

Alcohol and Public Houses

No pupil may bring alcohol on to the School site at any time and no pupil may arrive at a School function or return to their Boarding House having consumed alcohol. No pupil may consume alcohol on the School site or whilst taking part in a School trip unless specific permission has been given under Common Room supervision. Pubs are out of bounds to all boarders. Any pupil arriving at a School event under the influence of alcohol will be banned from the event, their parents will be contacted and the Head informed. All offences will be dealt with by the Head and at their discretion; such offences are likely to involve suspension and repeated offences are likely to lead to parents being asked to remove their child from the School.

Alcohol at School Events

The Licensing Act 2003 makes it a criminal offence to sell or supply alcohol to any person under the age of 18 years. It is also an offence for a person under 18 to buy or attempt to buy alcohol. There is one narrow exception to this; children aged 16 and 17 are permitted to consume, but not buy, beer, wine or cider with a table meal if they are in the company of adults. A table meal is defined as a substantial meal which is eaten, seated, with cutlery. Drinks are not permitted to be removed from the table at the end of the meal. Clearly, the cost of the alcoholic drinks must be included within the ticket cost or charge for the event.

Pupils in the Sixth Form will be allowed to consume alcohol provided by Culford School during a substantial meal under the supervision of members of Common Room. Members of Common Room organising or supervising such events should obtain approval of the Head at the planning stage and, having gained permission, discuss the event in detail with the Head of Sixth Form. All such events must have a residential senior member of the Common Room present to act as an emergency contact and additional support in the event of a disciplinary incident.

The event organisers must communicate the School policy on alcohol clearly to pupils. Under no circumstances may pupils bring any alcohol to a School event. Only pupils in the Sixth Form will be permitted to consume alcohol at a School event. Pupils will either be allocated drink tokens by organisers on arrival at the event or will be marked off a pre prepared list. The Lower Sixth will receive no more than 2 drinks and the Upper Sixth will receive no more than 3 drinks. Each drink allocated will be recorded and signed by a supervising member of the Common Room. The cost of drinks will be added to the School bill and be included as part of the event cost.

If members of Common Room have reason to believe that pupils attending a School event have consumed alcohol prior to arrival, have broken the rules outlined above, or appear to be excessively under the influence of alcohol, they are to remove them from the event immediately. They should contact parents or the Housemaster/mistress and supervise the pupils until they are collected. In the event of a disciplinary incident the event organiser must ensure that the senior member of Common Room present is aware, and present a written report to the Deputy Head and Head as soon as possible after the event.