

Smoke in your Eyes

A Teaching Resource Exploring Tobacco Issues

Scott and Hannah: **S2 Story**



Scott and Hannah are now in second year and have drifted apart - largely because James and Hannah are now boyfriend and girlfriend. Scott is doing really well in school and is now captain of the football team.





However, Hannah is having some real problems. She is now smoking regularly and has noticed she often has a sore throat, is very self conscience of the smell and cannot really afford the cost associated with smoking. She is often fighting with her mother and has stolen money from her mum's purse in order to buy cigarettes.



Hannah buys her cigarettes from a local newsagent. Although she is underage, the shop is happy to break the law and sell them to her. However, one day when she is buying her cigarettes, she notices another customer watching her. As she turns to leave the shop, the man stops her and produces his identification revealing he is a police officer. He explains that the shop has been targeted for selling cigarettes and alcohol to underage customers and would like to see her proof of age. Hannah starts to get upset and explains that she is underage and the Police Officer puts her into the back of a police car. The officer is nice to her and explains to her that both she and the shop assistant have broken the law and could potentially be in serious trouble for their actions. He takes down all of Hannah's personal details and drives her back to the school. He encourages her to go straight to class while he speaks to the head teacher about what has happened – he also advises her to seek help and support to deal with her nicotine addiction.



Even though Hannah is upset about what has happened, she still feels like she needs a cigarette before going back to class and ends up arriving late to her next class.

It is her PSE lesson and her teacher is angry that she has once again arrived later to school, ironically, because her group is meant to be presenting their smoke free school policies that they have been working on for a number of weeks. Pupils in the class laugh at Hannah and someone makes a nasty comment about the smell of smoke on Hannah. She is incredibly upset and runs out of the class.





Hannah is sitting and crying on her own when Scott happens to be passing by. He feels he cannot just walk past after being friends for so many years and so he decides to try and comfort her and cheer her up. Hannah is really touched by Scott's attempts and they start chatting.

