

# Exemplar

## Foundation Project

### Unit: P101

### Topic: Knife Crime

**"KNIFE CRIME IS A FACT OF LIFE FOR TEENAGERS"**

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By order of The Government

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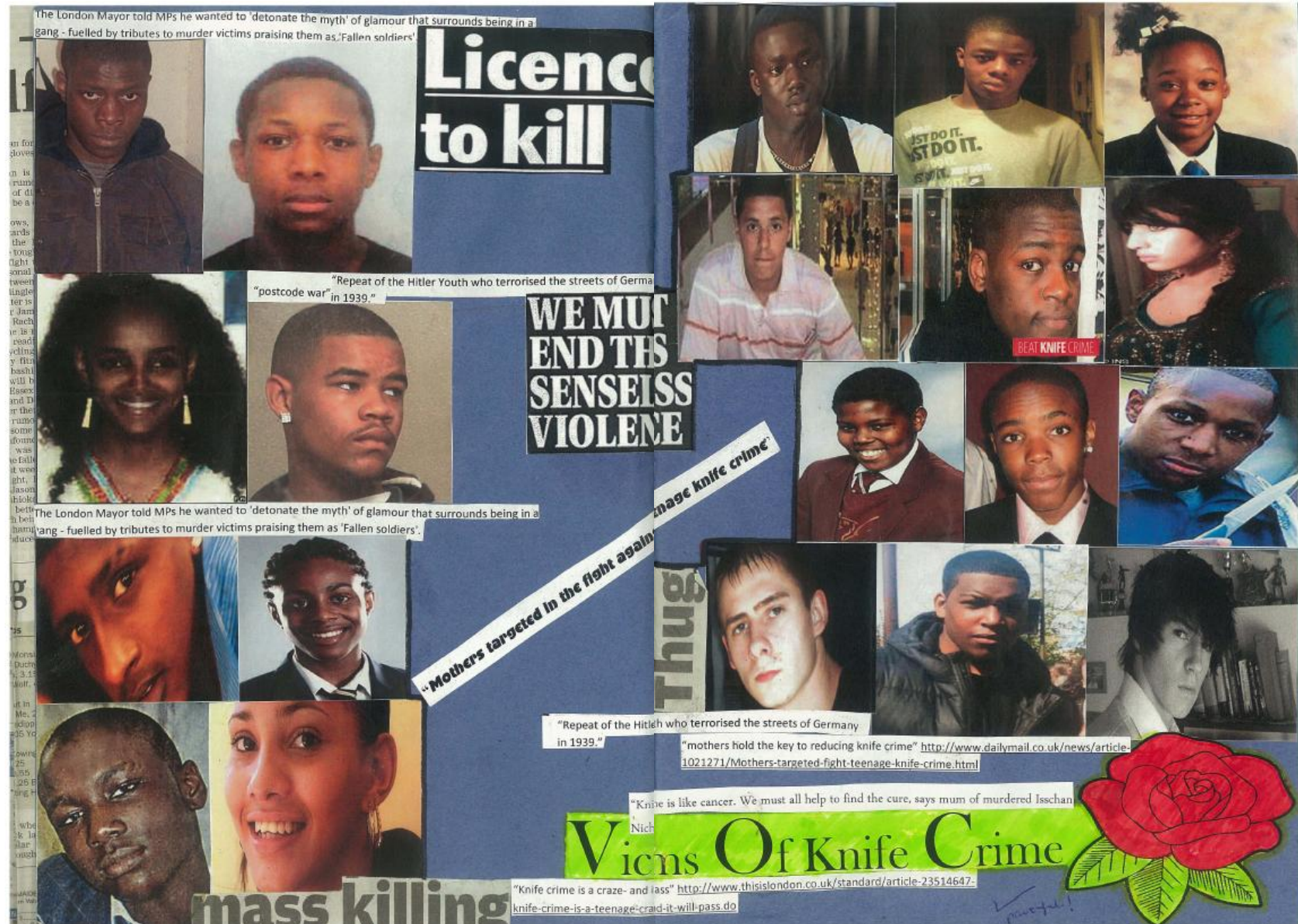
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## **Knife Crime**

### **Introduction**

For my personal project, I have chosen to do a project about knife crime. My question for this project is: Gang Culture: Are teenagers turning to knives for respect? What are the government doing about it? The reason I have chosen to do my project on knife crime is because I want to learn more knife crime; I am curious to find out if teenagers are turning to knives for respect and confidence. I want to know if knife crime is being glamourized in media e.g. TV, internet etc. I also want to find out if knife crime is being exaggerated. This project is going to give me an opportunity to boost my knowledge on knife crime. I intend to make a power point on my research/information. My plan for my project is to collect all the required research/information by our second milestone, which is on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010. My research/information include-questionnaires, surveys, facts, statistics etc.





