

Policy Title: Smoking, Drugs and Alcohol Policy

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Loughborough Grammar School is committed to the health and safety of its members and to furthering their well-being through education. It will take any action it considers appropriate to safeguard all its students against harmful products whilst fulfilling its pastoral duties by encouraging students to seek any support or advice that they need.

For the purposes of the School's Drugs Policy, the term "drugs" covers alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, "legal highs" (i.e. substances with stimulant or mood-altering properties whose sale or use falls within the remit of the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016) and other substances (i.e. glues, gases and aerosols). Vaping and its paraphernalia will be treated in the same way as cigarettes.

This policy applies to all pupils of Loughborough Grammar School and should be read in conjunction with the following policies on:

- Search and confiscation of property policy
- Behaviour, Rewards and Sanctions

Drugs

Drugs are forbidden in school and any student found in possession of them, under the influence of them, or to have supplied them to others at school will be sanctioned. This can include temporary exclusion from school and risks permanent exclusion. Any apparatus or substance will be confiscated by the school and disposed of as directed by legal guidelines.

Supplying or using illegal drugs or "legal highs" outside school is classed as misuse and can invoke the full range of sanctions available by the school if, in the opinion of the Headmaster, the reputation of the school is damaged or the physical well being of students is at risk.

The school reserves the right to insist that students suspected of taking drugs submit to a random testing regime. The school will require pupil cooperation and parental approval (if the student is under the age of 18) before a regime is started. The testing will be administered by the school nurse and involves taking saliva or urine samples. The results of the testing will be made known to the student and parent. The student will be subject to the following sanctions:

An investigation led by the Senior Deputy and a disciplinary with the Headmaster which will decide the level of sanction and can incur temporary exclusion and/or permanent exclusion.

Drugs advice and helplines

The following organisations and helplines offer advice to parents and pupils on drug-related issues.

- Talk to Frank: 0300 1236600 (http://www.talktofrank.com/)
 - the Department of Health's National 24 hour Drugs Helpline;
- NHS facts and information on the effects of drugs (http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/drugs/Pages/Drugshome.aspx)

Smoking

Possessing or using tobacco on school premises or in the vicinity of the school is not allowed. Students found smoking cigarettes on or in the vicinity of the school campus, or on school trips, or in any other circumstances where a student could be identifiable as a member of the LGS community, will be subject to the following sanctions:

First Offence: After School detention, letter home to parents from the Senior Deputy. Appointment with the school nurse to receive advice leaflets.

Second Offence: Saturday detention and letter home to parents from the Senior Deputy). Appointment with the school nurse to receive advice leaflets. £20 fine to Cancer Research

Third Offence: Temporary exclusion from school after a disciplinary with Senior Deputy and Headmaster, letter home to parents;

Smoking advice

• Quit smoking, advice, facts and tips (http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree)

Alcohol

Possessing or using alcohol on school premises or in the vicinity of the school is not allowed. Students found consuming alcohol on or in the vicinity of the school campus (unless at a school function where permission has

been sought from parents and guardians) or on school trips*, or in any other circumstances where a student could be identifiable as a member of the LGS community, will be subject to the following sanctions:

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Alcohol advice

- Alcohol support services https://www.drinkaware.co.uk/alcohol-support-services/
- NHS advice https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/alcohol-support/

^{*} On the Senior Ski Trip there is a Yr13 student/parent permission for the students to have one glass of wine or one beer with their meal.