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Dear Mr Abiola and Ms Jiang

Last Wednesday the 4th of September 2024 Olu entered the toilets beside room 3 between classes and without permission from his class teacher.

A teacher observed Olu vaping in the toilets and asked Olu to hand over the vape immediately. Olu failed to do so. Instead, he wasted 10 minutes of the teacher's time, when he had a class waiting on him and 10 minutes of teaching time for the other students stuck in the bathroom until the vape was handed over.

As you are aware it is illegal for a 16-year-old to purchase a vape and as such the use of vapes is governed under our Code of Behaviour, [SPC Code of Behavior](#) and Substance Abuse policy, [SPC Substance Abuse Policy](#) which we take extremely seriously.

Under our COB Olu should be suspended for vaping on school grounds or whilst in the school uniform. However, as it occurred during our first week back, I am willing, **this time only**, to take a more pastoral approach.

Olu will be expected to attend detention for 1 hour after school on a day that suits all parties, I will reach out to Ms Jiang to arrange a day and time that suits. He is also expected to apologise to Mr Lonergan for wasting his time. This can be in written form or by speaking to Mr Lonergan at an appropriate time.

I need us all to be very clear here. If Olu is caught in possession of a vape on our school campus going forward, he will be facing suspension. He does not need to be using the vape it only needs to be in his possession as it is illegal for him to have it.

If you wish to discuss this issue further I am available, by email only, at the address below.

Kind regards,

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