



CLIFTON COLLEGE

Title/Date	DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY (UPPER SCHOOL) Updated Sept 2011
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate pupils, staff, parents, members of Council and governors, and safeguard the welfare of individuals and that of the school community • Deter pupils from drug and substance abuse • Provide procedures for any incident or person involved or suspected of being involved in drug or substance abuse • Provide appropriate pastoral support
Legal Framework	The law places drugs in three categories, Class A, B and C; these are known as 'controlled substances'. Class A drugs are considered to be the most harmful, and Class C the least harmful. Under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 it is an offence to possess a controlled substance unlawfully, possess a controlled substance with intent to supply it, to supply a controlled substance unlawfully, to allow premises you occupy or manage to be used for the process of drug-taking. Trafficking (supply) attracts the more serious of punishments, including life imprisonment for Class A offences.
Rationale/Issues	Involvement with drugs can be damaging to health, even life-threatening, and the College wishes, with the help of parents, to deter pupils from becoming involved in any aspect of substance abuse.
Education	Through the curriculum and visits by outside speakers pupils will be informed about drugs and given an opportunity to debate the issues concerning their use and abuse. Drugs education is included in the Block II PSHE scheme of work and there are occasional lectures or talks for pupils. Parents are sometimes invited to talks and will be informed whenever this policy is reviewed. We aim to keep staff up-to-date by means of both internal and external INSET.
Rules	The school rules state that involvement with drugs is forbidden. The School is aware that some substances which are not illegal may have an intoxicating, and/or stimulating and/or hallucinating effect. The use of animal, mineral or vegetable products which have such an effect is against school rules and pupils using such substances may be dealt with in a similar fashion to those who use illegal substances.
Pastoral Concerns	Any member of staff who has concerns over the welfare of a pupils which he/she considers could possibly come from involvement with illegal drugs should speak in person with the pupil's HoM. If appropriate the HoM will share these concerns with the parent/guardian in order to consider the pastoral welfare of the individual.
Drugs Tests	The school contract signed by parents allows their children to be drugs tested when the school has reasonable grounds for doing so. On occasions pupils might be required to take drugs tests on an ongoing basis. These will usually be carried out in accordance to the procedures below. Pupils will be given the opportunity to choose not to have a test and to make an admission. The police will normally be involved only when criminal events or issues are suspected. Pupils may be asked to undergo a drug test (at their parents' expense) at the local private hospital or elsewhere, where suspicion is based on one or a combination of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changes in behaviour, erratic behaviour, health or attendance, significant alteration in academic performance • involvement in a drug incident • implication by association and peer group associations • physical signs • information received Procedure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil is usually informed by the Head Master or Deputy Head (Pastoral) in the presence of the HoM. • The Marshal accompanies the pupil to the location of the test • The HoM makes every reasonable effort to contact the pupil's parents/guardian. • Refusal to take a drugs test will suggest that the outcome is likely to be positive and will bring the pupil's continued place at Clifton into question (see below).
Sanctions	The school regards the purchasing, possession, distribution, sale or use of drugs or substances on or off campus as extremely serious offences. Our response to an admission, positive test result, or other evidence of a pupil's involvement with drugs will vary according to circumstances. Pupils involved in purchasing, distributing or selling any class of illegal drugs are likely to be permanently excluded, as will those who have any involvement with Class A drugs. 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.
Links to other policies	Alcohol Policy and Smoking Policy. This policy constitutes part of the overall discipline policy for the Upper School. Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy.
Implementation/ Dissemination	All members of the teaching and pastoral 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.
Review	With the overall discipline policy or as necessary/June 2012