

Smoke in your Eyes

A Teaching Resource Exploring Tobacco Issues

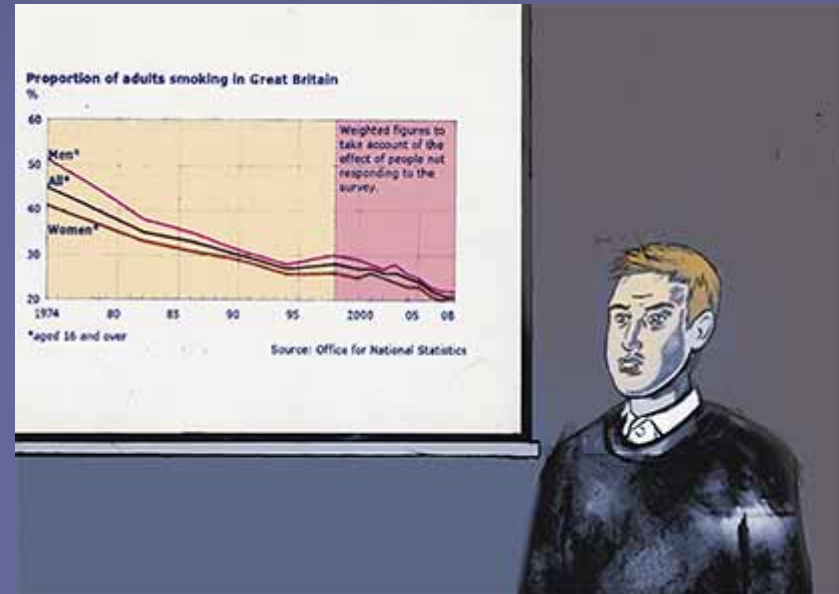
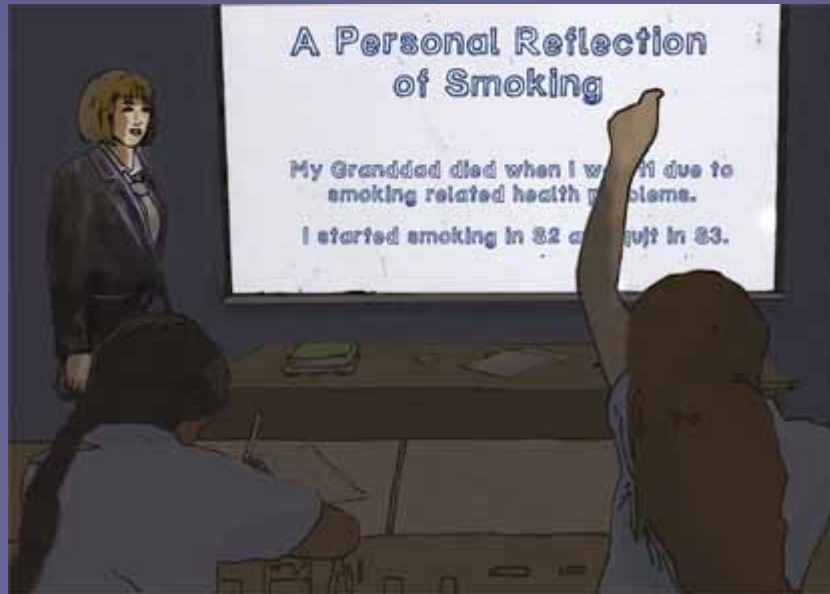
Scott and Hannah: **S5/S6 Story**



Scott and Hannah are now in sixth year at school. Their Pupil Support teacher Mrs Parry asks to speak to the pair and explains that she is looking for pupils to deliver a presentation to the S1/S2 pupils focused on smoking and the impact it has had on young people's lives and their community. She is aware of both Scott and Hannah's personal experiences and feel they are ideal to do this. The pair agrees to take on this role and spend a long time researching and preparing their presentation.



Scott focuses on the local community and the impact smoking has on their society in terms of health, cost and social issues. Hannah employs her personal experience of tobacco to reflect on different areas. She thinks back to how it impacted on her when her Granddad died in Primary School and her own struggles with quitting smoking and how she beat her addiction.



On the day of the presentation, both feel nervous and are worried that the younger pupils will not be interested in what they have to say. However, nothing could be further from the truth, as the pupils enjoyed learning from their peers rather than the presentations being led by adults. They also felt they could relate to their situations better and appreciated Hannah sharing her personal experiences with them.



The talk was a huge success and Mrs Parry was delighted with Scott and Hannah's efforts and the genuine enthusiasm they had created in the audience for the topic of tobacco issues. By doing the presentations, Scott and Hannah reflected back on all that they had learned about tobacco issues through school and their life experiences. They felt equipped and ready to deal with the new challenges ahead of them together – whatever they may happen to be.