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## **ALCOHOL POLICY**

### **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.

The School has a duty to protect the health and safety of children and to provide a safe and healthy environment for staff and others present in the workplace. It is an environment in which young people will be educated about the dangers that alcohol can present. This policy will be supported by our PSRE programme.

### **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. This includes 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 of those rules.

### **3 Education**

We seek to achieve these aims through a whole School approach to alcohol education, which is principally based on delivery via our 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 Years is prohibited.

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

- For A2, in the A2 Social, which is usually open on Fridays and Saturdays.
- A2 Pupils are allowed (with both parent and Hsm permission) to go on Eating Out trips to certain restaurants and pubs on a Saturday evening. During these trips pupils are able to consume certain types of alcohol with a meal.
- Combined A2 and A3 Social events organized by the School.
- A2 and/or A3 Social events organized and overseen by HSMs.
- Certain other special occasions.



During the week, parents occasionally visit and are allowed to take their own children out for a meal. On some weekends, parents can request to take their own children out and may, on occasion, take a few accompanying pupils (with appropriate permissions from parents and HSMs). We ask that parents who take their own children (and any accompanying pupils) out for a meal, liaise with the HSM regarding alcohol consumption. It is important, to ensure effective pastoral care of pupils, that HSMs know if A2 and A3 pupils have consumed alcohol with parents. Pupils in D/C/B should not return to school under the influence of alcohol.

## **5 Sanctions**

The unauthorised consumption, possession, purchase or supply of alcohol is always treated as a serious offence, the outcome of which is likely to result in either a level 4 or level 5 sanction. The School reserves the right to suspend pupils for repeat offences (or for a very serious one-off offence such as consumption of spirits). 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 they have been consuming alcohol or in order to clarify how much alcohol has been consumed. The School also reserves the right to use a breathalyser as a preventative measure and this includes random breathalyser testing.

### **Bryanston Prep**

Alcohol is not permitted for *any* pupil at Bryanston Prep. Any pupils found with alcohol, supplying or consuming alcohol, or under the influence of alcohol, will be dealt with severely, in line with the School's Behaviour Policy.

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**Appendix 1**

**A2 SOCIAL**

1. Only A2 pupils and staff may be present in the A2 Social.
2. Please fill in a chit when ordering a drink and put the following **four pieces** of information on to the chit:
  - Your name / House /the type of drink and the quantity (i.e. pint, half pint or bottle).
  - You must **fill in the chit yourself** and ensure that it is legible.
3. You may not acquire a drink for anyone other than yourself (this includes signing chits for other pupils).
4. Drinks are not to be taken out of the A2 Social (this includes the corridor).
5. Empty glasses must not be taken out of the A2 Social.
6. Members of A2 are responsible for escorting out any pupil who is not in A2 who comes into the A2 Social.
7. If the TV or music systems do not operate please let a Prefect know. Do not fiddle around with the equipment.
8. Pupils who choose to go to Blandford on a Saturday evening (after October half-term), must not consume alcohol when they return to the A2 Social.
9. Any pupil who is caught consuming alcohol illegally on an A2 Social Night and who then drinks in the A2 Social will receive an additional ban from the A2 Social.
10. Serving arrangements:
  - **Friday:** One drink allowed. This refers to one pint of beer or, one pint of cider or, one glass of wine or, one soft drink.
  - **Saturday:** Two drinks allowed. This refers to two pints of beer or cider, or two glasses of wine, or two soft drinks.
11. Those in Detention are not allowed to drink in the Social.

I agree to abide by the above rules.      Signed:.....

Name..... House.....