### **My Research**

My research has been an eye-opener, I have found out so much through my research. The research that I have done has proved to me that it is mostly black males that are involved in knife crime. Girls are rarely involved in knife crime. On the other hand, this doesn't mean that knife crime doesn't affect everyone because it does; it doesn't matter who you are, anyone can be a victim of knife crime. I also found out that a lot of Knife crime usually occurs in London (mostly in the black communities). In the 21st Century teenagers seem to be turning to VIOLENCE as a solution. Knife crime is part of the "Gang Culture", the main reasons teenagers are turning to knives these days is to gain respect from their friends and for protection. Some of them don't even want to be carrying a knife or be part of the gang, they just want to be protected, so they do all they can to achieve that and they do that by joining gangs. Most of them follow a crowd. A lot of teenagers are scared to report someone carrying a knife because they don't want to look or be a "Snitch" because prove themselves to their friends by carrying a knife to gain. Knife crime rates are decreasing and that a good improvement.

### **Facts and Statistics**

According to my research, the first fatal stabbing happened in 2008, in the early hours of the New Year. 50 knife attacks were recorded by police in May 2006. Males aged 14-24 are at risk of knife crime. In total 27 teenagers were stabbed to death in London. Children that carry a knife were victimised more than the ones that didn't carry one; it just that you don't need to carry a knife to feel safe and protected. <http://www.sayno2knives.co.uk/Facts.html>. 25% of people know someone who has been a victim of knife crime (29<sup>th</sup> June 2009). <http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/media-centre/crime-in-the-news/crime-news-archive/june-2009--crime-in-the-news/young-people-think-knife-crime-outlook-is-bleak>.

### **Questionnaire**

When I carried it out my research, I found out that a lot of people that took part in the questionnaire were against Knife Crime. In total 5 people took part in my questionnaire. 3/5 people out of the five people thought that the government are not doing enough to stop knife crime from happening. 3 of the people that took part in the questionnaire knew someone that carries a knife. 2/5 people knew someone that has been stabbed. Overall everyone agreed with my argument that knife crime was bad. Everyone agreed that the media exaggerated how young people act "Yes because music/ rap influence youths and also films ....." This is a quote from my questionnaire.

### **Other Information Sources e.g. Pictures, Internet, Newspapers etc.**

This part of my research was also very useful and informative. I read a lot of devastating stories; they made me realise that knife crime affects everyone. The reality of how bad knife really is hit me, innocent people die from knives. Most of these incidents are part of gang wars and some are part of mistaken identities.



# Questionnaire

1. Do you know someone that carries a knife?

Yes ☒

No ☐

2. What do you think about Knife Crime?

I think its wrong because if you don't mean ~~to~~ to kill someone then don't carry a knife because an accident could happen.

3. Do you think the government are doing enough to reduce Knife Crime?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If your answer is no, state why below

Because its still happening and people are still dying, not alot they can do.

4. Do you know anyone who was stabbed?

Yes ☒

No ☐

5. Do you knife crime is common with:

Young People ☒

Adults ☐

Other .....

6. Do you think the media affects how young people act?

yes because music/ raps influence youths and also films where people may see its alright.

7. Are young people turning to knives for "Respect"?

Sort of, and also they thinks its protection.

8. If you <sup>had an</sup> opportunity to talk to young people about knives, what would you say?

that therer no need because if the kill someone they would have to live with that on there mind. And there giving lawyers a job (also judges)

9. If you were the Prime Minister, what would you do about knife crime?

I would give the youths something to do in there spare time to keep them occupied and not turn to knives.

# Questionnaire

1. Do you know someone that carries a knife?

Yes ☒

No ☐

2. What do you think about Knife Crime?

I think it's bad because you could end up harming someone.

3. Do you think the government are doing enough to reduce Knife Crime?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If your answer is no, state why below

4. Do you know anyone who was stabbed?

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Yes, because they exaggerate

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No

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What makes you carry a knife when you know what the consequences are?

9. If you were the Prime Minister, what would you do about knife crime?

Ban it!

# Questionnaire

1. Do you know someone that carries a knife?

Yes ☐

No ☒

2. What do you think about Knife Crime?

I think knife crime is bad. carrying a knife is nothing but a danger to yourself and others.

3. Do you think the government are doing enough to reduce Knife Crime?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If your answer is no, state why below

Because it's still happening now. Carrying of knives has been reduced but not stopped.

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No ☒

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Other .....

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Sometimes. Music with swearing or aggressive language has an impact.

7. Are young people turning to knives for 'Respect'?

Knives don't bring you respect. It brings danger and trouble.

8. If you <sup>had an</sup> opportunity to talk to young people about knives, what would you say?

I'd advise them not to. It doesn't make them better.

9. If you were the Prime Minister, what would you do about knife crime?

Reduce it and finally stop it.  
I'd raise more awareness too.



# Questionnaire

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Yes ☒ No ☐
2. What do you think about Knife Crime?  
I think it is shocking and frightening. The person know only carries a knife to use for scout activities
3. Do you think the government are doing enough to reduce Knife Crime?  
Yes ☐ No ☒  
If your answer is no, state why below  
It is still too easy to buy knives, eg on the internet
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Yes ☐ No ☒
5. Do you knife crime is common with:  
Young People ☒  
Adults ☐  
Other \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you think the media affects how young people act?  
Yes I think they copy behaviour from television programmes and films.
7. Are young people turning to knives for "Respect"?  
I think they might be.
8. If you <sup>had an</sup> opportunity to talk to young people about knives, what would you say?  
I would ask them to consider the consequences of being caught carrying a knife.
9. If you were the Prime Minister, what would you do about knife crime?  
I would make it much harder to buy knives.

