



Alcohol Policy

1. Introduction

This policy relates to the misuse of alcohol and applies to all pupils at Peterhouse.

- i. This policy applies at all times to the school premises, school transport, school visits, trips, fieldwork, expeditions and camps etc. from the day a pupil joins Peterhouse to the day he/she leaves, including school holidays.
- ii. This policy makes clear procedures for responding to and managing alcohol related incidents including the sanction following any incident.

2. Subsequent Action and Sanctions

The misuse/abuse of alcohol is regarded as a serious disciplinary offence. In considering sanctions for offences relating to the misuse of alcohol the school may take into account any instances of other major contraventions of school rules by the pupil and reserves the right, depending on the set of circumstances, to deal with the matter under any of the stages listed below.

First offence/Stage 1

A pupil caught drinking or in possession of alcohol for the first time will be gated for a week. The pupil's parents will be informed of the incident by the relevant Housemaster/Housemistress.

Second offence/Stage 2

A pupil caught drinking or in possession of alcohol for the second time will be gated for two weeks. The parents and the pupil concerned will be asked to attend a meeting with the Rector/HMPHG. The pupil will be issued with a formal warning by the Rector/HMPHG.

Third offence/Stage 3

A pupil caught drinking or in possession of alcohol for the third time should expect to be excluded from Peterhouse. The parents and the pupil concerned will be asked to attend a formal disciplinary hearing meeting with the Rector/HMPHG, following which a decision concerning the pupil's future will be made.

Supplying alcohol

Pupils who supply alcohol to other pupils are likely to be disciplined according to a higher stage of the process.

3. Life Skills lessons

Alcohol education will be taught as part of the Life Skills programme:

- i. To enable pupils to make healthy, informed and proper decisions concerning the misuse of alcohol
- ii. To provide accurate and appropriate information about alcohol and its effects
- iii. To prepare pupils to expect to be presented with the temptations of alcohol at any time and develop in them a readiness to resist these temptations themselves and persuade others to do likewise.

Permitted consumption of Alcohol

Only 11th and 12th year pupils only are permitted to consume alcohol under the strict supervision (i.e. in person) of a senior member of staff (senior members of staff are defined as: all members of the Housemasters' committee at PHB; and all members of SMT and all Housemistresses at PHG). The consumption of alcohol should be restricted to no more than 2 units of beer, cider or wine (no spirits should be consumed) and any function/gathering involving pupils should end no later than 23.00.