



BEACON HIGH



Parent/Carer Guide Drugs Education

What Values Underpin Drugs Education at Beacon High?

Beacon High is committed to the best safeguarding and care of its students. We believe that the use of drugs in any form other than for treatment of specific medical issues is detrimental to the wellbeing of our students and all those in our community. We seek to educate all our students regarding the dangers and effects of drugs and drug taking culture in order to allow them to make informed choices and to recognise such behaviour and dangers in others. We seek to give students to information and skills that they need to evaluate risks and seek appropriate support if they need it, in relation to all aspects of their health.

How is Drugs Education Delivered to My Child?

Drugs education is delivered through PSHE and science curriculums. The content covered in each year is age appropriate and our curriculum has been developed with the support of the Local Authority. Local agencies are also used to help deliver information about drugs to our students and these are all vetted before they work with our students. We also make use of the expertise of our school police officer in our drugs education programme.

What Will My Child Learn About in Drugs Education?

Students are taught about different types of drugs and the physical, psychological, financial, relational and legal consequences of using drugs. They explore the reasons why people might start to use drugs and examine how they can stand up to peer pressure.

Useful Organisations:

Addiction is one of the UK's largest specialist drug and alcohol treatment charities providing support for adults and young people, and those with drug misusing parents. **Website:** www.addaction.org.uk

ADFAM offers information to families of drug and alcohol users and the website has a database of local family support services. **Website:** www.adfam.org.uk

Children's Legal Centre operates a free and confidential legal advice and information service covering all aspects of law and policy affecting children and young people. **Website:** www.childrenslegalcentre.com

Drinkaware: an independent charity that promotes responsible drinking and minimising alcohol related harm. **Website:** www.drinkaware.co.uk/

Drinkline: a free and confidential helpline for anyone who is concerned about their own or someone else's drinking. **Tel:** 0800 917 8282 (lines are open 24 hours a day)

Talk to Frank: lots of clear information about drugs and drug use with a free phone line and a search engine where you can find drug and alcohol support in an area local to where you live **Website:** www.talktofrank.com