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If your answer is no, state why below

they are not and they need to do more.

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Other .....

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yes

7. Are young people turning to knives for 'Respect'?

yes of course

8. If you <sup>had an</sup> opportunity to talk to young people about knives, what would you say?

talk to these teenagers and actually do more to stop it

9. If you were the Prime Minister, what would you do about knife crime?

abolish them simple.

## **Knife Crime Notes.**

### **Facts & Statistics - From say No to Knives -**

- The first fatal stabbing that happened in the UK in 2008 was in the early hours of the New Year!
- Most people who are at risk are Males aged between 14-24
- On May bank holiday 2006 (27th-29th May (6) the police recorded 50 Knife attacks
- In the UK knife crime happens every 24 minutes< - in London it is every 50 minutes
- From July 2007 - October 2007 there were 5,500 serious knife crimes
- In 2007 - 27 Teenagers were stabbed to death in London
- Knife crime affects everyone, no matter who you are. Do not think, just because you are a girl, or you're over 30 that you will be excused from it.
- 28% of children in schools and 57% that were excluded said they have carried a knife in the last year
- 9% of school children and 30% of excluded said they carried a nick knife (which is illegal)
- 3% in school and 14% excluded said they used a knife against another person
- 3%,in school and 21% excluded said they had threatened another person with a weapon
- More school, children who carried a knife were victimised than those who didn't carry one
- 62% of children who were excluded were a victim carried a knife compared with the 51% who didn't
- 15% of children .in schools felt "a bit" or "very unsafe" according to the Youth Justice Board
- "A total of 319 people - 228 adults and 91 youths under 18 - were found in possession of a sharp, instrument by Met police during April - - representing an "average" month'." (The London Paper, Monday 16th June')







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The Home Office's 'It Doesn't have to happen' campaign, which aims to reduce knife carrying among 10 - 16 year olds.

The youth taskforce are a group of young people, aged 15 to 20, and from communities touched by knife crime, which will be spreading the campaign messages to their peers.

The advertising employs the powerful message 'carry a knife and lose your life' demonstrating how -easily carrying a knife can lead to death, loss of freedom or serious injury.

Research has shown that messages make the most impact for this age group when they come from their peers who have experience of the issue and can talk first-hand about the consequences.

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The next phase of the campaign include :

- \* Two television and online adverts. The first of these is based on the testimonials of real inmates at a young offenders institute serving sentences for knife offences. This advert will run on youth websites and TV music channels - including Kiss, 4 Music and the Box;
- \* Posters which portray the punitive consequences of carrying a knife will be displayed at bus stops in key areas across England and Wales ;
- \* Youth taskforce campaigners from cities across the UK including London, Leeds, Cardiff and Bristol who will spread campaign messages in their local communities and via the campaign Bebo site; and
- \* Music video 'Don't Shank Just Skank' members of the taskforce and top house music artists.' including Donaeo and DJ Luck and MC Neat spreading anti-knife messages through music and dance. The video will be available on the Bebo site.

Policing and Crime Minister David Hanson MP said:

"The vast majority of young people are honest and law-abiding, and won't tolerate violence in their neighbourhood. This campaign targets the small minority who break the law.

"More people are now going to prison for carrying weapons and sentences are longer than this time last year. Through this campaign we are sending out a clear message that people who break the law and continue to carry offensive weapons will face tough penalties".

Youth taskforce member, Aaron Jervis, from east London said:

"I've been stabbed myself, and it was a really traumatic experience. I got involved with 'It Doesn't Have to Happen' because I know that nobody can get through to young people better than other young people. It's only by working together that we can help put an end to knife crime."



Olympic gold medallist and campaign supporter James DeGale said:

"I know knife crime doesn't have to happen and I'm taking part in the campaign because I'm from the same background that these young people are from I know what happens on the streets and anything I can do to support the fight against knives, I will.

"If I had one message for British youth it would be relax you, be positive, do something constructive and it will be cool."

Association of Chief Police Officers on Crime, Chief Constable Keith Bristow from Warwickshire Police, said: "We welcome any initiative that discourages that small minority of young people from, carrying knives or engaging in any form of violent behavior that harms people in our community."

Since its launch in May last year millions of young people have-been reached by the television, radio and online advertising and over 10,000 are friends of the 'It doesn't have to happen' Bebo site. 'It

## Discussion

Gang Culture: Are teenagers turning to **Knives** for **Respect**? This is my project title. I chose this because I 'was very curious about the issue of Knife Crime. Knife is closely related to gage culture, drugs, guns and alcohol. The way a child is brought up determines how they are going to be when they grow up. Are we justified to blame parents for appalling up-bringing of these teenagers? Or is it in our place to, blame the government for the lack of action towards Knife Crime? They government are doing something to stop knife crime and that is why the Home Office launched the It Doesn't Have to Happen Campaign; it was launched all ' across the country in May 2009. This is a National Anti-Knife Crime campaign. <http://www.bebo.com/itdoesnthavetohappen>. This campaign helps tackle knife crime, a song was made in support of the campaign Don't Shank, Just Shank (it doesn't have to happen).

