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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an important upcoming assembly from the Rotherham Alcohol and Drug Service (ROADS) that will take place at Thrybergh Academy for each year group during this week. The assembly will focus on the issue of vaping and its potential risks.

As you may know, vaping has become a major concern among young people across the country, particularly with the growing use of THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) in vaping devices. THC, the psychoactive compound found in cannabis, poses significant health, legal, and safety risks when used in this way. The purpose of this assembly is to raise awareness about the dangers of vaping, provide students with accurate and reliable information, and empower them to make informed choices that prioritise their health and well-being.

At Thrybergh Academy, we are committed to maintaining a safe environment for all students. Vaping is strictly prohibited, and any students caught vaping or in possession of a vape will have an appropriate consequence applied. The school is under obligation to confiscate the vape and send it to Trading Standards for testing. Possession, use, or distribution of THC on school grounds may result in permanent exclusion.

During the assembly, students will hear from experts who will discuss the following topics:

- The effects of THC on the brain and body, especially in adolescents
- The legal implications of THC vaping and possession
- The potential for addiction and long-term health risks
- How to recognise peer pressure and make healthy choices.

We encourage you to discuss this topic with your child before and after the assembly to reinforce the information shared and to address any questions they may have.

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming assembly or would like additional resources, please do not hesitate to contact our Safeguarding team via email at safeguarding@thrybergh.com

We appreciate your support as we ensure the safety of all students at Thrybergh Academy.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Tess Wootton Assistant Headteacher - Designated Safeguarding Lead

