

Smoke in your Eyes

A Teaching Resource Exploring Tobacco Issues

Scott and Hannah: **S4 Story**



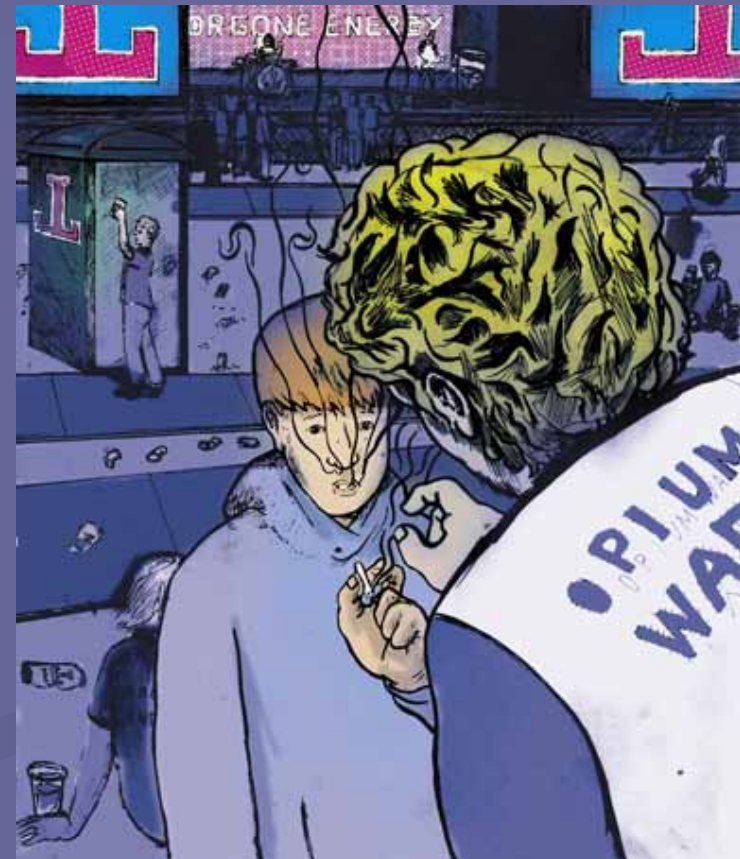


Hannah and Scott are now in fourth year and are preparing for their exams. Hannah has now stopped smoking, has more money and is getting on better with her mum. The final exams are looming and Scott is stressing about them. He is revising all the time and is really worried. Hannah talks him into going to a festival to try and relax a bit. Scott reluctantly agrees as he knows he needs to have a break.



While there, Brian, a good friend from school offers Scott some cannabis – explaining it will help him relax and enjoy the festival even more. Scott doesn't want to look stupid in front of his friends and feels pressurised to live up to their expectations and so agrees to smoke the joint. Hannah has been dancing with some of her girlfriends and has not seen this happening.

The festival is a battle of the bands night which involved a number of pupils from their school. There is an excellent atmosphere and Scott is pleased that he decided to come along.



Initially, Scott feels really good and relaxed for the first time in a long while. He is carrying on with his friends and laughing at everything. Hannah joins Scott and is really confused by the way he is acting. He pulls her up to dance, however, as they move around, Scott finds himself stumbling and struggles to focus.



Hannah grabs Scott's arm to try and steady him, but it is too late and he is sick all over the ground. The friends who offered him the cannabis are all around the pair and laughing at Scott. Hannah confronts Brian to ask what has happened and is furious to hear that he gave him a joint to smoke. Hannah has no option but to call Scott's mum to pick him up as she is worried about the bad reaction he has taken to the drug. Scott's mum arrives and is mortified to discover her son in a terrible state.

The next day, Scott is suffering from a headache and is feeling terrible about what he has done. His parents sit him down to speak about what happened and Scott admits that he made a bad personal decision. They also inform Scott that the school has been informed about what happened and that Mrs Collins, the Deputy Head Teacher wants to see him in her office first thing. His dad emphasises how shocked and disappointed they are in Scott and make it clear that they will be discussing a suitable punishment after school.



At school, everyone seems to know about what happened and Scott is aware that his friends are talking about him. Hannah makes it clear that she is still very annoyed with him but also tries to offer him some moral support as he is clearly suffering with the situation. As he is called into Mrs Collins's office, Hannah wishes him good luck. Mrs Collins makes it clear that the school will not tolerate his substance misuse and as a consequence for his actions, Scott will lose the captancy of the school football team. Scott pleads with him not to but Mrs Collins makes it clear that Scott will need to prove himself to the whole school community if he wants the position back. She finished the meeting by emphasising how personally disappointed she was with Scott.