



# Wath Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer,

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 Wath Academy for each year group during the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December. 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 prioritize their health and well-being.

At Wath Academy, we are committed to maintaining a safe environment for all students. Vaping is strictly prohibited, and any student caught vaping or in possession of a vape will face suspension. Possession, use, or distribution of THC on Academy grounds will 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.

We will also be holding a session for you to find out more information about THC vaping. These will be taking place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. You have the choice of two sessions to attend: 10am or 6pm. There will be refreshments for all attendees. Please click on the link below to book a place. All bookings will close on Tuesday 07 January. <https://forms.office.com/e/aC09Vztqra>

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@wathacademy.com](mailto:safeguarding@wathacademy.com). We appreciate your support as we ensure the safety of all students at the Academy.

Yours sincerely

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**Associate Assistant Principal**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

