

BRYANSTON

POLICY ON ALCOHOL

1 General

Alcohol plays a part in the life of many adults and issues relating to alcohol, of course, feature a great deal in society. In this context it is not surprising that many teenagers choose to consume alcohol and to engage in experimentation related to it. At Bryanston we seek to adopt a clear strategy relating to alcohol.

2 Policy Aims

The aims of the school's alcohol policy are:

- To provide accurate information relating to alcohol use and abuse.
- To enable pupils to make sensible decisions and informed choices, including the choice of abstinence, the benefits of moderate consumption at an appropriate time and the dangers of excess, based on their understanding of the use and abuse of alcohol.
- To enable young people to identify sources of appropriate personal support if they need guidance in relation to alcohol.
- To provide clear information about rules relating to access to alcohol and the consequences of any breach.

3 Education

We seek to achieve these aims through a whole school approach to alcohol education, which is principally based on delivery via the PSRE programme, but also in other contexts (including Assemblies, via the Medical Centre and in House).

Pupils are advised on a regular basis that, for safety reasons, they should not cover up for a friend who has consumed an excess of alcohol and that the Medical Centre and the Hsm should always be informed about this.

4 Access

Access to alcohol in D, C and B is prohibited, except in occasional exceptional circumstances authorised in advance by the Head or Second Master.

Controlled access to alcohol in A2 and A3 comes under the following categories:-

- In the A2 Social, which is usually open on Fridays and Saturdays.
- "Eating out" trips at the weekend for pupils in A2 and A3 to certain local restaurants and pubs, during which pupils who are aged over 16 are able to consume certain types of alcohol with a meal.
- Certain other special occasions.

5 Sanctions

The consumption, possession, purchase or supply of alcohol is always treated as a serious offence, the result of which is normally a week on Head's Chart. The school reserves the right to suspend pupils for repeat offences (or for a very serious one-off offence). Each offence is considered on its own merits and there may well be aggravating features which are taken into consideration on each occasion. A letter is sent to parents whenever the rule on alcohol is breached.

6 **Breathalyser**

The school reserves the right to breathalyse a pupil if there is concern about whether he/she has been consuming alcohol or in order to clarify how much alcohol has been consumed.

This document should be read in conjunction with:

- Bryanston School Rules and Regulations
- Bryanston School Behaviour Policy

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