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DRUGS EDUCATION POLICY

Rationale

A drug is any substance (including alcohol, tobacco, other non-prescribed, and prescribed drugs) which has the effect of altering a person's thinking and/or behaviour.

Bangor Grammar School recognises that misuse of drugs is an aspect of our society but condemns and prohibits unlawful possession of, use of, or dealing in drugs and drug-related substances.

Dealing meaningfully with drugs and related issues involves the whole school community - pupils, staff, parents, governors and the relevant support agencies.

Educational Aims and Objectives

To promote the health and well-being of our pupils and encourage a healthy lifestyle where those who have no experience of drugs should maintain this position. Those who do experiment should resist further use and those who use drugs regularly should be made aware of the consequences of their decisions, be provided with information on sources of help and be encouraged to stop.

To this end accurate and current information is provided on the risks and legal consequences of drug usage. This information is given in a manner which encourages responsible decision making and explores strategies to deal effectively with pressures from society and peers.

Delivery of the Drugs Education Programme

Drugs education is a whole school issue but is taught mainly through Personal and Social Education, Religious Education and Science.

Implementation of the Drugs Education Policy

One designated teacher co-ordinates the school's Drugs Education Programme, and an additional designated teacher has responsibility in the co-ordination of school procedures for handling suspected drug misuse and close liaison with related outside agencies.

Each member of staff is responsible for promoting drugs education awareness.

Given the serious nature of drug misuse, where a pupil discloses personal usage the staff member must inform the designated teacher for drug misuse who will follow agreed procedures.

Heads of Departments, in tandem with the teacher in charge of Health and Safety, are responsible for the safe storage of all harmful substances.

Training and Information

All staff are to be aware of the School's Drugs Education programme and its procedures for handling suspected drug abuse. Appropriate training is given to those



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members of staff who deliver the programme, and other staff are updated on general drugs' issues.

Parents' involvement in promoting and supporting the aims of drugs education is encouraged and facilitated.

In the event of a drugs related incident, the parents will be informed and their active co-operation sought.



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Complaints Procedure

Any pupil who has a concern related to the misuse of drugs should inform his Head of Year or any other member of staff. Any parent with a similar concern, or complaint about the programme or its delivery should, in the first instance, contact the relevant designated teacher or Head of Year.

Evaluation

The designated teachers in consultation with staff will regularly monitor the implementation and maintenance of the school's Drug Education Policy so that Senior Management may be fully informed and enabled to evaluate its effectiveness.



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