



CLIFTON COLLEGE

Title/Date	ALCOHOL POLICY (UPPER SCHOOL) Updated June 2011
Purpose	The purpose of this policy is : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage pupils to adopt a responsible and educated attitude towards alcohol; • To make pupils aware of the dangers of alcohol abuse, both to themselves and to others; • To encourage a tolerance towards cultural/religious differences in attitudes towards alcohol; • To conform to legal restrictions regarding the purchase of alcohol by or for young persons.
Legal framework	It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to buy or attempt to buy alcohol, whether in a supermarket, pub or off-licence. It is also illegal to supply someone under the age of 18 with alcohol. Anyone who buys or attempts to buy alcohol for consumption in a bar by a person under the age of 18 is liable to a maximum fine of £1,000. Children under the age of 16 may not go into a pub or bar unless accompanied by an adult. 16 or 17 year old children are allowed to consume beer, wine or cider with a table meal, when accompanied by an adult. The Police have the power to confiscate alcohol from anyone they know to be, or reasonably believe to be, under the age of 18.
School Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils must not bring alcohol onto the school premises and that the consumption, possession, sale or other involvement with alcohol by pupils is forbidden unless specifically provided or approved by a designated member of staff. • Public houses and bars are out of bounds to all pupils, except those over 18 who need specific permission from their Housemaster/ mistress (HoM) to visit a particular establishment.
Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We do not serve alcohol to pupils in Block II in any circumstances. • The Staff Handbook and accompanying guidance sets out guidelines for members of staff regarding the provision or purchase of alcohol for pupils at dinners and other functions. • The Marshal carries out routine checks of licensed premises in the vicinity of the College.
Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pupil found to have been drinking alcohol will be referred to his/her HoM. • Pupils who are ill due to the effects of alcohol will normally be taken to the Health Centre; usually the costs of this care will be met by the parents/guardian of the pupil(s) concerned. • We recognise that pupils who infringe our alcohol rules may need guidance and help. Pupils who consume an excess of alcohol will usually meet subsequently with a member of the Health Centre. Persistent offenders may require the help of a counsellor, or more specialised support. • Pupils under the age of 18, and those without permission, found in public houses or bars will be sent back to houses (or home) immediately.
Sanctions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block I pupils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In a public house or bar (first offence): Saturday night detention. ○ Boarders returning late on a Saturday evening may in the first instance be dealt with by their HoM and will normally receive a gating. ○ Inebriated pupils are gated and, depending on the severity, an additional Saturday night detention. Repeat/serious offenders are referred to the Deputy Head (Pastoral). ○ Possessing or consuming alcohol without the permission or approval of a member of staff: Saturday night detention. • Block II pupils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In a public house or bar on a Saturday evening (first offence): two Saturday night detentions and a week's gating; in a public house or bar at other times may expect to be rusticated. ○ Possessing or consuming alcohol on school premises: rustication. • Sixth Formers found to be associating with younger pupils may expect to receive the Block II punishment. • Day pupils, or boarders on exeat, should expect to be treated in the same way as boarders if they are involved in the same incident. • Those who are found associating with drinkers at the time of the offence, even though they may not have been drinking themselves, can normally expect to receive a similar sanction. • For repeat offenders or if spirits or very large quantities of alcohol are involved, sanctions may be more severe. Parents will be informed when appropriate.
Curriculum Links	Issues relating to alcohol and alcohol abuse are discussed as part of the Block II PSHE programme.
Links to other policies	This policy constitutes part of the overall discipline policy for the Upper School.
Implementation/ Dissemination	All members of the teaching staff share a responsibility for the implementation of the school's discipline policy. The policy is made clear to pupils through the school rules and is published on the college website. New parents receive a copy with the Parents' Handbook. Further copies are available to parents or pupils on request.
Evaluation/Review	With the overall discipline policy or as necessary/June 2012