

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL
STUDENT ALCOHOL POLICY

Aims

1. Christ's Hospital aims to educate students in the safe drinking of alcohol. This is done through the Learning for Life and PSHE programmes, tutorials, assemblies and regular discussion with house staff. In the sixth form, with parents' permission, students are allowed to drink wine, beer or cider on occasion, but only under the strict supervision of staff, with food and in moderation.

GE and below

2. The drinking of alcohol is strictly forbidden. This also includes any other stimulant aimed at having a similar effect, for example, vanilla extract or nutmeg.
3. The sanction for being in possession of, or for having consumed, alcohol is suspension from school.

DEPUTY GRECIANS and GRECIANS

4. Deputy Grecians and Grecians are allowed to drink alcohol (with the permission of parents/guardians) but only that which is supplied by a houseparent or other member of staff with the houseparent's permission. The consumption of alcohol will take place on Saturday evenings for Grecians or at occasional special events for either year-group, under strict supervision and with food provided. Students are not allowed to purchase their own alcohol or bring alcohol into school.
5. The sanctions for Deps or Grecians being in possession of alcohol or having drunk unauthorised alcohol are as follows:
 - Red Card (gating and close monitoring of behaviour) issued by the Deputy Head, and
 - drinking privilege withdrawn for a period of time at the discretion of the houseparent in consultation with the Deputy Head.
6. If a student is repeatedly in breach of the Alcohol Policy, s/he will be suspended from school.
7. Should a student be in a state of inebriation, the following measures are taken:
 - admission to the Medical Centre;
 - suspension;
 - loss of drinking privilege for a period of time decided by the Deputy Head and houseparent.

Spirits

8. The supply, possession or consumption of spirits is strictly forbidden. The sanction for this, for students of any age, is suspension.

Breathalysers

9. The school reserves the right to use breathalysers or other means of testing for alcohol consumption where necessary.

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