



Activity 3b) Why weapons? - School Council scanner report



Hightown Secondary School

**Memo from the Headmaster, Mr Solomon
For the attention of every member of the School council**

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

SCANNER REPORT

(To be discussed at the next meeting of the school council to be held on)

Metal detectors are a familiar site at airports, football matches, concerts, nightclubs and museums.

- Scanners quickly identify persons carrying hidden knives or weapons.
- Many schools are beginning to use metal detectors but this can be controversial.
- Some believe their use in schools is a good way of tackling knife crime, but many teachers and MPs see them as a threat to civil rights.
- The argument looks set to continue for a long time but metal detectors in schools have been common in the United States for many years, supervised by security guards and teachers.
- Other technology that can help detect weapons includes CCTV systems.
- Many schools have found that CCTV has led to many other improvements including;
 - reduction in violence
 - reduction in vandalism & graffiti
 - reduction in pupils carrying drugs and weapons to school
 - reduction in theft
 - general improvement in pupil behaviour