



FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE

Framlingham College **ALCOHOL POLICY**

- The consumption of alcohol by students in years 9, 10 and 11 at College or on College trips is forbidden.
- No students are permitted to bring alcohol onto College premises or to keep alcohol in their possession at College.
- House staff and medical staff have access to breathalyser equipment and have the right to ask students to use this equipment if they suspect that alcohol may have been consumed against school rules.
- Senior students may drink alcohol under the following circumstances:
 1. *Students over the age of 18 who hold a College identity card may purchase alcoholic drink from the Sixth Form Centre Bar under staff supervision.*
 2. *Students over the age of 18 may purchase and consume alcohol from a public house in Framlingham on Saturday evenings with their Housemaster's or Housemistress' permission.*
 3. *Sixth Form students may be offered wine or beer under staff supervision at formal school functions such as House dinners when a meal is being served.*
 4. *Sixth Form students may be offered wine or beer under staff supervision at Sixth Form Society evenings when a meal is being served.*
 5. *Sixth form students may be offered wine or beer when invited into the private premises of their Housemaster or Housemistress.*
- At events such as concerts, plays and cabaret evenings where alcohol may be available to parents, it is forbidden for students to purchase alcohol from the bar. It is also against school policy for parents to offer alcohol to students in Years 9, 10 and 11 at such events. Where practicable, this policy will be re-iterated at such events.
- All staff must report all breaches of these rules to the student's Housemaster/Housemistress and any suspicion of drunkenness must be supported by the completion of an incident report form
- It will considered to be a particularly serious offence for older students to:

1. *Supply younger students with alcohol*
2. *Purchase alcohol for younger students*
3. *Encourage younger students to drink alcohol*
4. *Retain the knowledge of younger students drinking alcohol*

- All breaches of the above by older students must be reported to the student's Housemaster/Housemistress, who must refer the matter on the Second Master.
- If a student has consumed, or is suspected of consuming too much alcohol, despite what they may claim, the student's HM must administer a breathalyser test and then follow the instructions issued by the medical centre in their guidelines. (see details below: 'Guidelines for Alcohol Detection and Analysis')
- Where a number of students are involved in alcohol related offences from across the Houses, HMs should refer the matter to the Second Master so that a consistent and fair response can be made to all involved.
- Sanctions applied to breaches of this policy will depend upon the specific nature of the incident and the age of the student/s concerned. They will be appropriate to the incident and will range from a loss of privilege, a period of gating, a denial of access to future social events, Head's Detention or a combination of sanctions. Such sanctions will be imposed by the Housemaster/Housemistress of the students concerned or by the Second Master. In the case of students who have been involved in alcohol related offences before or who have particularly poor school records generally, The Head may consider that suspension or expulsion is the appropriate response to make.
- It is critically important the students understand and accept the principles of this policy and trust the College's response to breaches of it as being fair and reasonable. The over-riding importance is that students feel able to inform staff immediately at any time when they encounter another student who has consumed too much alcohol. In this way the student concerned will be safe and can be cared for by qualified medical staff.