

## For Parents' Information

The School rule (listed below) on 18<sup>th</sup> birthday parties is posted in all Houses, but I hope it will be helpful for parents of the Upper Sixth to have a copy for reference. The licensing laws now indicate that pupils under the age of 18 may drink alcohol only at the table and not at the bar.

Mrs D. L. Watt – Deputy Head

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### **The conditions under which 18<sup>th</sup> birthday parties are permitted are stated below.**

- If your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday is during a School holiday any party you or your parents organise should take place at home and not be deferred until term time.
- Even if your birthday is in term time you are encouraged to organise any party for an appropriate School holiday.
- If you do wish to have an 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party during term time the following conditions apply:
  - 18<sup>th</sup> birthday parties may only take place on Saturday evenings or, exceptionally, Sunday lunchtimes.
  - No party may take place without the presence of a parent/guardian who is responsible for ensuring that these rules are followed.
  - Overall there must be **at least one adult for every 8 pupils present.**
  - Permission must be sought from the Deputy Head **at least seven days in advance.**
  - **The maximum number of pupils allowed is 20. This must be strictly adhered to and other “casual visitors” are not allowed to call in at any stage during the party.**
  - Names of pupils invited to the party are required at least seven days in advance. Individual Hsms will then be notified.
  - Invitees must ask permission of their Hsm well before the event and not assume that an invitation automatically implies permission.
  - If coach transport is used, a parent should accompany pupils both to and from the party venue, and pupils should be dropped off at their Houses on their return.
  - At an 18<sup>th</sup> party **NO SPIRITS** may be consumed and no pupil may consume more than the equivalent of two pints of beer.
  - Alcohol should be consumed at the dinner table. It is illegal for anyone under 18 to drink at the bar or other than with a meal.
  - After attending an 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party all pupils must report in person to the member of staff on duty in their respective Houses, before 10.30pm.

**Any breach of the above rules will involve those concerned in a permanent ban on attending other 18<sup>th</sup> birthday parties or team dinners.**