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Students under the age of 18 and alcohol in Beit Quadrangle

Following recent discussions with the licensing authorities the College and Union have undertaken a review of the use of Beit Quadrangle for the consumption of alcohol, and in particular our responsibilities regarding students under the age of 18.

It has become clear that a stricter interpretation of our licensing requirements is required in order to ensure we fulfil the licensing objectives and to protect the Union and College's licences to trade alcohol.

As such the Union and the College have agreed the following changes in practice:

1. That no under 18's will be able to access ticketed events at the Union which involve the potential for the purchase of alcohol.

For clarity, this is effective immediately and will include the Mingle events and the Freshers' Ball. This rule applies for all events where entry is controlled (i.e. tickets are sold in advance or on the door). Where entry to the Union Building is not controlled these students will be able to access the Union Building but strict controls will be in place to control the purchase and consumption of alcohol.

2. That only alcohol purchased at the Union's Bars in Beit may be consumed in the Beit Quad.

Point two applies to student residents of Beit Hall and any events in Beit Quadrangle that include the provision of alcohol.

We understand this decision will affect a number of students and as such, our student officers and staff team will be working closely with the Wardening teams, support services and College Staff to ensure those affected receive a friendly and inclusive welcome to the College.

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