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Dear Parent/Carer

Keeping our students safe at school is an absolute priority for all staff at JSTC. As a school community we are also highly committed to ensuring that all students can learn and make good progress through the well planned curriculum on offer.

In order to achieve both of these aims, it is essential that we maintain good standards of behaviour. It was therefore pleasing to have Ofsted recognise that we have not only achieved this but we have also raised the bar on behaviour standards in school to support safety, student well-being and progress.

We know parents should not expect anything less. Our approach is clear, we have a **zero tolerance** approach where students display persistent misconduct or non-compliance towards staff, bring dangerous prohibited items into JSTC; this includes having them in their possession on the way to or from school as well as the school premises.

In common with all schools banned items include:

- Tobacco products and related items
- Vaping apparatus
- Illegal substances
- Weapons
- Alcohol
- Sexual images
- Any other item that could cause harm or anxiety to the student or others in school.

In such instances students risk **permanent exclusion**.

Furthermore we are also committed to the online safety of our students and offer guidance and support to students and their families. The e-safety guide is available on our website. Students need to be aware that where use of social media or mobile phones impacts on the smooth running of our school, the normal in-school disciplinary measures will be deployed. This is the view of JSTC and the Department for Education.

All students must have a learning environment where they can make good progress in a safe and respectful community.

Should you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact your child's Progress Team at school.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Curtis - Headteacher

