

Alcohol policy

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Introduction

Cranleigh School's policy regarding alcohol is aimed at educating Sixth Form pupils about sensible, appropriate and safe drinking of alcohol, while at the same time protecting pupils from the dangers of excessive consumption. There are some occasions, therefore, when Sixth Form pupils are permitted to drink alcohol, if parental consent has been provided, and it is essential that members of Staff and pupils adhere both to the underlying principles and to the conditions outlined in this Policy.

If parents who have provided consent wish to withdraw their consent, they should do so by emailing their child's Housemaster / Housemistress.

All pupils receive education about alcohol as part of the PSHE programme, which is delivered through lessons and lectures, through follow-up sessions in tutorial groups and in discussion with pastoral staff.

Guidelines for pupils and staff

- No pupil is allowed to be in possession of alcohol.
- Under no circumstances should any alcohol be given to a pupil below the Sixth Form.
- Where parental consent has been provided, members of the Sixth Form who are over the age of 16 may occasionally be offered alcohol (wine or beer) in moderation in informal situations with Housemasters/mistresses, or with a sit-down meal that is supervised by members of staff, or as part of an organised social event that has been agreed with the Senior Management Team. Upper Sixth pupils may have a maximum of two alcoholic drinks, and Lower Sixth pupils a maximum of one alcoholic drink unless by prior arrangement with the Senior Management Team.
- At Butts (the Sixth Form Social Club), only members of the Upper Sixth who are aged 18 or over and where parental consent has been provided may buy alcohol for themselves. They may have a maximum of two alcoholic drinks (wine or beer) on any evening. No one else may buy or consume alcohol.
- The School operates wine and beer tasting societies whose purpose is to educate students about wine and beer. Attendance is restricted to Sixth Form pupils, and parental consent is required. The maximum amount of alcohol given to pupils on these occasions will be no more than the equivalent of two pints of beer / two regular size glasses of wine, but this may be spread across a number of smaller drinks.
- Spirits will never be offered to pupils.
- Pupils will be made aware of whether parental consent has been given. Knowingly consuming alcohol without parental consent could constitute a disciplinary offence.
- On all occasions when alcohol is served, it is the responsibility of the member of Staff in charge to check that parental consent has been provided and do all that is reasonably possible to ensure that pupils do not consume any alcohol, unless under the conditions outlined above. All drinks must be served by a member of staff.
- No pupils are allowed to go to public houses or other licensed premises in Cranleigh village and further afield while under the School's care.
- While under the School's care pupils are not allowed to purchase alcohol outside School other than at supervised social events agreed with the Senior Management Team. This includes all pupils aged 18 and over, and also applies to boarders who are staying in School at the weekend.
- Pupils must not return to the School's care under the influence of alcohol, for example on a Sunday evening. If any pupil is found to be under the influence of alcohol in such situations it will likely constitute a disciplinary offence.
- The sanctions for those in breach of the conventions on alcohol are outlined in the Behaviour and Discipline Policy.

- Parents and pupils are reminded that some medications (including some antibiotics) may interact unfavourably with alcohol. Where parents have given consent for their child to consume alcohol they are required to notify their child's Housemaster/Housemistress immediately if their child is taking medication which may interact adversely with alcohol. Where such notification is received, the School reserves the right to not permit the pupil to consume alcohol, even if parental consent remains in place. Pupils and parents are responsible for ensuring they follow the guidelines of any medication they are taking.