



School Alcohol Policy

Overview

Swansea College is keen to promote an appropriate awareness of all the issues surrounding the consumption of alcoholic drinks.

Our PSHE programme includes important information and training on alcohol awareness at all stages of a student's education, including the law regarding, and the legal consequences of, the sale and purchase of alcoholic drinks for consumption by minors.

Under 18

No student under the age of 18 may be offered an alcoholic drink by any member of Swansea College's staff, either in the College, or outside of the College on an educational visit or otherwise.

It is possible that a student under 18 but over 16 may be offered an alcoholic drink within their homestay family, but this is not encouraged and can be expressly forbidden by the student's parents/legal guardian.

In this case, under no circumstances must the student be given an alcoholic beverage.

If the student's family does not expressly forbid this, then the following applies:

- No spirits may be offered to students in a homestay
- Any alcohol offered within a homestay to a student must not have been bought for the specific purpose of entertaining the student but simply be an extension of normal hospitality (to be clear, alcohol must not be purchased by an adult as an agent on behalf of pupils in order to supply them and thus no charge may be billed to them)
- Whenever alcohol is offered there must also be a good range of non-alcoholic drinks

Unsupervised Drinking

- Students must not drink alcohol unsupervised
- Homestay family must report abuse of alcohol to Lydia Fasham, who will communicate with the Pastoral Care Officer at Swansea College.

- Under-age purchasing of alcohol, bringing alcohol into college or supplying it to other students will result in punishment under the sanctions for abuse of alcohol (see Behaviour Policy)

For students aged 18+ years

- Students, aged 18+, may apply through their homestay family to have a pub meal locally and may drink no more than two small glasses of wine with the meal.
- On such trips, no spirits may be consumed and the pupils must specifically check in with their homestay family on return.
- The means of travel to and from the pub must also be agreed with the homestay family.
- Upper sixth form students who are 18+ may not buy alcohol for younger students.

Emergencies

If you ever discover a pupil who appears to be intoxicated, seek appropriate help i.e. contact doctor's

surgery. It may be necessary to put them into the recovery position before doing anything else.

Remember that misuse of alcohol can be fatal.