

DON'T LOSE A LIFE- LOSE THE KNIFE



We invited the police into Blue River to present a seminar on 'youth and knife crime' for our GCSE citizenship course.

One thing that surprised us the most from the seminar was the fact that knives are the number one murder weapon used to commit crime – more than any other offensive weapon.

Three people visited us – there were two police officers and a victim's mother – their touching stories taught us that every single choice made whether small or large has its consequence. Knife crimes can result in pain and misery not only to the victim but to families too as it can affect their lives in so many different ways.

The mother that came in had suffered losing a child by knife crime and shared her experience with us which helped us to understand the true pain that lies in the hearts of knife crime victims. We found out that more than 1,000 citizens are killed in a month nationally due to knife crime. The punishment for carrying a knife is usually going to prison and getting a criminal record. We were shocked at the fact that most

people said that they carry knives for protection however this could never be considered a valid reason since carrying a knife encourages it to be used,

This government initiative has been established in youth centres and schools in order to educate students about the dangers of carrying a knife and the lessons learned from other people's mistakes on how to prevent a knife crime.

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