

## **Earlscliffe (Sussex Summer Schools Ltd)**

### **ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO POLICY**

By means of our PHSE programme, the college ensures that the issues concerning the potential risks from excessive consumption of alcohol and of smoking are tackled. In PSHE, Group Tutor meetings and other curriculum lessons, particularly Science, staff concentrate on teaching the importance of young people making healthy, informed choices. The programme may be reinforced by visits from outside organisations.

The college's GP practice may play an active role in promoting greater awareness of the risks involved, and will offer informed medical advice. Students can discuss their individual worries about drinking and smoking with their Group Tutor house staff or School Nurse. They can also refer themselves to the GP for individual guidance, without fearing sanctions or adverse report.

We do not allow students to bring alcohol or tobacco onto the school premises, nor do we condone the consumption of either substance on the journey to or from school. All students who are allowed off the premises after 1630hrs, are requested not to bring the school into ill-repute by smoking in the environs or consuming alcohol. This rule applies to all trips and visits, whether in this country or overseas, regardless of whether pupils are of an age to purchase and consume such substances.

The college is a public place; smoking is therefore banned on site for everyone, including staff and visitors, and visible signs make this clear. We offer wine to parents and guardians at certain formal events, including dinners, receptions and concerts etc to which they are invited. Soft drinks are always available at such events. Younger students are not allowed alcohol. However, there are occasions at formal school events where a small amount of alcohol is offered to senior students under staff supervision, ie Formal College Dinner.

Students caught breaching these guidelines on alcohol or who are caught smoking can expect to have sanctions applied at the discretion of the Head of Pastoral Care/House Manager or Deputy Head. It is usual for their parents or guardians to be informed or invited to the school in order to discuss the matter as we seek to support the student.