

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL
PUPIL ANTI-SMOKING AND ANTI-VAPING POLICY

Aim

1. The aim of this Policy is to state how the School actively addresses the issue of smoking and vaping 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. We have a smoke-free campus and a no smoking and no vaping culture is actively encouraged.

Tackling Smoking:

3. The School tackles the problem of smoking on two levels:
 - education on the risks and dangers to create a 'non-smoking' culture, and support for giving up;
 - clear sanctions which are enforced and which deter the pupils from smoking.

Education on risks and dangers to create a no smoking culture, and support for giving up

- There is in place an effective anti-smoking PSHE programme using up-to-date materials and speakers 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 Medical Centre nurses.

Clear sanctions which are enforced and which deter the pupils from indulging in smoking or vaping

- Sanctions will be issued for smoking or vaping outside/being in possession of smoking or vaping materials/being caught in the company of smokers/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 house parent –Deputy Head is also informed;
 - pupil is requested to attend anti-smoking education/support for giving up sessions at the Medical Centre – emphasis that continuation of smoking in school will prove serious;
 - three days gating to house;
 - one week removal of Horsham Pass from senior pupils.
- Second offence in any academic year:

- phone call home to parents to admit offence, reinforced by house parent– Deputy Head informed. Letter home from Deputy Head indicating that next offence in the academic year will result in suspension;
 - one week gating to house;
 - Saturday evening Head of Year detention to discuss the risks of smoking;
 - two week removal of Horsham Pass from senior pupils.
- Third offence in any academic year:
 - interview with Deputy Head and two day suspension – call and letter home.
- Any Junior (Second Form, Third Form or LE) caught smoking or vaping will be sanctioned as for the second offence above, plus attendance at an anti-smoking education session;
- Any incident involving a pupil smoking or vaping in their boarding house or in any school building will be sanctioned as for the third offence above, plus attendance at an anti-smoking education session.
- Further offences will involve an interview with the Head Teacher and review of a pupil's position in the School on a case by case basis.

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