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Ark Boulton Academy



29th September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Vaping in the Academy

We have become aware that students have been able to purchase vape pens over the counter at local community shops.

As it is illegal for children under the age of 18 to purchase a vape for use or to sell on, **vapes are a banned item at Ark Boulton**. In the following instances, students will be at risk of exclusion, as per our behaviour policy:

- Repeated possession or use a vape on Academy grounds.
- Selling vapes.
- Use of a vape to take illegal drugs.

Anyone found in possession of a vape will receive an **automatic C3 leadership detention**. This is a two-hour detention on a Friday with a member of the leadership team.

We believe that the most important thing is to ensure that students understand the risks of vaping and are equipped to make positive, informed choices. **Therefore, anyone found with a vape will also be required to attend our vape awareness workshop, with their parents/carers**. The workshop will run after school and has two parts:

1. A one-hour educational workshop led by a member of our student welfare team.
2. The session will include a quiz and the opportunity for students to share their learning.

In order to ensure that Ark Boulton remains a safe and comfortable environment for all students, it is essential that we are confident that banned items are not being brought into the Academy. For this reason, we will be conducting bag searches of Y10 and Y11 students over the next few weeks.

We thank you for your support as we come together as a community to make every effort to provide our students with a safe and caring environment whilst in and around the academy. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by email at Year10support@arkboulton.org or Year11support@arkboulton.org

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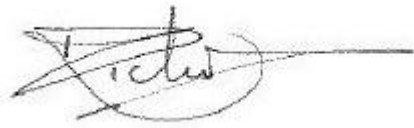
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Thank you for your continued support,



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