

## **Metropolitan Police- Knife Crime Workshops- Year 7 and Year 8- May 2021**

Year 7 and Year 8 students have the opportunity to take part in a workshop on the issue of knife crime. They heard the experiences of a serving police officer on the effects of knife crime and the devastation it can cause on young people and their families. As part of the workshop, there was a role play, a chance for Q and A, and a testimony from the victims of knife crime. Whilst being hard hitting at times, students got presented with the reality of knife crime. The workshops were well received by both year groups. The attitude and behaviour of every student was exemplary.



### A Year 7 account of the workshop

“Knife crime is a reality. It’s brutal and ruthless and the people who do are even more so. The workshop we had was really good, and it showed us the dangers and consequences of carrying a knife and/or using it. 77% of the people who carry knives are injured by their own knife. In the workshop we watched videos about how quick you can be killed with a knife, and in one of the videos we saw for ourselves what happens to people after they are attacked. We were taught that now only do the murderers have to face the consequences, but the family of the victim must too: they will all have to go through the unbearable pain of losing a loved one. Knife crime must stop. Now.”

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