

Alcohol policy

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Pupils are encouraged to adopt a sensible attitude towards alcohol. The effect on health of alcohol and its social implications are taught and discussed as part of PSHE. Help and advice is also available through the School's Medical Centre and the School's counselling service and the Pastoral Intervention Practitioner.

For pupils below the Sixth Form, the consumption or possession of alcohol at any time and in any circumstances is forbidden. In certain controlled circumstances (for example, organised social events with members of staff), Sixth Formers may be allowed to drink beer or wine in moderation but may not possess alcohol outside of these circumstances. Upper Sixth Formers have access to their own carefully controlled and restricted bar twice a week run by a member of staff, but may not store any alcohol.

It is School practice that at a School dinner, dance or social for Sixth formers, there should be no alcohol available prior to assembly at the venue of the event, that all drinks should be served by a member of staff and not be freely available on tables and that there must be no unrestricted access to a bar, even if pupils are over 18.

The consumption of spirits (20% proof and above) at any time and in any circumstances is forbidden. Any pupil caught breaking the alcohol policy will be placed within the relevant disciplinary system. Possessing, purchasing, using or supplying alcohol is part of the Big 12. Dependent on the seriousness of the breach, pupils risk possible suspension or exclusion at first offence.

Senior Staff reserve the right to breathalyse pupils at any time if they suspect the alcohol policy has been broken. This is in line with our Disciplinary Policy.