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SECTION 3.4 – ANTI-SMOKING and VAPING POLICY

Policy

Clearly the school must educate against and discourage smoking including the use of ‘vapes’, e-cigarettes and passive smoking, as it is physically harmful, addictive and illegal in enclosed spaces, lastly selling tobacco or vaping products to someone under 18 is also illegal. The primary goal of this policy and procedure is to educate against the dangers of smoking and vaping. Parents, for the most part, want the school to maintain a sensible and open approach to this problem. Staff must all be committed to and involved in this by upholding the policy outlined below.

STUDENTS

1. The school campus is a completely non-smoking/non vaping area. Students are not allowed to smoke/vape at school, going to and from school, or on school trips.
2. Any Students caught smoking/vaping or in possession of smoking/vaping related paraphernalia should be reported to the Deputy Head where possible, who in turn will communicate with Heads of School, House staff, tutors and parents as appropriate.
3. Staff may require Students to turn out their pockets and can ask to search bags if they suspect involvement of smoking/vaping.
4. Students arriving at lessons smelling of smoke or the sweet smell of vaping which we are now familiar with, whether through smoking/vaping themselves or being in the company of smokers/vapers, may be excluded from that class, sent to report to the Deputy Head’s or Head of Schools Office with a brief note, email or phone call from the teacher to explain why they have been sent out of the lesson.
5. Older students who are either smoking/vaping in the company of younger students or supplying cigarettes/vapes or encouraging smoking/vaping, will be considered to be setting a particularly bad example and must expect an increased level of sanction.
6. Because long term smoking/use of nicotine is addictive we would seek to support students by offering the support of the Health Centre; these Students will be offered assistance in stopping smoking through specialist smoking cessation sessions and support. These Students, would, however, be subject to the same rules and sanctions as everyone else.
7. The dangers of smoking and vaping will continue to be addressed in Horizons lessons. Education against smoking and other social problems remains the school’s best tool in trying to manage smoking and the addiction of the young.

8. Sanctions for smoking can be found in the School Rules (available on the schools website, posters around school or Section 2.1 of the Staff Handbook)