



Warwick Academy

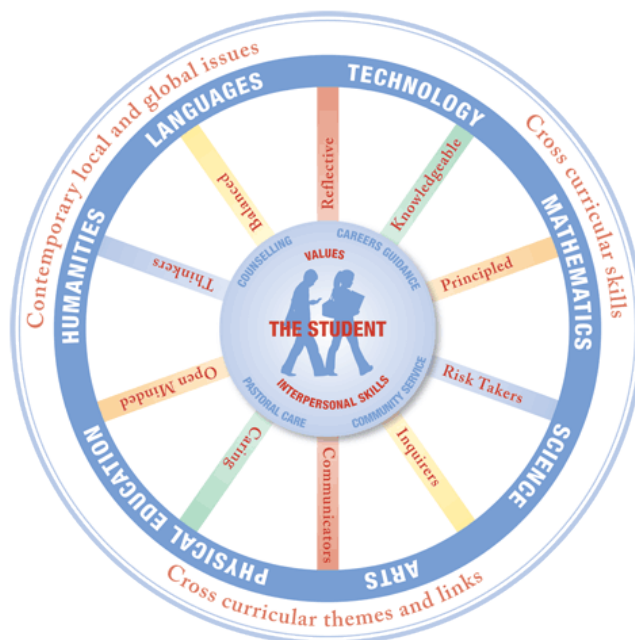
'so much more than a place to learn'

Drug Policy

MISSION STATEMENT

Building on centuries of excellence, we provide an international educational environment designed for our diverse student body. Our innovative curriculum is delivered with a commitment to personalised pastoral care and enhanced by a dynamic co-curricular programme. We strive to create a culture of collaboration so that our students can become lifelong learners, global thinkers and successful leaders.

CURRICULUM MODEL



NOTES

Dated: June 2023

To be reviewed: June 2024

Staff involved: Strategic Team

Overview

Warwick Academy has zero-tolerance for all forms of substance abuse. The School's curriculum and pastoral care promotes and encourages students at all times to adopt healthy lifestyles and to be positive learners. The School requires and welcomes the full support of its parent body in this vital part of the school curriculum.

This Policy must be seen within the wider context of the School's PSHE and Wellbeing Programmes which are taught from Year 1 through to Year 11. During the Sixth Form years appropriate education takes place during 'U-Prep' time, Sixth Form meetings, and the pastoral programme in place. The purpose of these programmes is to develop the health and lifestyle awareness of each student and so enable students to make responsible decisions with respect to their physical, social, and emotional wellbeing. Any parent who wishes to know more about this programme is welcome to contact the School for a copy of the appropriate syllabus.

Confidentiality will be maintained at all times by the Board, the Principal, Staff, and the Guidance Counsellor in the implementation of the Drug Policy.

When students fail to make responsible decisions on school property or on a school trip about the use of medication, tobacco, alcohol, vaping devices, illicit drugs, cannabis and cannabinoids, the School will adopt the following procedures. The school will also consider action when the schools' name is brought into disrepute by any student enrolled at the school when not on school property or on a school trip.

Medication

The school recognises the importance of medication for the wellbeing of some students. However, in school no prescription medication is to be taken without a doctor's prescription and, when a prescription is provided, the Primary or Secondary Secretary is to keep the medicine and administer it to the student according to the doctor's directions. On occasion over the counter pain/cough medication may be administered only with explicit parental permission. The school will not store on school property or administer at school or on a school trip any class 4 medication.

Search

The school reserves the right to search the locker, bags, and belongings of a student when there is suspicion that they may be in possession of tobacco, alcohol, vaping paraphernalia, or other drugs on the school property. This will take place with the Principal or Head of Secondary/Primary, or member of the Strategic Team, and student present and witnessed by a second member of staff. The school also reserves the right to confiscate any prohibited substance/items and dispose of it in the appropriate way.

Prohibited Substances - alcohol, illicit drugs, vaping devices, tobacco, cannabis, and cannabinoids

Students are prohibited from bringing substances/items that could be a danger to themselves or others onto the school property or in their possession on a school trip. These substances/items include - alcohol, illicit drugs, vaping devices, tobacco, cannabis, and cannabinoids.

Staff have the right to conduct a search (as above) if they have reasonable grounds for suspecting a student may have a prohibited substances/items in their possession.

Possession & Use

- The School reserves the right to suspend any student found in the possession of alcohol, illicit drugs, vaping devices, tobacco, cannabis, and cannabinoids; or caught using alcohol, illicit drugs, vaping devices, tobacco, cannabis, and cannabinoids on the School property or whilst on a school trip.
- The parents will be consulted with additional and appropriate sanctions (demerits, community service hours, etc.) and counselling put in place.
- Any repetition of the actions listed above use may lead to expulsion from the School.
- Actions detailed in the *Under the Influence* and *Trafficking* sections which follow may apply in the case of possession & use.

Under the Influence/Abuse

- Students suspected of being under the influence/abusing alcohol, illicit drugs, tobacco, cannabis, and cannabinoids (this includes what may be used in a vaping devices) will be reported immediately to the Principal, or Strategic Team member, who will investigate the matter.
- If there is cause for concern, the parents of the student and the Board Chair will be notified.
- The School will require the parents to test the student for drug use at an institution selected by the parents, or failing such selection, an institution specified by the Principal will be requested.
- If the test proves negative no further action will be taken.
- Where the parent of a student fails to give consent to the conduct of a drug test or, the parent having consented, the student refuses to submit to testing, the Board may suspend the student.
- A student testing positive for drugs may be suspended from school and not allowed to return until he/she has started a suitable rehabilitation programme.
- If, on returning to school, the student is again suspected of drug use and such use is confirmed through testing, the Board may expel the student.
- Expulsion by the Board may also occur if the parents of the student fail to give their consent to this further testing or, the parents having consented, the student refuses to submit to further testing.

Trafficking

- Students suspected of trafficking (selling or distributing) illegal substances on school property or whilst on a school trip will be reported immediately to the Police and the parents will be notified.
- In the case where a suspicion is confirmed, the student will be expelled.

Notes

1. The expressions "drug", "drug abuse" and "drug abuser" have the meanings assigned to those expressions in the **National Drug Commission Act 1993**. "Drug" means any substance, the periodic or continuous use or administration of which (a) results or may result in a person developing a psychological or physical, or both a psychological and physical, reliance on the substance, or (b) alters or may alter a person's mood, perception, consciousness or behaviour. The expression "drug" is deemed to include "alcohol". "Drug abuse" means the use or administration of a drug to the apparent detriment of a person, or society, or both and "drug abuser" is construed accordingly.
2. Warwick Academy is bound by the **Children Act of 1998** to report any instances of child abuse. Any concerns should be forwarded immediately to the Principal, Head of Primary, Head of Secondary and the Guidance Counsellor.
3. The School makes use of vape detectors and CCTV cameras in selected locations on the school property as proactive preventive measures.