

The Blunt Truth Workshop

Dear Parent / Carer,

The NHS and Avon and Somerset Police have collaborated on a workshop called **The Blunt Truth**. The workshop aims to educate young people about the risks and consequences of carrying knives and other weapons, while encouraging them to seek help and report concerns safely if they believe someone they know may be carrying a weapon. This will take place on Wednesday 16th September during school time.

As part of the workshop, students will watch a short film created with young people. To ensure the film feels realistic and relatable, it contains some strong language, scenes set in a hospital environment, flashing images, and references to knife-related violence. While the violence is implied rather than graphic, some young people may find aspects of the film challenging to watch.

The content has been carefully designed as an educational resource. It is intended to raise awareness, encourage informed discussion, and help young people understand the real-life impact of knife crime. The language and scenarios included are used to reflect the reality of situations that some young people may encounter and are not included for shock value.

Following the film, students will take part in facilitated group discussions about knife crime, personal safety, and the importance of reporting concerns. Led by experienced professionals, these discussions create a safe and respectful space for young people to explore the issues raised in the film, ask questions, and receive accurate, evidence-based information.

They will also receive information about how to report worries safely to the police, their school, or through **Fearless**, the youth arm of CrimeStoppers.

In addition, students will participate in a practical first aid session developed by NHS trauma Doctors. The sessions will provide valuable life-saving skills, including how to respond to and manage serious bleeding while waiting for emergency services to arrive.

We hope your child will take part in this important and informative workshop. However, we recognise that some parents and carers may have concerns about the content. If you would prefer your child not to participate, please contact the school, and alternative arrangements will be made.

If you have any questions about the workshop, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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