# Principal's Blog

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## FIRST AID AND MEDICATION INFORMATION

To help make improvements in first aid and medication processes, we have decided to use a service called Medical Tracker. This not only allows us to inform parents/carers of first aid incidents and medication administration by email but it also allows us to analyse the data we record. Medical Tracker will be beneficial to you because:

- We can record and track first aid incidents that involve your child
- We can record and track medication administration that involves your child
- You can be notified immediately after a first aid incident involving a bump to the head
- You can be notified immediately after medication has been administered by email
- You can consent to your child receiving their medication rather than completing paperwork

To read the full letter and see what you need to check please click <u>here</u>.

## IT FILTERING AND MONITORING IN THE ACADEMY

At the start of the academic year, the Department for Education updated its guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education, to strengthen schools' responsibilities to limit children's exposure to risks from schools' IT systems. Please click <a href="here">here</a> to read our letter about this.



#### **REMINDER FORYEAR 9**

Our Information, Advice and Guidance event for Year 9 students, parents and carers is on Tuesday 16th January at 5pm.

There will be a presentation in the Hub at 5pm. Light refreshments are available in the Dining Room.

This evening will help you and your child to learn more about the courses available in Key Stage 4. Full details are available on the letter released in December here.

Students are required to complete an online preference form (available on your child's Year 9 Classroom), this has a <u>deadline</u> of 24th January.

Before Christmas, students were learning about the importance of learning another language. At Freeston this is Spanish. Further information on this is available <a href="https://example.com/here/before/be

#### **FOCUS ON STAYING SAFE AND POSITIVE WELLBEING**

### **Addiction & Substance Use - ACAMH**

As much as we wish it wasn't true, the reality is that the use of addictive substances in growing in society. New things can often seem exciting and fun. Sometimes peer pressure is irresistible. Sometimes it is curiosity. For some though, these substances will create serious problems for young people in years to come. The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) has published a page aimed at helping us all know more about this issue. For more information please click here <a href="https://www.acamh.org/topic/addiction/">https://www.acamh.org/topic/addiction/</a>

Further information and support for substance abuse can be found below:

- https://www.nhs.uk/services/service-directory/turning-point-wakefield-hub/N10954647 or https://www.turning-point.co.uk/services/wakefield-inspiring-recovery
- https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/alcohol-misuse/

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