

WINCHESTER COLLEGE

ALCOHOL

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All pupils at Winchester learn about the physical and mental effects of alcohol, the risks of addiction and about legal, sensible and safe consumption of alcohol. This education takes place both in timetabled Hours (particularly Biology and Div), and through the PSHEE programme, where pupils hear from experts in the field. These talks also explore the way in which alcohol impacts decision-making and increases risky behaviours, the effect on the developing body and brain, and ways to reduce harm if alcohol is being consumed.

We expect the boys to observe the School Rules, which are designed for their clear guidance and protection. The relevant School Rule states: *Boys may not purchase, possess or consume alcohol at School except in accordance with the law and in circumstances specifically approved by the Headmaster. Boys may go to approved pubs or bars at approved times only in accordance with the law and with their Housemaster's specific permission, and on the understanding that (when the law allows them to drink alcohol) they must not drink to excess. Consumption of alcohol or entering a pub in contravention of this Rule is a very serious matter and can ultimately lead to dismissal. Bringing alcohol into the School from home or elsewhere, the under-age purchasing of alcohol, and the illegal purchasing of it for another pupil, are also regarded as similarly serious offences. Pupils who are given any gifts of bottles of wine and the like for staff by their parents must hand these to their housemasters for safekeeping.*

The School's sanctions are as follows:

Consumption

<i>Beer</i>	First offence	Weekend Gating
<i>Wine:</i>	Second offence	Second Master's Caution
	Third offence	Major Warning
	Fourth offence	Final Warning

<i>Spirits:</i>	First offence	Major Warning
	Second offence	Final Warning

Import into the School or Purchase of alcohol

First offence	Major Warning
Second offence	Final Warning

Entering a Pub Illegally or Without Proper Permission

First offence	Weekend Gating
Second offence	Second Master's Caution
Third offence	Major Warning
Fourth offence	Final Warning

Major Warning Forbids any repetition of the offence or any other serious offence and remains in force for a year.

Final Warning Follows a Major Warning and is irrevocable.

The Headmaster reserves the right to vary these sanctions in exceptional circumstances.

If a pupil requires overnight supervision as a result of inebriation the school may require his parents to collect him and take him home. Alternatively, his parents will be charged for the Medical Centre's staff time.