



## CLIFTON COLLEGE

Title/Date	<b>PARTIES POLICY (UPPER SCHOOL)</b> Updated June 2010
Definition	For the purposes of this document a party is defined as a large gathering of pupils (more than 12) or a gathering at which alcohol is available. It could take place in a pub, club, restaurant or private house.
Purpose	Our aim is to avoid disruption to the regular pattern of work and other activities during term time and to safeguard the health and safety of our pupils.
Rationale/Issues	Experience tells us that, unless they are well organised, carefully controlled and not too frequent, parties during term-time can disrupt the normal, sensible rhythm of pupils' lives and can lead to boys and girls getting themselves into trouble. Whenever possible, we ask that parties should be organised in the holidays. If they do take place during term, it is important that there is sufficient time for planning and that the Deputy Head (Pastoral) and Housemasters/mistresses are made fully aware of the arrangements. This is particularly important when both day-pupils and boarders are involved.
Rules	The School Rules state that permission is required to hold a party at any time during the term (this applies to all pupils).
Procedures	Parents are asked to request permission in writing from the Deputy Head (Pastoral) at least one week prior to the event. This request should give the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• date, start and end time, venue, any transport arrangements, overnight arrangements for those taking exeat, details of the adult supervision, contact details of the parent organising the event and a guest list.</li> <li>• Additions to the guest list must not be made less than 48 hours before the event.</li> <li>• The Deputy Head (Pastoral) will contact Housemasters and Housemistresses involved and will give permission only when all of the necessary criteria have been met.</li> </ul>
Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parties must take place on Saturday evenings only.</li> <li>• Sixth Form boarders who have not obtained permission to be on exeat must return to their Houses no later than 11pm.</li> <li>• On rare occasions boarders in Block II may be allowed to attend a party, but they must return to Houses no later than 10pm.</li> <li>• If boarders arrange an exeat in order to attend a party, their parents assume responsibility for their safety and welfare.</li> </ul> <p>Parties are more likely to be successful and enjoyable if there is careful planning and the communication of strict guidelines to the children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sufficient adult supervision - we suggest 1 adult for every 12 pupils.</li> <li>• If alcohol is available in a private home, the provision of food at the event is highly desirable. In public licensed premises, alcohol must not be consumed by anyone under the age of 18 unless they are sitting at a table having a meal in the company of adults. In all cases, the supply of alcohol should be carefully controlled. Please note the school does not give alcohol to pupils in Block II in any circumstances and we ask that parents follow the same rule.</li> </ul>
Links with other policies and documents	School Rules; Parents' Handbook; New Pupils' Handbook
Implementation /Dissemination	The Deputy Head (Pastoral) and Housemasters/mistresses are responsible for the implementation of this policy. The policy is made clear to pupils through the School Rules and is explained to them by Housemasters/mistresses. Parents receive a copy with the Parents' Handbook and an updated version is available on the School Website.
Evaluation/ Review	With the other pastoral policies or as necessary/June 2011