Based on the evidence I have found and included in my project I can honestly say that teenagers are turning to knives for respect. Referring back to my questionnaire most people that took part in it, agreed that teenagers are turning to knives for respect. These days the easiest way to gain respect for these teenagers is, to join a gang and carry a knife. They are fooled by themselves for thinking that carrying a knife will protect you because it won't, it will turn on you instead. Teenagers that carry a knife are more likely to get stabbed than those that don't carry one. Knife crime is part of "postcode wars" (these are gang wars) these wars claim the lives of teenagers each year and this is the main reason for all this violence. Sometimes innocent people lose their lives to these gang wars and sometimes it's a case of mistaken identity; once a deed is done you can't reverse it. We have a corrupt society; it's scary to think that where you live can determine your fate.

Britain is a multicultural society but from the evidence I have got, it's clear to see that it's mostly black;' mix raced teenagers that are involved in knife crime. 18 Of the

24 teenagers in stabbed were of African or Caribbean descent and most of them were murdered in London. "The number of mostly male African-Caribbean teenagers being slain by knives in this vibrant city is growing at an alarming rate," Juliana Koranteng. Like I said before, are we to blame the parents for these juvenile kids? Or are we to blame the juvenile' teenagers themselves? Maybe we are justified to blame the media for the enormous amount of influence it has on young people, Most people 'follow what-they see on TV; the media has the power to make you things you wouldn't normally do. I also think the media helps create stereotypes, for example people are given the stereotype that If you see a group of hooded black/mix-raced teenage boys, you are given the natural impression that they are going to do something bad, so you automatically cross the road because of the typical stereotype. This just goes to show that the media portray a negative stereotype.

A knife is the latest and most dangerous weapon used these days. Guns are not used often these days; this is due to the fact that knives are easier to get hold of than a gun. Knives claims more lives than guns do. "We are appalled by the number of people, killed through the use of guns and knives; we are further appalled that, although the number of people who are killed by knives is three times higher than those who are killed by guns, the legal system treats knife crimes less seriously than gun crimes," stated a public petition submitted to the parliament's House of Commons. Knife crime is dangerous and should be treated seriously.

London's poverty in some areas like Peckham is one of the main factors to crime like knife crime. Teenagers living in areas like these are more likely to turn to crime to provide for the families, this is where gangs come along- they need to join a gang for protection. The government need to do more to improve conditions like these. Teenagers are constantly living in fear in area like these, some girls are involved in knife crime but rape is common but these days gang rape is more regular and common. No one is safe from knife crime. Their areas in London that the police don't go into because their too dangerous and therefore the responsibility to control knife crime is left to the community.

doesn't have to happen: supports the work of the cross-government Tackling Knives Action Programme (TKAP). TKAP operates across in England and Wales in the areas most affected by serious youth violence to change behaviour and attitudes among young people.

**A new group of people have hit the streets determined to tackle knife crime. Find out about the taskforce.**

## **It Doesn't Have to Happen**

Back in 2008, the Home Office launched a national campaign against knife crime. The campaign targeted under 16s.

The Home Office brought together 18 people who together campaigned for It Doesn't Have to Happen (IDHTH). Since then IDHTH has come up with loads of different ways to fight knife crime. You've probably seen their [Bebo](#) page and their adverts at bus stops and on billboards and on TV.

## **Task force**

Earlier this month IDHTH launched a brand new youth taskforce. 27 campaigners aged between 15 and 20, with their own experience in knife crime, hit the streets to spread the word. The taskforce aims to inform people of the effects of knife crime. Their target audience? People their own age. Don't be surprised if you see the taskforce in and around your local area. Campaigners are travelling to cities like London, Leeds and Bristol to share their experiences.

"I got involved with 'It Doesn't Have to Happen' because I know that nobody can get through to young people better than other young people," explains taskforce campaigner Aron Jervis.

## **Don't risk it**

Carrying a knife around is risky and dangerous. You may have seen posters and adverts which show the possible consequences of carrying a knife. A young offenders' institute doesn't sound very appealing does it?

## **Don't Shank Just Skank**

With the help of music artists like MC Neat and DJ Luck, the taskforce produced their own track. 'Don't Shank Just Skank' is a funky house-inspired anthem which spreads the anti-knife crime message on a heavy beat.

[Listen to the track and watch the video here.](#)

## **Bebo**

The taskforce have also been spreading the message online. They've completely taken over IDHTH's [Bebo](#) page!

Want to show your support? Visit their page and add them as a friend. Why not encourage your friends to add them too? You could also post comments and enter their polls.

**Get involved** There are many ways that you can take a stand against knife crime. You could organise a club night or themed activities, or design posters. You could also rally up your friends and family and get them to sign a petition. This way you'll be able to pass the info on to your local council to show them that people in your community have an opinion.



