



Oundle School

THE SCHOOL RULES

1. Academic integrity

Pupils are expected to be honest at all times; copying others' work, plagiarism and cheating in coursework, tests or examinations are serious offences that may result in formal warnings, disqualification and dismissal.

2. Missing lessons without formal consent.

Any pupil found to be absent from a lesson without good cause will be sent to the Director of Studies and he will write to the pupil's parents expressing our concerns. A second offence may result in internal suspension. Further offences will be dealt with by the Headmaster.

3. School uniform

The School uniform must be worn correctly and tidily at all times as outlined in the School uniform list during the day. It should be worn in its entirety. The School uniform is listed with these rules. When lessons have ended pupils may wear their own clothes. No make-up, jewellery or headphones should be worn. Hair should be the natural colour and of a conservative style approved by the Hsm.

Smart Change is defined as follows: for girls, modest dress, skirt or trousers, modest top (no bare midriff), leather shoes; for boys shirt, tie, jacket and trousers, all of sober colour, leather shoes. Jeans and leather garments are not permitted. *For all other occasions*, such as debates and lectures, and unless otherwise specified, the uniform must be worn in accordance with this Code.

4. Leave Out in Quarter Time

Other than Exeats pupils may obtain permission for leave out from their Hsms in exceptional circumstances. In normal circumstances School commitments may not be missed. Pupils will not be given leave to go out with any person under the age of 23 unless that person is a relative.

5. Prohibited Conduct

The following are prohibited: smoking, littering, graffiti or any damaging of school property, chewing gum, water pistols, fireworks, any weapons or dangerous instruments, eating or drinking in streets, posting notices without permission, use of skateboards or roller blades on school premises or in the town of Oundle, swimming in the river or local lakes, running with headphones, possession of pornography.

The following are regarded as serious offences: theft; bullying (whether verbal, physical, cyber related or otherwise); any form of abuse of another person; rudeness or insolence to a member of staff or a prefect; refusing to obey a member of staff or a prefect; drinking alcohol except in accordance with this code.

6. Mobile Phones, Personal Music Players and Cameras

Mobile phones, personal music players and cameras must be used responsibly and only during recreation times. Telephone numbers must be registered with Hsms.

7. Alcohol

No pupil below the Sixth Form is allowed to drink alcohol whilst at Oundle School.

Pupils may not, regardless of age, purchase alcohol from off-licences or shops whilst attending school or bring alcohol into School.

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Sixth Form pupils may only drink beer, cider or wine as part of a social event sanctioned by a pupil's Hsm and where a substantial meal is served. Upper sixth pupils over the age of 18 may visit public houses on Saturday evenings after 20.00 with their Hsm's consent. They may purchase beer, cider or wine, provided that they are in possession of a Proof of Age card. They may not purchase fortified wine or spirits and may only drink the alcoholic equivalent of two pints of beer. If intoxicated, they are automatically in breach of the School rules.

After matches, Sixth Form pupils may visit hotels and public houses in the town of Oundle with their parents provided that no one under the age of 18 consumes alcohol. All pupils, including those invited as guests by a parent other than their own, must gain permission from their Hsm before visiting a public house or hotel.

8. Schedule of Punishments

The following are minimum punishments.

Alcohol

1. First Offence will be dealt with by the Hsm; parents and Headmaster informed
2. Second Offence will be dealt with by the Headmaster: Internal Suspension, gating with Final Warning.
3. Third Offence may result in dismissal from the School. When the First Offence involves the drinking of spirits, the pupil is automatically on Final Warning.

Smoking

1. First Offence £10 fine plus one weekend gating
2. Second Offence £20 fine plus letter home to parents and two weekends gating
3. Further Offences should be referred to the Second Master.
4. Smoking in School buildings is a very serious offence and should be referred to the Second Master.

9. Dinner Rules

Dinners should take place on Saturdays and exceptionally on Sundays. They may not take place during the week. Before any dinner can take place, the pupil organiser must secure the permission of the Second Master at least one week in advance. A list of the names of those attending the dinner will be required. All those attending dinners must adhere to the school rules on alcohol.

Only Sixth Formers may attend team dinners. Other dinners (societies, sets, etc) are restricted to those over 16 and each case will be assessed on its merits. Set dinners are restricted to Upper Sixth sets.

No dinner may take place without the presence of a member of Staff who is responsible for ensuring that the rules set out above are followed. Part-time coaches of sport may not be approached to supervise dinners.

After dinner all pupils must report in person to the member of staff on duty in their houses by 10.30 p.m.

10. Eighteenth Birthday Dinners

Permission for such dinners should be sought from the Second Master as far in advance as possible. Permission for eighteenth birthday parties is always conditional and is not automatic. The dinner rules apply to eighteenth birthday dinners. On occasion these can be hosted by parents who are sent a copy of the Alcohol Policy and are expected to abide by them.

11. Drugs

The use of illegal drugs or other non-prescription, behaviour or mind altering or harmful substances is a serious offence that will be dealt with by the Headmaster. There is a no tolerance policy towards use or possession of illegal substances and pupils are liable to immediate dismissal from the school.

12. Sexual Activity

No public display of physical affection is permitted. Any pupil participating in the act of sexual intercourse or any other act of sexual intimacy is liable to immediate dismissal from the school.

13. Visiting Houses

Pupils may visit another house at the following times:

Mon, Wed, Fri:	1700 to 1830
Sat:	1700 to 1830 and 2030 to 2130
Tues and Thurs:	no house visiting.
Sunday:	1100 to 1300 and 1700 to 2130

Any girl visiting a boys' house must always sign in and refer to the Visiting Rules for that House. When a girl visits a boy's study or bedsit, the door of the room must in all circumstances be wedged wide open. A visiting room is provided in each girls' house. The rest of the house is out-of-bounds to boys.

14. Areas Out-of-Bounds

All playing fields are out-of-bounds after dark.

Pupils should use paths and not cross Chapel Lawns and playing fields.

Pupils leaving the Parish of Oundle should inform their Hsms.

15. Cars

Pupils may only travel in cars driven by members of their family over the age of 23.

In special circumstances pupils may be allowed to drive a car with the express permission of their Hsm.

16. Road Safety

The law of the land and the Highway Code must always be strictly observed showing courtesy to road users and pedestrians.

17. Bicycles

The use of a bicycle is a privilege. Permission to bring a bicycle to school and to use it is always at the Hsm's discretion.

Bicycles may only be used to attend sports venues outside the town and should not be used around town. Pupils may not cycle to playing fields to watch matches, nor may they cycle over the grass. A cycle helmet should be worn.

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