



Knife Crime



From Monday 13th May to Sunday 19th May 2024, forces across the country will coordinate their increased activity under Sceptre, the year-round national policing approach formerly known as Operation Sceptre.

On Wednesday 15th May 2024 Cambian Hartlepool School had a visit from Local Poolie PC Geoffrey Coggin of Cleveland Police to deliver a talk on Knife crime and the effects of this in the local area.



The chat was engaging and took the students through the effects it can have on not only the people carrying the knife but also the effect it has on family, friends and the neighbourhood.

An interesting statistic the students learnt today, is that Cleveland is ranked number 1 for knife and violent crimes in the UK. I'm sure they would prefer to be ranked number 1 for something else (like the local football team). This statistic was eye opening for the students and showed them just how much things have changed over the last few years in the area they live in.



PC Coggin (or now known to the students as Coggy) was great with the students, sat around with them and answered any questions they have regarding his job role and any incidents he has been involved in.

One of our students aspires to be a police officer when he is older and even had the joys of trying on the police hat (I'm not sure the pose would go down well when dealing with crime!)



Leading up to this visit the students had been looking into Knife Crime and impact of gangs in the community within their English and PSHE Lessons. This led them to making their own posters to help support the campaign for stopping knife crime.



Again a massive thank you to Coggy of Cleveland Police. A very insightful and engaging chat. It was nice for a lot of our students to see a policeman in a positive way and be able to chat to them freely and openly.

