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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to update you with a recent amendment in our approach to vaping.

On Monday 7 March, an assembly was presented to all students that outlined this approach and also identified some of the research findings from studies examining the impacts of vapes (Henry et. al., 2020 & Butt et. al., 2019).

The assembly also touched on vaping law, which states clearly that students under the age of 18 shouldn't be able to buy vaping products. Additionally, the resellers who sell to under 18 years olds are liable for a £2500 fine once this is reported to the authorities.

The societal use of vapes is increasing and schools and colleges are also seeing a subsequent rise in vaping related incidents.

At Trinity Sixth Form Academy, students are prohibited from vaping on or in the immediate vicinity of the academy grounds. Vaping is treated like smoking within the organisation. If students are caught vaping in the immediate vicinity of the building (i.e. in direct and clear sight of the academy), they will have their vape confiscated and parents will be contacted (an associated behaviour point will also be logged on our academy management system, visible through the parent app). The vape will not be returned to students and can only be handed over to an authorised family member. If the vape is not collected within 7 days, it will be disposed of. Repeated incidents of vaping in the immediate vicinity will be treated in accordance with the academy behaviour policy (repeated incidents will be treated as persistent defiance). Students who are 18 years or older will be able to collect their own vapes but will be subject to the academy behaviour policy.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards



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