

ALCOHOL AND SMOKING (BOYS) POLICY

This Policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Searching and Confiscations Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Behaviour Rewards and Sanctions Policy
- Memoranda
- Pastoral and Tutor Handbook
- Privacy Notice for Boys
- Pastoral Education Policy
- The Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development of Pupils
- Philosophy of Care
- Pastoral Care Policy
- Drugs Policy

ALCOHOL

Tonbridge School seeks to educate all boys about the importance of making healthy and informed choices about alcohol through several avenues including our Pastoral Education programme, science lessons, Tutor Time and informally within the House system. We also seek to engage parents through the Parents' Pastoral Conference programme and by seeking their agreement to allow 6th form boys to consume a moderate amount of alcohol at specific events in the 6th Form

No boy is allowed to bring alcohol onto the School site. However, Boarders in the Upper Sixth Form may be given leave to visit public houses on Saturday evenings provided they have their Housemaster's permission on each occasion and general consent has been given in writing by their parents. Only those aged 18 or over may consume an alcoholic drink in public houses, however no boys may consume wine or spirits. Immoderate consumption (leading to clear intoxication) will render a boy liable to temporary exclusion.

An Upper Sixth Boarder aged 18 or over who is out for the weekend, may only visit a pub in the locality of the School when he has his Housemaster's specific permission to do so. Additionally, a Boarder's parents must have given their general consent in writing. Upper Sixth Day boys aged 18 or over should not visit pubs near the School at the weekend in the company of Boarders unless they have informed their housemaster and the above permissions have been sought by the boarder.

Permission for moderate consumption of alcoholic drink may be authorised as part of a meal, under staff supervision, to boys in the Sixth Form only at certain social occasions and with parental consent. Any social situation where alcohol is to be offered to boys in the sixth form without a meal must have the permission of the Second Master. Boys who have permission to drive to/from School are not permitted to consume any alcohol at all on any day that they will drive their car.

The purchase of alcoholic drink at shops, Off Licences or online is not allowed under any circumstances and any unauthorised purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic drink will render a boy, whatever his age, liable to temporary exclusion.

This policy applies to boys when in the town of Tonbridge in term time, or when otherwise under School rules or control such as on a School trip. This also includes times at which boys are representing the School (including travelling to and from the School.)

In addition to the formal sanctions mentioned above, all boys who break the School rules in relation to alcohol will be offered support and counselling through the Medical Centre.

SMOKING

Boys may not bring cigarettes, tobacco, tobacco related products (e.g. Snus or chewing tobacco) or e-cigarettes (or similar), including paraphernalia associated with smoking or vaping, onto the School site. No boy is allowed to smoke, vape or use Snus at School, in close proximity to the School or when otherwise under School rules or control such as on a School trip. This also includes times at which boys are representing the School (including travelling to and from the School.) Boys should not find themselves in a situation where they are in the same room as boys who are vaping, smoking or using any tobacco related products. To be present when others are vaping, smoking or using any tobacco related products is to be complicit in the actions of others and thus boys render themselves liable to the same level of sanction as the boys who are vaping or smoking.

Any infringement of the above rule leads to a Headmaster's Detention and a letter home from the Second Master. A boy who commits a second offence can reasonably expect to be temporarily excluded from School. The School reserves the right to conduct a drugs test on boys who have been caught vaping or with vaping paraphernalia.

In addition to the formal sanctions mentioned above, any boy who breaks the School rules in relation to smoking will be offered support and counselling through the Medical Centre.