



ALCOHOL POLICY

- The consumption of alcohol by pupils in years 9, 10 and 11 at College or on College trips is forbidden.
- No pupils 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 pupils to use this equipment if they suspect that alcohol may have been consumed against school rules.

Senior pupils may drink alcohol under the following circumstances:

1. Pupils over the age of 18 may purchase alcoholic drinks from the Sixth Form Centre Bar under staff supervision.
2. Pupils 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 pupils 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 pupils may be offered wine or beer under staff supervision at Sixth Form Theme Nights when substantial food is being served.
5. Sixth form pupils may be offered wine or beer when invited into the private premises of their Housemaster or Housemistress.

It is considered to be a particularly serious offence for older pupils to:

1. Supply younger pupils with alcohol
 2. Purchase alcohol for younger pupils
 3. Encourage younger pupils to drink alcohol
 4. Retain the knowledge of younger pupils drinking alcohol
- All breaches of the above by older pupils must be reported to the student's Housemaster/Housemistress, who must refer the matter on to the Deputy Head Pastoral or Senior Deputy Head.

- At events such as concerts, plays and cabaret evenings where alcohol may be available to parents, it is forbidden for pupils to purchase alcohol from the bar. It is also against school policy for parents to offer alcohol to pupils 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 reported to the student's Housemaster/Housemistress immediately.
- 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. All staff have access to 'Alcohol Testing Protocol' on Firefly.
- Where a number of pupils are involved in alcohol related offences from across the Houses, HMs should refer the matter to the Deputy Head Pastoral or Senior Deputy Head 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. Purchasing or supplying alcohol and the consumption of spirits may result in suspension. Such sanctions will be imposed by the Housemaster/Housemistress of the pupils concerned or by the Senior Deputy Head. In the case of pupils 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 pupils 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 pupils 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.