



Policy on Alcohol

- The School rules forbid the possession (and thereby the consumption or supply) of alcohol by pupils.
- They also state that pupils are not permitted to purchase alcohol in supermarkets or shops or visit licensed premises, even if over the age of 18 years, whilst under the School's authority. Pupils may not bring alcoholic drinks into school, even if given to them by parents, guardians or friends.
- Infringement of these rules is viewed as a serious disciplinary offence to be dealt with within the usual disciplinary framework of the School, involving parents where appropriate, but aggravated or repeated cases may result in exclusion (either temporary or permanent.)
- As part of its general aim of promoting a healthy and responsible life-style, the School includes alcohol education in its PSHEE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) and Science programmes and Assemblies, and seeks to promote a culture which discourages the misuse of alcohol.
- The School seeks to provide a network of pastoral care to ensure that pupils feel that the sympathetic support and advice they need is available, particularly at times of pressure and stress.
- The School endeavours to raise pupils' self-esteem and develop their sense of satisfaction with their own lives as well as their ability to handle peer pressure, so that they may be less prone to turn to the misuse of alcohol or other artificial stimulants or depressants.
- The School will liaise with and involve other agencies in alcohol education as appropriate.
- It recognises the need to work in partnership with parents, and will always be willing to provide advice if requested.
- On no occasions must any alcohol be consumed on the school site by students.