# THE EVIDENCE

Youth knife crime in London between April 1 and June 30, 2008

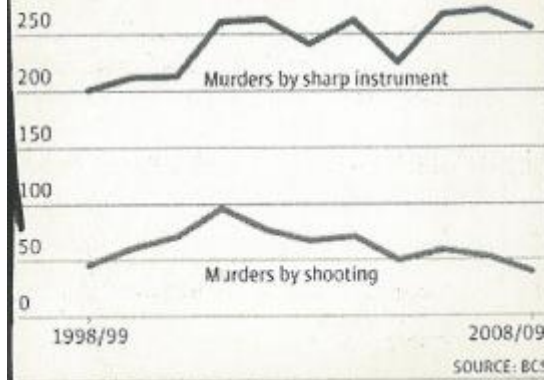
■ People aged under 18 proceeded against/accused

■ Victims of knife crime aged under 18

White	<b>60</b>	<b>222</b>
Mixed	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>
Black	<b>124</b>	<b>61</b>
Asian	<b>14</b>	<b>40</b>
Other minority ethnic group	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>
Not stated	<b>3</b>	<b>292</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>637</b>

## Knife and gun murders

Homicid involving guns and sharp instruments in England and Wales



## **Conclusion/ Evaluation**

This project was to help me get an insight into the latest knife crime craze among teenagers and I was also intending to find out if teenagers were turning to knives for RESPECT. I did a lot of research on my proposed issue and I found out a lot of shocking revelations from my research. My research was a real eye-opener. I found out that **London** is the "MAIN CAPITAL" of knife crime. The horror of these horrific crimes is buried behind the glamour, beauty and elegance of London. I was very disappointed and shocked to find out that most (knife crime, gang crime etc.) of these crimes are committed by black teenagers, when black people make up a small part of London's population.

My opinion has changed completely because at first I used to blame these teenagers for the ruthless crimes they commit, but my research made me think about the people behind them, their parents. I think parents might be to blame and I do understand that it must be hard to raise these teenagers in highly densely areas of London like Peckham.

I have learned to be organised and to have a plan, this is crucial because it helps guide you through the investigation. I have learned that it is important to get all the written work done before you do everything else. Timing is also very important when you're doing an investigation because it helps you complete tasks in the time you have set yourself. It was very hard and easy to find certain information on the internet; Google was the most useful source in my investigation, it was easy to find information but it was also hard at times, I recall how I spent 25mins looking for a piece of information on the internet. The other useful sources were books, magazines and newspapers; they helped me retain a lot of reliable information.

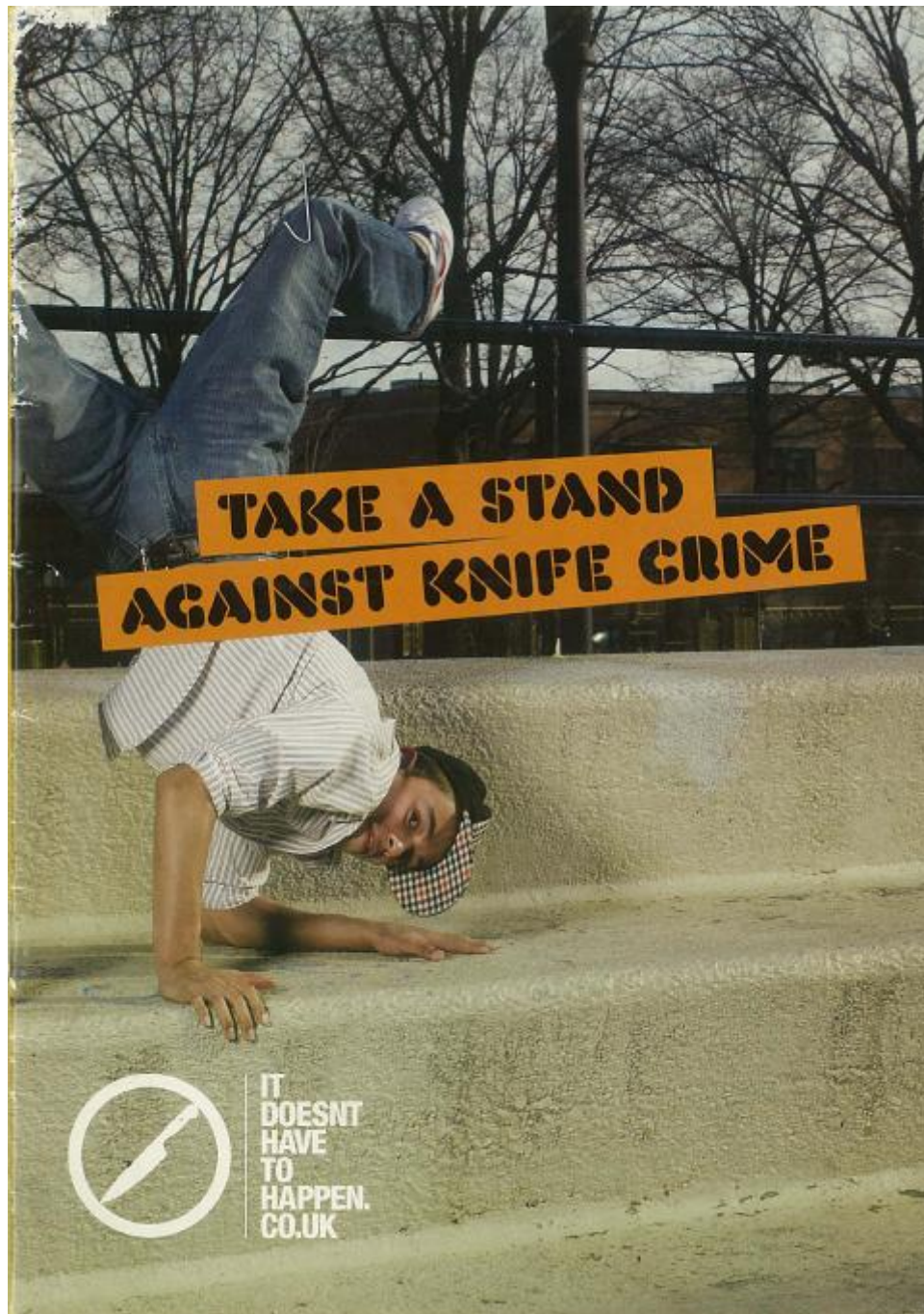
I think using the sketchbook as a way to present my investigation worked very well. It was an original idea and creative idea; I am very pleased with myself for coming up with this idea.

