

Smoke in your Eyes

A Teaching Resource Exploring Tobacco Issues

Scott and Hannah: **S3 Story**





Hannah and Scott are now in third year and are friends again – having distanced themselves from James. Hannah is still smoking but knows that Scott is uncomfortable about this and she doesn't smoke around him. Scott and Hannah are in Biology, when a specialist nurse is talking to the class about smoking and the impact it has on the body. The nurse makes direct links with the range of medical conditions relating to tobacco use and Hannah is uncomfortable about this as it reminds her of her Granddad. Scott is also asking lots of questions and looking at Hannah to try and get her to listen to the consequences being presented.



Later that day in Modern Studies, the class are investigating tobacco companies and how tobacco is being advertised and promoted to young people. Hannah has always considered herself to be an individual and does not like the idea that she is being manipulated by tobacco companies. The class split up into smaller groups and Scott is given the role of exploring tobacco as a global issue and how it impacts on different countries throughout the world. Hannah's group is looking at the new legislation on smoking and is shocked to discover how stringent the new rules are on areas such as cigarette vending machines and packaging. Hannah is starting to reflect on her own personal choices and to consider the benefits of beating her addiction.



At the end of the school day, Scott is ready to confront Hannah with the reasons why she should stop smoking; however Hannah cuts him off. She has been thinking about it all day and has come to the decision that she wants to quit. She asks Scott for his support with this but asks him not to lecture her on the subject. She knows it is going to be difficult but she is determined to do it and will seek the available support and guidance to be successful.