



Smoking/Vaping Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

Medical evidence suggests that smoking and vaping (and passive smoking) is associated with conditions such as respiratory diseases, heart disease and lung cancer. The College has an obligation to educate pupils about these risks; to discourage pupils from smoking and vaping; to help any who are addicted and wish to stop; and to uphold the law. We endeavour to do this through:

- Health education;
- Disciplinary restrictions and sanctions;
- Pastoral support;
- Ensuring that the College is a non-smoking/non-vaping environment.

SCOPE

This is a cross-College policy for pupils. For cannabis or other controlled substances see the Drugs and Substance Abuse Policy.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of this policy is:

- To provide an environment that is pleasant and does not pose risks to health and safety;
- To conform to the legal restrictions on young persons below the age of 18 concerning the purchasing of tobacco, vaping devices & e-liquids;
- To discourage pupils of all ages from smoking and vaping.

LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE

- Children and Young Persons (Sale of Tobacco etc.) Order 2007
- Smoking prevention in schools – NICE guidance 2010

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All members of the teaching staff share a responsibility for the implementation of this policy. The policy is made clear to pupils through the school rules and is published on the College website. Copies are available to parents or pupils on request.

RELATED COLLEGE POLICIES

- Rewards and Sanctions Policy (Upper School)
- Behaviour Policy (Prep)
- Drugs and Substance Abuse Policy (cross-College)
- Alcohol Policy (cross-College)

MONITOR AND REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually and at other times in the intervening period as necessary.



Smoking/Vaping Procedures

RULES, PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES

- The College is a non-smoking/non-vaping environment, and the School Rules state that smoking and/or the possession of cigarettes, e-cigarettes (vaping devices), nicotine products or other smoking materials is forbidden.
- Smoking/vaping inside houses or other school buildings is seen as a particularly serious offence, since it constitutes a fire hazard.
- Smoking and vaping in school uniform or in public areas is seen to be bringing the school into disrepute.
- The Marshal and Praepostors monitor areas that pupils might use to smoke/vape.
- Any pupil wishing to give up smoking or vaping is given medical and pastoral support.

SANCTIONS

- Day pupils, or boarders on exeat, should expect to be treated in the same way as boarders if they are involved in the same incident.
- Those who are found associating with smokers/vapers at the time of the offence, even though they may not have been smoking/vaping themselves, will normally receive the same sanction.
- Pupils who are found in possession of large numbers of cigarettes/vaping devices or a large amount of other smoking materials are liable to receive a more serious punishment, especially if they are passing them or selling them on to other pupils.

The following sanctions are usually given:

Upper School

Outside school buildings

- First offence: Internal suspension, contact with parents by HoM & letter home from the Deputy Head (Pastoral)
- Repeat offence: Suspension & letter home from the Deputy Head (Pastoral) plus a session with the Health Centre staff about the dangers of smoking/vaping and help with strategies for giving up.

Inside school buildings

- Internal Suspension

Preparatory School

- First offence: Internal suspension and education from Housemaster/mistress and Health Centre about the dangers of smoking/vaping and help with strategies for giving up.



- Repeat offence: Suspension

LINKS WITH THE CURRICULUM

Smoking/vaping and its effects are discussed:

- In the Prep School Years 6, 7 and 8 Science and PSHE syllabuses.
- In the the Third Form Biology programme of study in the context of the study of the respiratory system;
- As part of the Block II PSHE programme.