



## **Cheltenham College Exclusions Policy**

The overwhelming majority of disciplinary offences committed by members of the College are adequately addressed by means of the College's published regime of internal sanctions. It occasionally happens that a pupil's behaviour falls beyond the range of these sanctions. Under these circumstances, it may be necessary to exclude a pupil from the College. That exclusion may be temporary - Suspension - or permanent - Expulsion.

The purpose of this policy is to outline the circumstances under which the decision to exclude may be taken and the conditions surrounding such a decision.

### **Suspension**

A pupil may be liable to suspension if he or she is in serious or repeated breach of any College regulation at the discretion of the Deputy Head (Pastoral). Some offences are liable to immediate suspension and include: the misuse of alcohol, repeatedly smoking, bullying, cheating or plagiarism, poor or provocative behaviour. This list is illustrative rather than exhaustive.

In all cases where a pupil is suspended, he or she will be given a Formal Warning, which includes a warning as to the consequences if there is repetition of the behaviour which led to the suspension. In some circumstances a pupil will be given a Final Warning, which means that any repetition of the offence or any other serious breach of College regulations may lead to expulsion.

Any pupil who has been suspended is expected to keep up with all his or her academic work during the period of suspension.

A pupil will only be suspended after consultation with the Headmaster.

### **Expulsion**

A pupil may be liable to expulsion if he or she is in serious or repeated breach of any College regulation at the discretion of the Headmaster. Some offences are liable to immediate expulsion including: the use of illegal drugs, the serious or repeated misuse of alcohol, engaging in a sexual relationship, acting in a way that endangers the safety of other people, willful damage to property, theft, breaking out of a boarding house, behaviour likely to bring the College into disrepute or the breaching of the terms of a Final Warning. This list is illustrative rather than exhaustive.

Any pupil who has been expelled may not enter the College grounds for a period of time stipulated by the Headmaster: the only exceptions will be if the pupil is invited to represent his or her new school at a match at the College, if the pupil is part of a group from his or her new school on an official visit to the College, or if the pupil is allowed to take public examinations at the College.

When a pupil has been expelled, the College makes every reasonable effort to assist that pupil in finding a place at a new school.

A pupil will only be expelled after consultation with the President of Council.

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