



Drugs Policy

The School's drugs policy covers drugs such as cannabis, amphetamines, magic mushrooms, Ecstasy, LSD, cocaine, crack, and heroin. Possession of these drugs is illegal and selling them is a very serious offence.

Drugs may not be brought to, sold, passed on or obtained on the school premises, on school outings or trips or while pupils are recognisable as Bancroftians. Any involvement with illegal drugs is likely to result at least in suspension and selling drugs will result in expulsion. Drug incidents will be reported to the police.

The pupil may be given the opportunity to provide a biological sample under medical supervision if involvement with drugs is suspected. This drugs policy has been adopted with the aim of safeguarding the health and safety of all pupils. A sample or test in these circumstances will not form part of the pupil's permanent medical record.

Concern about the possibility of a pupil using illegal drugs outside school hours will normally be shared with parents.

The School aims to:

- Inform pupils about the effects of drugs on the mind and body.
- Explain to pupils the legal position about the use of drugs.
- Promote pupils' sense of self-worth and develop the personal and social skills needed to cope with drugs situations.
- Provide support and advice to pupils and families who seek help on drug-related problems.