



Brockham Bonfire Celebrations, Saturday 8th November 2025

To parents and guardians of pupils attending The Ashcombe and Priory Schools

Dear Parent and Guardians,

Brockham Bonfire 2025: underage drinking and substance misuse

Brockham Bonfire is traditionally a family occasion, being an evening of fun and celebration. The event raises funds for local charities and worthy causes including both The Ashcombe and Priory schools.

Unfortunately, over the years the event has seen incidents of underage drinking and the possession of illegal drugs. Consequently, Surrey Police has taken a proactive approach and officers present on the evening may stop and search young people believed to be in the possession of alcohol and/or illegal drugs.

As parents/guardians, we are asking for your help in ensuring the welfare and wellbeing of your child. If your child is attending the event unaccompanied or is unlikely to be in the company of a responsible adults, then there are a few points we would ask you to consider in the lead up to the event:

- Please check to ensure that no alcohol is missing from your home
- Beware of the 'sleepover' excuse and ensure you know what your child's plans are and where he/she will be staying overnight
- Check that soft drinks do not contain alcohol – drinks can be tested by police at the event
- Have a conversation with your child around the importance of not drinking or taking drugs and advise them of the potential consequences of being found doing either.

If your child is found to be carrying alcohol and/or drugs, they will be detained, and you may have to collect them from police at Brockham. If you are unavailable to do so, then your child may be taken to a police station. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter which should ensure that everyone attending the event has a very enjoyable evening.

Brockham Bonfire attracts over 15,000 people and the safety of all who attend is the paramount responsibility of the organisers. The Police will be attending local schools prior to the event to remind children for the need for them to act responsibly and the possible consequences of anti-social behaviour.

If you require further information or advice, please contact The Mole Valley Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101 or if you would like to learn more about Brockham Bonfire then please visit brockham.org

Thank you.

Surrey Police & Brockham Bonfire Committee