
ALCOHOL AND SMOKING (BOYS) POLICY

ALCOHOL

Tonbridge School seeks to educate all boys about the importance of making healthy and informed choices about alcohol through our PSHEE programme. We also seek to engage parents through Parents' Pastoral Evenings and the Parents' Pastoral Conference, and by providing guidance about the conduct of parties.

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 alcohol in public houses, and no boys may consume wine or spirits. Immoderate consumption (leading to clear intoxication) will render a boy liable to suspension.

An Upper Sixth Day boy or a Boarder 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 and his parents have given their general consent in writing.

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 without a meal must have the express 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 or Off Licences 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 suspension.

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

SMOKING

Boys may not bring cigarettes, tobacco or e-cigarettes (or similar), including paraphernalia associated with smoking or vaping, onto the School site. No boy is allowed to smoke or vape 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.)

Any infringement of the above rule leads to a Headmaster's Detention and a letter home from the Second Master. It may also lead to a 'House fine'. Persistent offenders may be suspended.

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.