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UNIVERSITY POLICY

ILLEGAL DRUGS

The University takes all reasonable measures within its powers to discourage the use of illegal drugs and psychoactive substances amongst its students. We remind students that possession of illegal substances is a criminal offence and that possession with intent to supply is a more serious offence.

It is the University’s policy not to tolerate the use of illegal substances on its land or in its buildings. To do so would constitute a criminal offence. Students found to be using or in possession of or knowingly allowing any illegal substance, including cannabis, to be used in contravention of this policy, will face disciplinary action.

ALCOHOL

The University promotes sensible drinking in its social facilities. We recognise that moderate use of alcohol plays an important and enjoyable role in the social lives of many students. Abuse of alcohol by a minority can, however, be damaging both to those students themselves and to those who live and work alongside them.

Anti-social drunken behaviour on campus is dealt with by an escalating system of punishments. The first offence attracts a fine and a warning; the second offence a stiffer fine and a final warning, and the third brings exclusion from campus residence. Depending on the severity of the offence we reserve the right to exclude from campus or take other serious measures after a first or second offence.

Major offences against the University’s Disciplinary Regulations, such as assault, sometimes lead to students being rusticated (excluded from their studies for one year). These offences are often committed under the influence of alcohol. Students should be aware that the University does not regard drunkenness as reducing the gravity of such offences.