I think my project went very well because I worked hard and I put a lot of effort into my work. I was very good at getting information. I also think I did well on my sketchbook, it looks very good and it also contains all the information. There's a little bit of everything in my project. I was very happy with myself because I was able to analyse information, this is a skill I have definitely improved on. Overall I think that my project - was really successful it is very visual and informative. This is possibly the best project I have done. I enjoyed working on knife crime; I was glad that we were given the chance to do the project on whatever we wanted to do; this allowed us to be creative because the teachers didn't limit us.

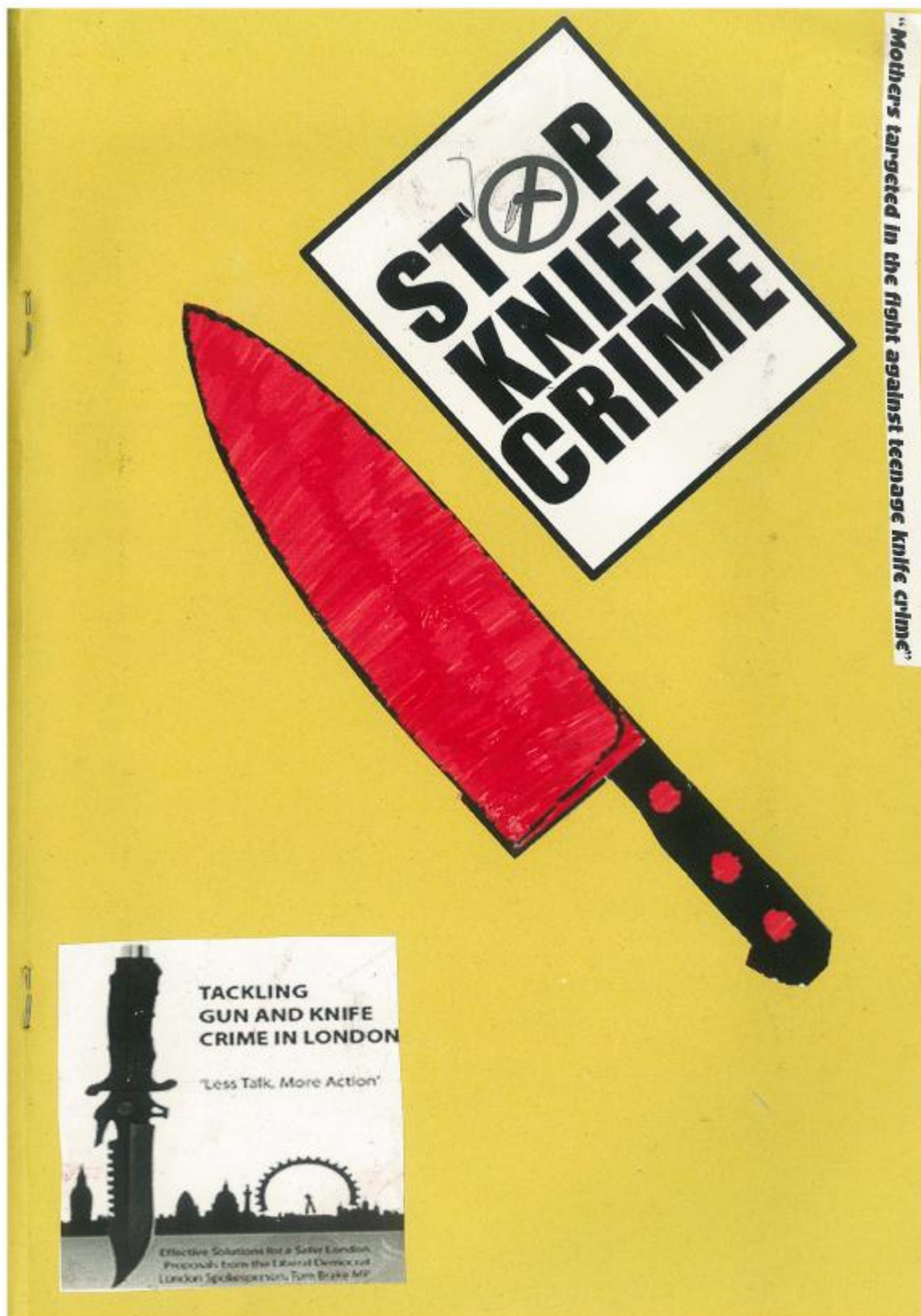
Timing is definitely something that I would do different next time; I think I let myself down a lot when it came to timing. I spent too much time on one thing, for example I spent too much time on obtaining pictures. Next time I will make sure I time everything I do. I also think I need to improve on my organisation skills; I let myself down in this area as well.

