

## ALCOHOL POLICY

*Associated Policies: Drugs; Drugs Education; PSHE; Smoking; Behaviour and Discipline; Professional Conduct*

### **1. Policy Statement**

The Academy is committed to ensuring that all students and staff at the Academy understand the ill-effects that can be caused by drinking alcohol

### **2. Who does this policy apply to?**

This policy applies to all staff and all students of the Academy. For staff this includes all on and off-site activities when acting in loco parentis including weekends, holiday events and school trips.

### **3. Who is responsible for carrying out this policy?**

The implementation of this policy will be monitored by the governors of the Academy and remain under constant review by the Vice Principal.

### **4. What are the principles behind this policy?**

It is inappropriate for alcohol to be consumed on the premises or for anyone, including visitors, to be under the influence of alcohol during the normal course of the school day.

Alcohol may be consumed on Academy premises at social occasions by adult members of staff, students over the age of 18 and visitors at the discretion of the Principal. However, where adults are supervising students or are intending to do so, alcohol should never be consumed.

Students are not permitted to drink alcohol, either on the Academy site or when on visits organised by the Academy.

### **5. Procedures**

The Academy will have in place an appropriate programme of education, based on the best available professional advice, in order to inform every student of the potential ill-effects of alcohol and to explore the peer pressure associated with drinking.

The positive reasons for the policy should be advocated at all times, including its application on field trips and educational visits. Contravention of this policy is a disciplinary matter which can potentially lead to exclusion of a student or dismissal of a member of staff.

### **6. Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the Academy's annual review process.