

# PUPIL CODE OF CONDUCT

The School Code of Conduct is not intended as a complete guide, but for assistance. In general, no pupil shall say or do anything contrary to good order, decency or common sense. Courtesy and respect for other people and a proper regard for the reputation and interests of the School are to be shown at all times.

**This is the most important rule of all and will override all the others.**

The Code of Conduct applies to all pupils at School during the whole of each term, including the days on which the term starts and ends; on the way to and from School; to teams, groups, or individuals, who are away from the School during the term; on Educational visits; on public transport.

## 1. ACTIONS MERITING SEVERE PENALTIES

Among the actions dealt with in the most severe manner, which might mean temporary or permanent exclusion, are:

- Smoking on the School premises.
- The use or possession of any illegal drug, legal substance with similar effect, or solvent.
- Unauthorised use or possession of alcohol.
- Inappropriate sexual behaviour.
- Bullying of other pupils.
- Wanton vandalism.
- Theft.
- Leaving a boarding house after lights out without permission.

## 2. BOUNDS

### Bounds for Girls

Girls may not enter the living areas of boys except to visit their Housemaster/mistress or with permission of the Houseparent, but not any sleeping quarters.

### Bounds for Boys

Boys may not enter the living areas of different year-groups.

Boys may not enter the living areas of girls except to visit their Housemaster/mistress or with permission of the Houseparent, but not any sleeping quarters.

### General Rules on Bounds

The wooded parts of the School grounds are out of bounds after curfew - this will be a time altered according to the season.

Pupils may not leave the School grounds without express permission from Houseparent, Housemaster/mistress, Deputy Headmasters or the Headmaster. In addition the Duty Master must be informed. Pupils must report to the Duty Master on return. Pupils must be back by curfew time in winter and by supper time in summer.

## 3. COMPLIANCE WITH CODE

Pupils must comply with the Hours List, Timetable, Activities List, Clothing Guidelines, Special Rules posted in various places and all official notices. If they are prevented from complying they must immediately tell the teachers concerned.

#### **4. DRINKING OF ALCOHOL**

This is allowed only to the 6<sup>th</sup> Form in their boarding house at specified times or at special events with SMT permission. 6<sup>th</sup> Form pupils must be 16 and have the written permission of their parents.

No other drinking of alcohol is allowed. See separate Alcohol Policy.

#### **5. DRIVING**

Pupils must NOT drive without the Headmaster's permission. Travel in private vehicles must not occur except with permission from parents AND the Housemaster/mistress or the Headmaster.

#### **6. ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES**

Pupils must NOT use any private electrical appliance using mains current without special permission. The School Electrician must also inspect the appliance or any electrical extension or modification for safety and an Authority for Electrical Equipment chit must be obtained and displayed.

#### **7. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS**

Pupils must NOT render services for money or carry out transactions involving more than £1 without the permission of their Housemaster/mistress. Pupils must bank money and valuables with their Housemaster/mistress.

#### **8. HAIR**

There should be no extremes of length or colour. Boys' long hair must be above the collar and short hair must be Grade 3 or more.

#### **9. LIGHTS OUT**

- After Lights Out no one may leave his or her Dormitory unless it is urgently necessary.
- Under no circumstances must any pupil leave their respective buildings unless they are following emergency procedures such as in the case of fire.

#### **10. MEALS**

Pupils are expected to attend all meals. Roll Call will be taken at weekend lunch and supper and randomly during weekdays.

#### **11. MEETING PEOPLE OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

Pupils must inform Houseparents and Housemaster/mistress if they wish to meet people outside the School.

#### **12. SMOKING**

Pupils are not allowed to smoke (see separate smoking policy).

#### **13. WEAPONS**

Pupils must not bring into the School any dangerous weapon. This includes knives, firearms, fireworks and catapults.