide opportunities for parents to gain insights into the curriculum, share feedback, and support their child's progress.

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STUDENT VOICE



Saskia, Year 9

"Hello, my name is Saskia, and I am from South Africa. I am currently in Year 9 and have greatly enjoyed my experience at the school. When I first arrived, I was quite nervous and unsure of what to expect. However, both the teachers and students were incredibly welcoming, which helped me settle in quickly. What I appreciate most about the school is the friendliness of the community and the support I received as I adjusted to my new environment."

Kelyan, Year 7

"Hello, my name is Kelyan, and I am currently in Year 7. I am originally from France. When I first arrived in Saudi Arabia, I spoke very little English. However, thanks to the dedicated support of the teachers and the EAL department, I am now able to speak English fluently. I have also found both the teachers and students to be extremely friendly and supportive."



PARENT VOICE

Mona Elgendy, Parent (Year 7 ,9 and 4)

RGS has been a wonderful home for my three girls. What I love most is how much the school genuinely cares about both student's wellbeing and academics. The teachers and staff are always supportive and quick to respond—you are never alone here. I truly feel part of a caring community.

Rachna Prakash, Parent (Year 4 & 7)

We had enrolled both our children in RGS 3 years ago, and since then it has been a remarkable journey of learning, thriving and having fun. The success story is evident by the fact that they look forward to go to school every single day. The exposure to an exceptional curriculum framework has helped them learn in a more practical and applied ways. We are extremely happy and gratified the way both our children have gained interest in varied subjects and how they try and connect their learnings with day to day proceedings.

The planned extracurricular activities are equally engaging and enriching for them in many ways, and they are learning the aspects of team-building, mental & physical health, environmental and social behavior and responsibilities to a greater extent.

Not only for our children, but the overall experience with the school, administrations and the teachers for us has as well been exceptional, and we look forward to a continued success and growth for our children at RGS.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Please contact our admissions team if you would like to make an application to mainstream, Inclusion or Learning support who will send over our Enrolment Application Pack and are happy to help with any further information.

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SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

If you would like to book a school tour or admissions appointment, please visit the admissions page on our school website.

Qurtuba Campus
Nursery-Year 6 Tour

Ghirnatah Campus
Year 7 – Year 13 Tour

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Please feel free to contact us for any question you might have, we will be happy to assist you.

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