



ABINGDON

ALCOHOL POLICY

Education

Through the PSHE programme and lectures by professional specialists, the school educates its pupils with factual information about alcohol and associated laws, and encourages a responsible attitude to its use.

School events

1. Permission to serve alcohol at any school event must be requested from the Second Master or the Head.
2. Pupils will not be allowed to bring alcohol onto the school premises at any time.
3. Only sixth formers aged 18 or over may be given alcohol at school events, and only staff may issue it, unless being served with a formal sit down dinner. Students over the age of 16 who are in the sixth form may consume Wine, Beer or Cider as long as this is being served with a sit down dinner. They are not allowed to be served alcohol of any sort at pre or post dinner drinks.
4. Staff will not issue alcohol to any pupil who is known to be driving away from an event.
5. Organisers reserve the absolute right to eject from the event any person whom it is believed has consumed excessive amounts of alcohol or other intoxicants prior to the event and no refunds to costs will be made.
6. Pupils from other schools who attend events or dinners at Abingdon School must also comply with this policy.

School trips

1. Guidelines for the consumption of alcohol on school trips will be agreed in advance with the Second Master.
2. Parents and pupils will sign a declaration acknowledging and agreeing to those arrangements in advance of the trip.

Staff notes

Guidelines for staff arranging school events

1. Clarify to pupils, in advance, the school policy on the serving of alcohol at school events.
2. When alcohol is served at any formal event, alcohol distribution at each table must be carefully organised and supervised.
3. At indoor events, all alcoholic drinks must be consumed from glasses, not from bottles or cans, unless specific permission is given by the Second Master in advance. No glasses may be taken into the Amey Theatre, drinks may be taken in if in plastic glasses. At outdoor events, such as a barbecue or social evening, the Second Master will advise what is appropriate.

Guidelines for staff arranging school trips abroad

1. Talk through arrangements with the Second Master in advance.
2. Notify both parents and pupils of the agreed policy and insist on a signed acknowledgement. Explain sanctions clearly.
3. If pupils are likely to be sent home for misuse of alcohol, clarify procedures in advance and ensure requisite staffing to cover emergency repatriation.

Second Master

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