

CHARTERHOUSE

POLICY ON ALCOHOL

It is the School's policy to educate pupils about the sensible use of alcohol and the dangers of its abuse. Alcohol should be served in the School only in the furtherance of this policy.

1. PSHE

Education in the use and abuse of alcohol is an essential part of the School's PSHE programme.

2. DINING CLUB

- i. The dining club is open for Second Year Specialists who are members on Saturdays between 8.30pm and 10.00 pm, except those preceding a morning chapel service.
- ii. Members must sign up for a meal at least 48 hours in advance, and the meal will only be open to those members who are listed in advance as attending.
- iii. Alcohol can only be consumed when seated at the table and while eating the meal which is provided.
- iv. Each member must receive a substantial meal, to be eaten with a knife and fork at a specific place at the dining table.
- v. Only beer and wine will be served. This cannot be purchased. A wide range of soft drinks must also be available.
- vi. A small nominal charge for each use of the dining club will be made.
- vii. Club staff and one House of the Week beak must be present whenever the dining club is open.
- viii. Members must follow the published dining club rules at all times.
- ix. Offenders against the rules must be reported to their Housemasters who will in turn report to the Assistant Headmaster (Pastoral) and the master in charge of Club.

3. OVER 18s CLUB

- i. The over 18s club is open on a Friday between 9 pm and 10 pm from the start of LQ for Second Year Specialists who are over the age of 18.
- ii. Pupils may only purchase one drink at a time which must be for their own consumption.
- iii. No spirits, high alcohol beers, ciders or alcopops may be served. Wine and a wide range of soft drinks must also be available.
- iv. Pupils over 18 are allowed at most two pints of beer or cider, or three glasses of wine.
- v. Information on alcohol units should be posted.
- vi. No pupils may go behind the bar.
- vii. Members of the House of the Week team must be present whenever over 18s club is open.
- viii. Offenders against the rules must be reported to their Housemasters who will in turn report to the Assistant Headmaster (Pastoral) and the master in charge of Club.

4. OTHER SUPERVISED DRINKING

There may be occasions apart from Club when masters sanction pupils' drinking. These are not to be discouraged, but the following must be observed:

- i. This may only take place in a master's private residence, or other unlicensed areas of the school.
- ii. Alcohol must not be purchased by an adult as an agent on behalf of pupils in order to supply them, and no specific charge can be made to pupils to this effect.
- iii. The permission of the Assistant Headmaster (Pastoral) must be granted before drinks can be offered.
- iv. The Housemaster of every pupil at such an event must be asked first by the master in charge for his specific approval. Housemasters must be aware of pupils' medication.
- v. Alcohol must never be served to a pupil under 16.
- vi. No spirits, high alcohol beers, high alcohol ciders or alcopops may be served.
- vii. Fifths are allowed at most one pint of beer or cider, or two glasses of wine. Specialists are allowed at most two pints of beer or cider, or three glasses of wine.
- viii. Soft drinks must always be available as an alternative to alcohol.
- ix. Food must also be served with alcohol.
- x. A master must always be present, and only a responsible person should serve the drinks (if not the master, then, for example, kitchen staff). Anyone serving drinks should be fully briefed as to the School's policy.
- xi. Masters should keep an eye on the amount of alcohol consumed and regulate it accordingly.
- xii. Pupils are not allowed to attend more than one event a day (including Club) where alcohol is served.
- xiii. Pupils are not allowed alcohol if they have an examination the next day.
- xiv. Offenders against the rules on any occasion must be reported to the Housemaster of the pupil concerned who will in turn report to the Assistant Headmaster (Pastoral).

5. PUBLIC HOUSES

Only pupils over 18 are allowed to visit specified public houses on Saturday evenings, provided that they have their Housemaster's express permission and carry a proof of age card. The Assistant Headmaster (Pastoral) must be informed of the names of pupils, as well the public houses concerned. Pub leave is not available to anyone on Saturday nights preceding a morning chapel service.

6. RESTAURANT LEAVE

- i. Restaurant leave is available for Second Year Specialists on Saturday nights except those preceding morning Chapel (or Friday nights after Exeat in CQ) with their Housemaster's specific permission between 7.30pm and 10pm.
- ii. Pupils must state which restaurant they intend to visit and a booking should be made in advance. Groups should exceed no more than 6, transport must be by taxi there and back.
- iii. The Assistant Headmaster (Pastoral) must be informed of the names of pupils, as well the name of the restaurant concerned.
- iv. Only restaurants on the school's list of approved establishments may be visited.
- v. No alcohol may be consumed unless one of the group is over 18 and this person purchases the alcoholic drinks for consumption while seated at a table meal in the restaurant.
- vi. Only beer or wine can be purchased with this table meal.
- vii. Only two pints of beer or cider, or three glasses of wine may be consumed.
- viii. Restaurant leave is not available on Saturday nights preceding a morning chapel service. An exception is made for an 18th birthday celebration, where the birthday is + or – four days from the Saturday.

7. UNSUPERVISED DRINKING

- i. There should be no unsupervised drinking at School or on School expeditions.
- ii. Housemasters must report any abuse of alcohol to the Assistant Headmaster (Pastoral).
- iii. Under-age purchasing of alcohol or bringing alcohol into School will probably result in suspension.

8. EMERGENCIES

If you ever discover a pupil who is seriously intoxicated it is essential that you put him/her immediately into the recovery position and fetch adult assistance. Remember that misuse of alcohol can be fatal.

9. SCHOOL RULE

Bringing alcohol into the School or drinking contrary to the School's alcohol policy will probably lead to suspension. Supplying alcohol to others or serious or repeated drinking may lead to expulsion.