

## CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

### PUPIL ANTI-SMOKING POLICY

#### Aim

1. The aim of this policy is to state how the School actively addresses the issue of smoking by pupils and to describe the sanctions that may be imposed on those caught breaking the rules.

#### Introduction

2. Smoking, in any form (including psychoactive substances, e-cigarettes, vaping etc) is not permitted at Christ's Hospital by pupils. We have a principally smoke-free campus and a no smoking culture is actively encouraged.

#### Tackling smoking:

3. The School seeks to tackle the problem of pupil smoking on three distinct levels:
  - effective education on the risks and dangers of smoking to create a 'non-smoking' culture, and support for giving up;
  - effective and clear sanctions which are enforced and which deter pupils from indulging in smoking; and
  - effective policing to make it difficult for pupils to smoke.

#### Effective education on risks and dangers of smoking to create a non-smoking culture, and support for giving up

- There is an effective anti-smoking PSHE programme using up-to-date materials and speakers in place and all pupils are encouraged to involve themselves in promoting an anti-smoking culture.
- There is provision of support and guidance for those who are regular smokers and who can be encouraged to give up (nicotine patches etc). This is managed by the Health Centre nurses.

#### Effective and clear sanctions which are enforced and which deter the pupils from indulging in smoking

- Sanctions will be issued for smoking outside/being in possession of smoking materials/being caught in the company of smokers but protesting innocence/smelling of cigarette smoke which indicates involvement with smoking. Vaping is considered the same as tobacco smoking.
- Possession of loose tobacco, filter tips, cigarette papers etc. may prompt drug testing given the use of these materials for smoking cannabis etc.
- First offence in any academic year:
  - phone call home to parents by pupils to admit offence, reinforced by the House Parent. The Deputy Head is also informed;
  - £5 fine to be collected centrally for onward donation to Cancer Research;
  - pupil is requested to attend anti-smoking education/ support for giving up sessions at the Health Centre – emphasis that continuation of smoking in school will prove serious;
  - three days grounding to the boarding house;
  - one week removal of Horsham Pass.
- Second offence in any one academic year:

- phone call home to parents to admit offence, reinforced by the houseparent. The Deputy Head is also informed. Letter home from the Deputy Head indicating that next offence in the academic year will result in suspension;
- £5 fine to be collected centrally for onward donation to Cancer Research;
- one week grounding to the boarding house;
- PBM on Saturday night to discuss the risks of smoking;
- two week removal of Horsham Pass.
- Third offence in any one academic year:
  - interview with the Deputy Head and two day suspension from School – call and letter home/return to one week Red Card.
  - £5 fine to be collected centrally for onward donation to Cancer Research.
- Any Junior (2<sup>nd</sup> Form, 3<sup>rd</sup> Form or LE) caught smoking will receive the sanctions for a second offence, plus required attendance at an anti-smoking education session.
- Any incident involving a pupil smoking in house or in any School building will receive the sanctions for a third offence, plus attendance at an anti-smoking education session.
- Further offences will involve an interview with the Head Teacher and review of a pupil's place at the School on a case by case basis.

### **Effective policing to make it difficult and 'dangerous' for pupils to smoke**

- Known smoking areas will be closely monitored on a regular basis by staff and monitors during the day and in the evenings.

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