

POLICY STATEMENT



DRUGS AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Student Code of Conduct

Being a student at Bournemouth & Poole College is all about making the most of your time while you are here. Students from all walks of life come to The College to achieve their chosen qualifications, meet new people and make friends.

The College does its best to make sure that all students learn in a safe, healthy and caring environment. This means that we expect students to behave and conduct themselves in a reasonable way at all times.

Drugs and alcohol use is prevalent within society and this Code of Conduct will give you guidance in relation to what is unacceptable conduct, in relation to drugs or alcohol during your time at college.

The misuse of drugs or alcohol on College premises or on College related activities will have an effect on individual abilities to learn and will impact on other learners, which is one reason why The College takes this type of behaviour seriously.

If any student at anytime requires support or advice in relation to drugs and alcohol the Student Support Team are there to provide confidential advice and information.

205896 - Bournemouth Centres

205255 - Poole Centres

Drugs and Alcohol Code

- It is unacceptable for any student to bring onto College premises any illegal substance. Students found in possession of an illegal substance will be dealt with in accordance with The College's Student Referral & Disciplinary Policy and the police informed where appropriate.
- It is forbidden for students to bring alcohol onto any site of Bournemouth & Poole College or on College related activities.
- Prescription drugs are allowed in The College when a doctor has prescribed these to that named individual. Unauthorised prescription drugs would be viewed as possession of an illegal substance and therefore disciplinary action would result and the police contacted where appropriate.
- The sale or distribution of any illegal substance on College premises would be viewed as a criminal offence and the police authorities contacted immediately. Individuals who pass on drugs to other students, even without payment, would be deemed to be a distributor.
- Individuals who contravene this Code of Conduct will be dealt with in accordance with The College's Student Referral & Disciplinary Policy (see Student Handbook).
- Students who appear to be under the influence of non-prescribed drugs or alcohol may be asked to leave College premises as they may pose a Health & Safety risk to themselves or other students.

- Parents of students under the age of 18 will be informed that they are being sent home and given the reason why.
- Students who suspect individuals of possession or distributing illegal substances should inform security or an appropriate member of staff in confidence.
- If any individual feels that they have a problem with either drugs or alcohol they are encouraged to access the Student Support Team. All information received in these cases is confidential.

What to do if you find equipment associated with substance misuse?

If any equipment associated with substance misuse is found by a student on College premises on no account should it be touched, especially if it is a syringe. Security should be informed immediately and they will co-ordinate its safe removal.

Signed

Date

Designation: Chair of the Teaching and Learning Group, sub-group of the Academic Board

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This policy is to be reviewed by the Teaching and Learning Group and ratified by the Academic Board by October 2009.