I think I could extend and develop my project in the future by connecting/ relating it with gun crime. I think this will make the project a lot better

because my investigation will be tackling two of the most deadly crimes. Gun crime also causes a lot of problems in London.









### **Game Over 4 Knives**

Game Over 4 Knives is a website that allows young people to learn about the issues around knife crime and the different ways of giving information to Crimestoppers.

The charity Crimestoppers now has three ways to give information anonymously about crime:

- ∴ Phone (0800 555111)
- ∴ Text (currently only available in London)
- ∴ Online form

The Crimestoppers text service is currently only available in London and should only be used to give information anonymously about people who are carrying knives.

Crimestoppers is a charity and not part of the police. All of the information you give to us is anonymous and can never be traced back to you. The charity has been running for over 20 years, Crimestoppers has not broken their promise of anonymity in all this time!

All we do is pass what you tell us onto the police.

If you know someone who is carrying a knife, or has used one to attack someone, you have nothing to lose by telling the charity Crimestoppers about this or any other crime. Help us to get the knives off our streets and help save lives.

Check out the Game Over 4 Knives website to find out how you can make a difference. The website also has a 'knife drop' game, a knife crime resource, information about the law and useful links.

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**Consider one of these questions, all could be very interesting topics for you to study in more depth for your.....**

**'Personal Project!'**

- If teenagers knew more about the risks of drinking alcohol, they would limit their intake. (Discuss)



- Should a law be introduced to stop smoking in cars carrying children?



- Should children with disabilities go to mainstream special



schools?



- Is it better to give birth to a baby at home or in hospital?



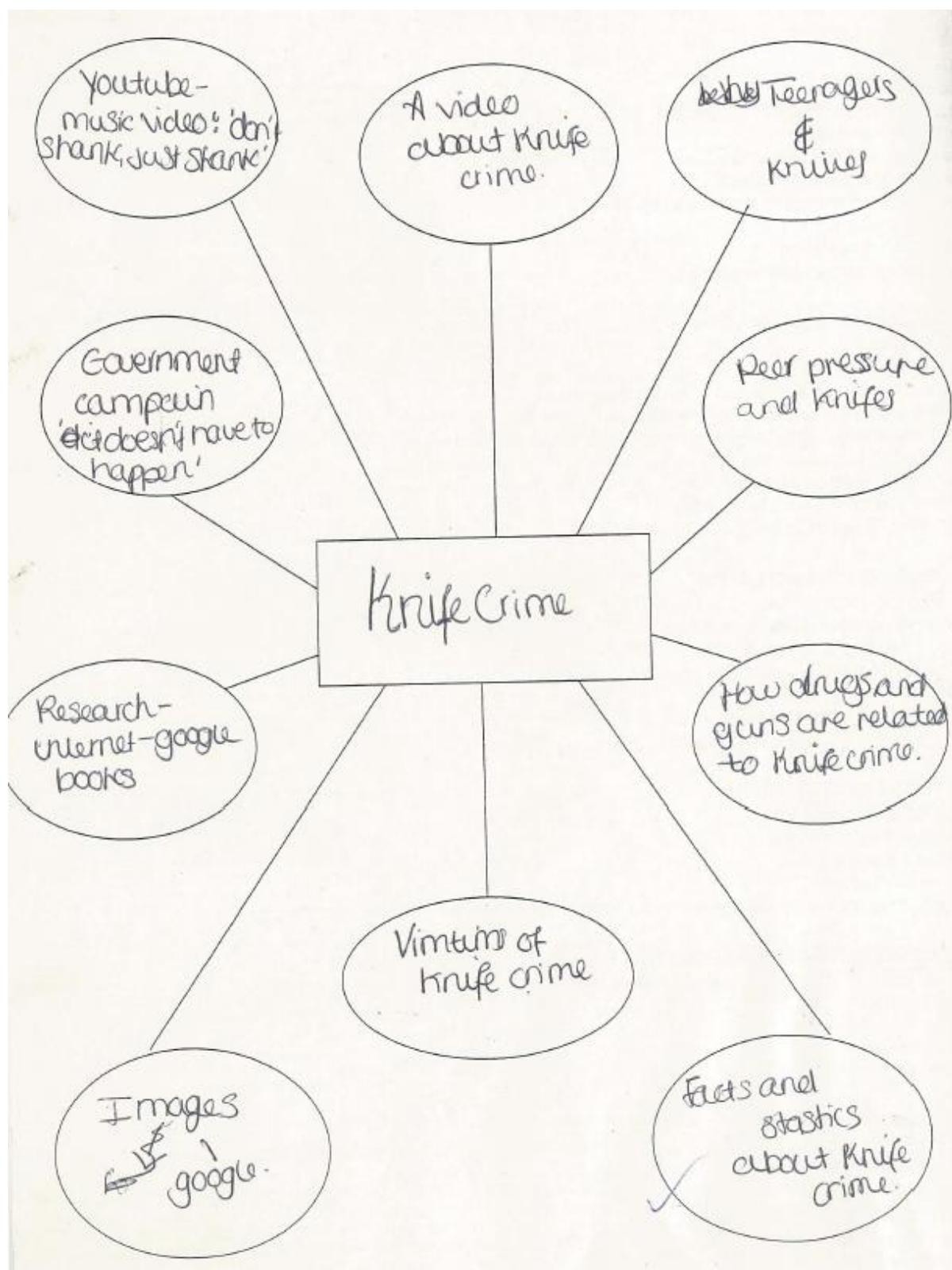
- Is it better for an elderly person to live in their own



