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Watch this space!

Our final newsletter of this academic year brings some very exciting news... A brand new resource will soon be available FREE to all schools within the Northumbria Police area. This is a library of teaching resources which feed into the PSHE curriculum, and they are all written by teachers for teachers. The topic areas covered are: Relationships; Keeping Safe; and Understanding the Law. We will provide more details before the end of the academic year.

Focus on: Knife crime

The impact of knife-related incidents on victims, their families and the wider community is huge, and we are passionate about talking to children and young people about the risks associated with carrying blades. For the last few months our team has been delivering knife crime awareness sessions, engaging with 2263 students in 35 schools to date. We've had some great feedback including, "The session was very informative and clearly addressed some of the misconceptions pupils had around carrying knives... The information that was shared was appropriate... and I think the children really learnt something." We have many more sessions already booked in before the end of this term. [Please get in touch](#) if you'd like to find out more about hosting us.

Operation Sceptre:

The week of May 13-19th will see more activity in the tackling of knife crime as part of this national week of action. Our team's contribution will be delivering sessions on knife crime awareness and we still have some availability during that week if schools would like to host us. We offer these deliveries to upper-KS2, KS3/4 and KS5, and we will soon be circulating presentations and accompanying teacher notes for each key stage. These are designed for teachers to deliver themselves, so keep a look out for an email coming your way soon.

The Knife Angel:

This awe-inspiring and thought-provoking artwork will be visiting our region again, and this time it's coming to Keel Square, Sunderland in June. [Visit this website](#) and [read this article](#) to find out more.

Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) and Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)

Crimestoppers/Fearless has made available a free-to-download resource for professionals working with young people. It explains what HSB and CSA are (including when they take place online), highlights the signs of HSB and CSA, how to report and get support. [Visit this website](#) to access the resource.

Water safety

Summer will soon be here (hopefully) and water-related incidents always increase at this time of year. At SafetyWorks! our team works alongside RNLI lifeguards who deliver water safety sessions all year round and we'd like to highlight some of their free online resources that can be used in school. [Visit this website](#) to explore what's available for all key stages.