

QUEENS' COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

DRUGS and ALCOHOL POLICY

Introduction

1. The College will provide medical and counselling support for any student involved with or concerned about drugs or drug taking, or alcohol or alcohol abuse. Any member of the Student Support Team (SST) is available for help or advice. Confidential advice can also be obtained by members of the College from their general practitioners or from the University Counselling Service (www.counselling.cam.ac.uk; Tel: 01223 332865) or from the Students' Unions Advice Service (advice@studentadvice.cam.ac.uk; Tel: 01223 746999).

DRUGS

2. The possession, use, and supply of controlled substances are criminal offences. These are regarded as very serious matters by the College and any student involved may be sent out of residence. The College will not shelter a student from the due processes of the Law.

3. The College has a duty of care to its students and it is responsible for the preservation of law and order on its premises. The maintenance of order and discipline in the College is entrusted by statute to the Dean of College. 'Drug Misuse' is defined as the non-medical use of drugs which are only intended for use in medical treatment, or the misuse of prescribed drugs, or the use of drugs that have no accepted medical purpose.

4. The College shall act if there is any suspicion that an incident involving drugs is taking place, has taken place, or is likely to take place on College premises. The College reserves the right to search its premises for signs of drug misuse, when there is reason to do so. Students are encouraged to seek help from the SST if they are at risk of becoming involved with drugs. The College will take firm disciplinary action in cases of drug abuse.

5. Police involvement. The police will be informed in cases of pushing or dealing, where Class A drugs are involved (cocaine, heroin, LSD, ecstasy, methadone, morphine, opium and pethidine), or where a separate police investigation is likely. In other cases the College authorities may exercise discretion as to whether they contact the police.

6. Any student associated with a drug offence while under College jurisdiction may be sent out of residence.

ALCOHOL

7. Excessive consumption of alcohol is both detrimental to health and to a student's ability to study. It can also result in antisocial behaviour leading to harassment, abuse of others, and disruption of College life.
8. Being drunk or being dependent on alcohol is not a disciplinary offence, though in the case of dependency the College offers support to students via the SST. Non-alcoholic options (including non-alcoholic wines and beers) are available in the College bar and at all College events.
9. Anti-social behaviour, which is often a consequence of excess alcohol, is not tolerated by the College and is dealt with by the Dean of College as a disciplinary matter. Drunkenness is regarded as a compounding factor in any offence, not an excuse.
10. The College reserves the right to take disciplinary action - including rescinding the right to live in college accommodation, rustication or expulsion - against any student indulging in persistent excessive alcohol consumption.

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