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Dear Students/Parents/Carers

Re: Standards and Expectations

As we approach the start of the Final Half Term of the academic year, I am writing to give a few reminders about the standards and expectations we have for next half term and beyond.

Whilst there is no school uniform in the Sixth Form, we do have a dress code, which aims to promote sensible, safe and healthy practices. It also promotes high standards of personal appearance. We expect students to choose sensible and appropriate dress, hairstyle and clothing for a school environment.

Students have been provided with an identification badge and this **MUST** be worn and be visible at all times. If for any reason students misplace or forget their badge, then they must sign in at the Sixth Form Office and obtain a sticker for the day.

We have been reminding students in briefing recently about the school position on vapes and electronic cigarettes. These items are banned in school and anyone found in possession of them will be sanctioned according to our behaviour policy. Vaping or smoking on school premises or on the way to or from school is classed as a major act of misbehaviour. Sanctions will include confiscation of the banned items, parental meetings with the Head of Year, internal suspension and for repeated incidents, fixed term suspension. At Meadowhead we follow the DFE guidance: *Screening, Searching and Confiscation: Advice for Schools 2022* and reserve the right to search any student suspected of bringing a banned item into school. We may also use a hand-held metal detector to search anyone suspected of bringing a banned item into school.

Finally, can I remind all students, parents and carers that aerosol deodorants must not be brought into school. We have a system of highly sensitive fire alarms in school and these can be activated by deodorant spray or vapes. Activating a fire alarm when there is no fire is against the law and causes severe disruption to the school day. All unexpected fire alarms result in a fire service response under blue lights. Anyone who deliberately sets off a fire alarm will face a sanction that may include exclusion from school. Please know that setting off the fire alarm as a result of a vape or aerosol will be seen as a deliberate act. In addition to the school sanction, the fire service fine for a false alarm will be issued to the family of any student who deliberately activates a fire alarm.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep Meadowhead School a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Yours sincerely

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