Smoke in your Eyes

A Teaching Resource Exploring Tobacco Issues

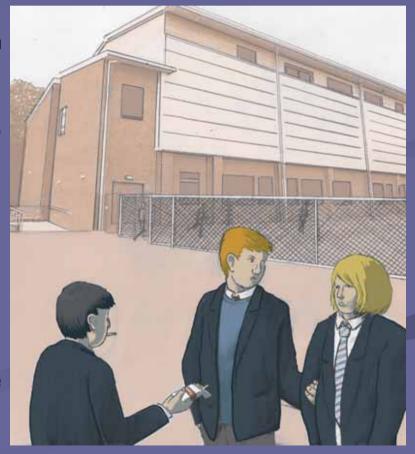
Scott and Hannah: **S1 Story**

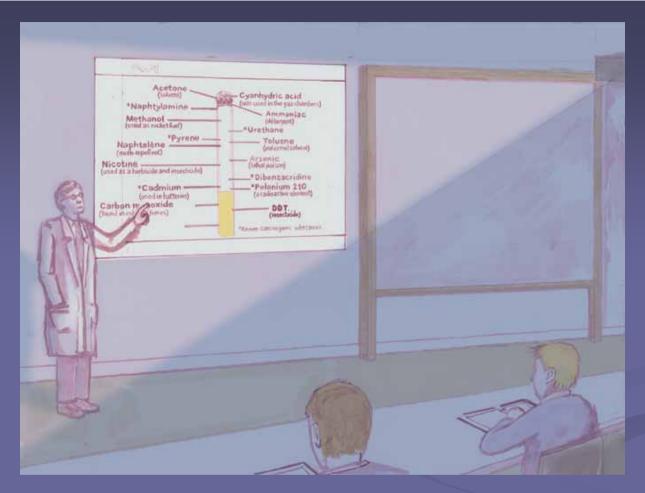




Scott and Hannah are now in Secondary School and are still best friends. Both are settled in the new school but Hannah has been stressed recently as her parents have been fighting and she thinks they may be separating.

They have also become friendly with a new boy called James. Scott has noticed that James often gets into trouble in class and can be aggressive towards others. He decides not to say anything to Hannah as she gets on really well with James. One day, before school, James tells the pair that he has stolen some cigarettes from his mum and wants them all to try it. Scott, remembering everything that happened in Primary School, is against the idea, however, James does not think it is a big issue as so many people smoke and he pressurises the two of them to just try it. Scott is anxious about the fact that Hannah seems tempted but the bell goes for period one and the group have to hurry to class before they can give James an answer.





Scott is in PSE period one and is thinking about the decision that he knows he will face after school. Interestingly, the class are exploring tobacco issues and Scott is working on an activity investigating how smoking impacts on a person's appearance. He is also reminded of the dangerous content of cigarettes. He feels confident about what he will do and this is strengthened when he is in PE period 5 and is trying out for the school football team. This reminds him of the work done in Primary on the impact of smoking on health and fitness. He would not want to ruin his chances of becoming a footballer.

Whilst Scott has been thinking about the consequences of smoking, Hannah has been thinking about James saying that lots of people smoke. She knows a lot of her friends and family members smoke — plus she knows a number of her favourite celebrities do it so it cannot possibly be as bad as it seems. She also wants to impress James as she really likes him and doesn't think that one cigarette could possibly harm her.





After school, the three pupils meet up. James is keen to hear their answer and Scott quickly declines, saying he isn't interested. However, Hannah laughs at Scott, calling him a baby and accepts James' offer.

Scott walks away, disappointed by his friend's decision and wanting to have nothing to do with the pair.

