

## Misuse of Alcohol and Tobacco Policy

A pupil will be liable to temporary or permanent exclusion from the School for any serious breach of this rule:

Pupils are forbidden to be under the influence of, or to have in their possession while under the jurisdiction of the School (or while travelling to and from the School in uniform or on School transport)

- Any alcoholic liquor (except in the case of pupils over 18 on authorised occasions and under supervision of staff)
- Any tobacco or tobacco product

The School believes that bringing tobacco or tobacco products into School and/or their use is wrong. Experience suggests that though the dangers of smoking have been well understood and publicised for many years, a significant proportion of young people, many from an early age, do regularly smoke. The School accepts that its own pupils are unlikely to be markedly different in this respect from their peers in other parts of the country. The School provides a planned programme of Personal Health and Social Education (Life Skills) including the problems connected with smoking misuse. This programme contains factual information concerning the health issues and includes the opportunity to discuss aspects connected with smoking. The School's Medical Officer assists in this programme and is able and willing to give tobacco and alcohol misuse advice to those for whom this is a particular problem.

The School sees that it is part of its professional responsibility to provide support and counselling for any pupils who have a problem with tobacco and alcohol misuse: at the same time it will take any disciplinary or other appropriate action to maintain the community. The possession and use of tobacco at Aldenham School by pupils is not permitted.

### Sanctions for Smoking

When a pupil is found to be using tobacco, the following sequence of sanctions will normally apply:

A first offence would be dealt with by the Housemaster/Mistress, resulting in a detention and a letter home. Repetition of the offence leads to the Deputy Head's involvement in both the sanction and contacting parents. Persistent offenders will be dealt with by the Headmaster. Such a breach of major School rules is viewed extremely seriously leading to temporary and ultimately permanent exclusion.

## Sanctions for Alcohol Misuse

When a pupil under 18 (or a pupil over 18 but without permission) is found to be in School with alcohol or having consumed an excessive amount off-site, the following sequence of sanctions will normally apply:

Any serious offence would be dealt with by the Deputy Head and, depending on the severity of the situation, the pupil may be temporarily excluded from School and parents will be involved. Repetition of the offence will be dealt with by the Headmaster. Any pupil found supplying alcohol to others will be temporarily excluded from School.

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