home or in a residential care home?

Other possible topics for research could include: -

- School toilets,
- Knife crime
- Age of criminal responsibility,
- Child protection,
- School dinners,
- Teenage pregnancy



# too close to home after cargo plane bomb plot

Investigations into a terror plot involving an explosive device at East Midlands Airport have been taking place over the weekend. **Marcus Boocock** reports



It was not well executed, but I still think we should be wary. If it had gone off it would have killed a few, which is obviously too many, but I don't believe it would have been large scale

**Newark MP Patrick Mercer**

THE EYES of the world – including US President Barack Obama's – were on East Midlands Airport this weekend after a suspicious package sparked a terror alert on both sides of the Atlantic.

And today, questions are still being asked about how the device – now found to have been capable of causing an explosion – ended up on a freight plane in the heart of the UK's Midlands.

The drama began to unfold at lunchtime on Friday, when news came that a package had been found on a cargo plane at East Midlands Airport.

As is common in such instances, a cordon was put up and tests were done on the item.

There had been a tip-off from Saudi intelligence but after a six-hour sweep, Leicestershire Police had found nothing and removed a security perimeter.

But when officials in Dubai said they had discovered a bomb disguised as a computer printer cartridge, authorities urged the British to look again, a US official said.

"As a direct consequence, they put the cordon back up again and looked again and found the explosives," said British aviation safety consultant Chris Yates.

Like the package found in Dubai, the East Midlands device was hidden in a printer cartridge and was packed with explosive material Pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN), which is a plastic explosive favoured by al-Qaida because it is colourless, odourless and cannot be easily detected.

Newark MP Patrick Mercer, formally the head of the counter-terrorism sub-committee, has criticised Leicestershire Police's handling of the situation.

## Prime suspect for terror



**Bomb maker:** Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri

US officials say no one has yet claimed responsibility for the plot.

But they have said it bears the hallmarks of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).

One of the prime suspects is Saudi-born bomb maker Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri.

He is also believed to be behind an attempt to blow up a plane bound for Detroit on Christmas Day last year.

Explosives found on that occasion also contained Pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN).

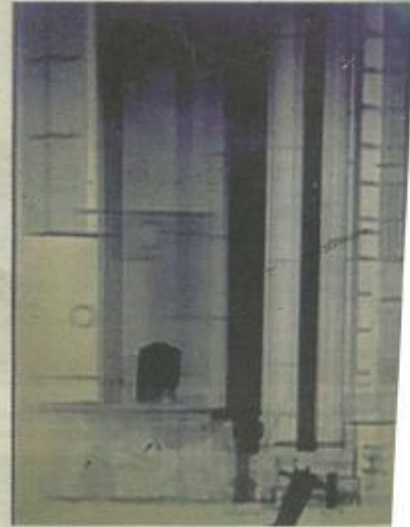
Al-Asiri also helped make another PETN device for a failed suicide attempt against a Saudi Arabia's counter-terrorism chief last year. The official survived but the attacker died.

US deputy national security adviser, John Brennan, told an American news channel: "AQAP has been outspoken in its determination to carry out attacks. Yes, it certainly points in that direction."

No one from Leicestershire Police was available for comment.



**Investigation:** The explosive device found at East Midlands Airport sparked a terror alert on both sides of the Atlantic.



**Explosive device:** X Ray images of the toner cartridge at East Midlands Airport.

immediate danger.

"It was secured for further examination and cordons were removed."

"Further examination of the package by explosives officers identified items of concern."

"Cordons were put back in place as a precaution prior to items being removed for further scientific analysis."

Cammeron said the device found at the airport may have been blown up by the plane's crew, though it was unclear where this was a place.

But Mr Mercer believes the UK would have executed, but I should be wary