

Drugs Workshop

Audience: KS3 (Year 7 & Year 8)

Time: 45 minutes

Capacity: Up to 50 pupils



Learning Outcomes

- To understand what a drug is;
- To be able to explain the differences between legal and illegal drugs;
- To understand some of the social, financial, health and legal consequences of getting involved with drugs.

Our Drugs Workshop aims to inform pupils about the differences between legal and illegal drugs, and to discuss in groups some of the implications of getting involved with drugs, including the social, financial, legal and health consequences.

Pupils will sit in 'The Street' area and will be asked to think about what a drug is, and offer a definition. They will then be asked to list any drugs they have heard of.

There will then be a short discussion about illegal drugs in terms of the offences of possession and supply, and the severity of legal penalties, and the differences between legal and illegal drugs.

Children will then be split into smaller groups and will be asked to think about the consequences of getting involved with drugs, and list their ideas under the four headings of social, financial, legal and health. They will be given 10-15 minutes to do this before presenting back to the rest of the group with their answers.

At the end of the workshop, pupils will have the opportunity to view our 'drugs box' which has been provided by the police. This contains imitation examples of what some drugs may look like in their different forms.



Did you know?

About 22% of 11-15 year olds have taken an illegal substance at some point in their lifetime.