

### **S3 KNIFE CRIME:**

#### **WRITING A NEWS REPORT –**

- Some of you may have already looked at this in your English classes?
- Reports usually appear in newspapers. They tell readers about events that have been happening in their local area, or national or international news.
- Newspapers are read by people who want information about something that has happened. They want details quickly so reports have to be easy to read and have a snappy presentation style.

#### **YOUR NEWS REPORT**

- When you plan your news story, remember that newspaper reports usually provide the answers to the questions **WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, HOW?**
- The reader must be able to identify the **WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY and HOW** in YOUR news report?
- Who is the main person the story is about?
- What has happened to him/ her/ them?
- Where did the event take place?
- When did it happen?
- Why did it happen?
- How did it take place?

#### **FORMAT**

- the headline catches the reader's attention
- the first paragraph gives the main point of the story and answers the question who
- the following paragraphs provide answers to the questions what, where, when, why and how
- the paragraphs are short and punchy, giving information in a clear and concise way
- there are references to what people said, either using direct speech (use of inverted commas indicates what someone actually said) or reported speech (no inverted commas - the main points of their speech but not in the actual words they said)
- use of past tense because the report refers to an event which has already taken place
- use of columns in accordance with newspaper presentation

**USE THE INFORMATION OVERLEAF TO HELP YOU WRITE YOUR NEWSPAPER REPORT**