

WHAT IS THE NO MORE KNIVES TOUR?

> *THAT WAS THE BEST EXTERNAL TEAM AND PRESENTATION I'VE SEEN DELIVERED IN A LESSON IN MY 25 YEARS OF TEACHING*
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> *- Liam Horrigan*
> *Vice Principal of Manchester Academy*

ABOUT

The Message Trust is a Christian charity with over 30 years experience of schools work, who are passionate about young people knowing their true worth and identity.

When we heard that knife crime was on the rise and that young people were being directly affected, we knew that something had to change.

The No More Knives has been touring the UK since 2019. Lessons include music performances, video content, personal stories and presentations on knife crime that present the realities of knife crime, whilst also informing, equipping and empowering students with the skills and knowledge they need to say "no" to knives and make positive choices. Each tour is delivered in partnership with the local police, local authorities and churches.

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Between 2020 and 2026 The Message Trust has delivered over 50 national 'No More Tours' to over 250,000 young people, and awarded the best community safety project award by Salford City Council in 2023.

Feedback from students...

"I won't carry a knife any more"

"I now feel safer"

"I was thinking of carrying one but the session made me rethink"

"I was empowered to make the right choices."

"I was helped to make right choices in life and get a better future too."

AIM

To inform, equip and empower secondary school students to make good choices around the subject of knife crime and to say "no" to knives. Through the tour lessons we teach students about the dangers and consequences of carrying a knife and educate them about how they can play their part in being the solution to having safer streets. We also aim to signpost young people to amnesty/surrender bins and police stations where students can safely hand in knives.

FORMAT

Timetable

We encourage all schools to allow the programme to be delivered to every student in one day. This is done by each year group receiving their session in the hall in back-to-back lessons.

Example timetable

Period 1	9:15–10:15	Year 7
Period 2	10:15–11:15	Year 8
Period 3	11:30–12:30	Year 9
Period 4	13:15–14:15	Year 10
Period 5	14:15–15:15	Year 11

Concert

At the end of the tour, we aim to book a local venue and invite the students to a concert. This is an opportunity for the young people to see the bands that were in their school perform, continue to be equipped to say 'no' to knives and hear a talk with a Christian message of hope at its heart.

Our team will consist of

- Presenter
- Guest Speaker
- Band (two or three members)
- Local police officer
- Sound engineer
- Local youth leader from the partner church

Our team will need

Access to the main hall two hours before the first session, to set up the PA and run sound checks. They will also need:

- PA projector and screen for the media.
- Lunch provided.

All other production equipment needed for the lesson will be brought to the school.

Cost – From £1,500 per day (approximately £1.50 per student)

For bookings and more information visit
nomoreknives.org.uk or email **nomoreknives@message.org.uk**

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"STUDENTS WERE GRIPPED ALL THE WAY THROUGH. REALLY ENJOYABLE. FANTASTIC BANDS WITH INSPIRATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS. UNBELIEVABLE REACTION FROM BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF. "

- Nicola Hilton,
PCSO School Engagement Officer, Greater Manchester Police

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"TACKLING VIOLENCE AND REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INJURED BY KNIVES ARE KEY ELEMENTS OF CREATING COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE SAFE. THE NO MORE KNIVES TOUR GETS TO THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM AND THEIR TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED FACILITATORS ENABLE THE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED. THEY KEEP IT REAL AND THEIR OWN PERSONAL LIFE EXPERIENCES CONNECT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. I WHOLE HEARTEDLY RECOMMEND THEM."

- Andrew Pratt MBE,
Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire

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