**Balloon debate**

Explain the set up. A motley group of characters have gathered in the basket of a hot air balloon. It launched but hit problems. The balloon is losing height and the only way to save the group is to throw one character out. As it happens that continues until one character is left.

Deciding who to throw out is done by voting by the whole group. This is done after ach character has argued their own case. They must persuade everyone that their survival is the one that will bring most benefit to most people.

The twist is that in this case each of the characters is in some way connected to knife crime. And their speeches must be related to how they think they can reduce it.

The characters could include as below. You will need to decide on whether to as a full class activity or split to smaller groups:

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| A shop keeper selling stab proof vests |
| An ex offender who no longer carries a knife |
| A headteacher who has the power to search learners |
| A police officer with powers to stop search and arrest |
| A newspaper editor who reports crime |
| A manufacturer of metal detectors and scanners |
| A crime stoppers handler |