

Knife Crime KS3 Assembly and Workshop Programme

POWERFUL CHOICES

New UK
Secondary
School Tour



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In 2023 Bigfoot worked in collaboration with the Federation of Heavers Farm and Selsdon Schools in South East London, to create an early intervention approach to understanding key messages around the topic of knife crime, gang violence and keeping safe. Following a successful run for Year 5 and 6 students in London Primary schools, we are excited to now offer Year 7 students the chance to take part in our 'Powerful Choices' assembly and workshop programme too.

The programme supports pupils to:

- Understand how to keep themselves and others safe
- Recognise and manage risk and difficult situations
- Manage friendships and peer pressure
- Understand respect and how to have respectful relationships
- Understand the law around and consequences of carrying knives
- Explore the immediate and far-reaching consequences of knife crime and gang violence on the victim, the perpetrator, their families and the wider community
- Identify how to access support and who can help them
- Have difficult conversations with their peers and adults



The Assembly

Pupils participate in a 45 minute interactive assembly, in which a narrator introduces them to the fictional story of 11 year old Gabriel, who has recently struggled with making some difficult choices about the friends he is spending time with. He has been feeling pressure to join in on some behaviour he doesn't like, especially as his friends have started talking about knives, and he knows the pressure will only get worse. Sometimes Gabriel finds it hard to talk about his worries to the grown ups in his life; he doesn't know where to start and he doesn't want to let them down.

As Gabriel considers these decisions, suddenly a Magical Phone appears! It has the power to provide messages and advice from the future, from the important trusted grown ups in Gabriel's life. In one message Gabriel will hear from a future where he chooses to stay in the group, and in the next message he'll hear from a future where he makes a different choice. This will help Gabriel choose what to do, perhaps?

The assembly is a safe and creative opportunity to introduce sensitive issues and subject matter and is an excellent starting point for future conversations about choices and consequences. Pupils are encouraged to reflect upon and discuss key issues throughout, working together to explore the various choices Gabriel has to make. The assembly includes spoken word, brilliant character illustrations and voiceovers, bringing the story to life.

Optional Workshops

The assembly can be followed by 1 hour workshops for groups of up to 30 students. The workshop gives pupils the opportunity to explore the key issues raised in the assembly in more depth, consolidating their understanding of the laws surrounding and consequences of knife crime. They will work together to explore some of the situations raised in the assembly, using various drama skills to consider character choices and consequences. Activities will encourage pupils to explore how to have positive, respectful relationships with their peers, as well as how to have difficult conversations with adults and how they can access support.



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The programme is accompanied by a comprehensive **Teacher Resource Pack**, enabling the programme to as beneficial and impactful as possible.



£495 plus VAT (1 x 45 minute assembly)

£595 plus VAT (2 x 45 minute assembly)

****Please contact us for a workshop quote based on the number of class groups in your year 7 cohort****

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