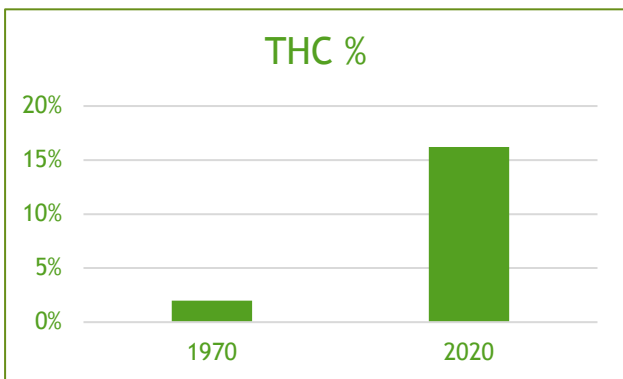




The seriousness of cannabis use has been raised by researchers in recent years due to the potency of THC.

New variants of cannabis such as skunk (80-90% of the UK Market) have been found to contain 16.2% THC.

In comparison, herbal cannabis in the 60s/70s contained a mere 1-2%.



So this begs the question, what is **THC** *really* doing to our bodies?

WANT
TO
KNOW
MORE?

HERE ARE SOME USEFUL WEBSITES
FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY:

WWW.CANNABISSKUNKSENSE.CO.UK

WWW.TALKTOFRANK.COM/DRUGS/CANNABIS

WWW.DRUGWISE.ORG.UK/CANNABIS



CLEAR FACTS ON EFFECTS AND SYMPTOMS CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE NHS WEBSITE BY SEARCHING CANNABIS FACTS!

This leaflet, and other resources relating to the topics covered here, can be found on the school website:



www.egertonhighschool.co.uk

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?



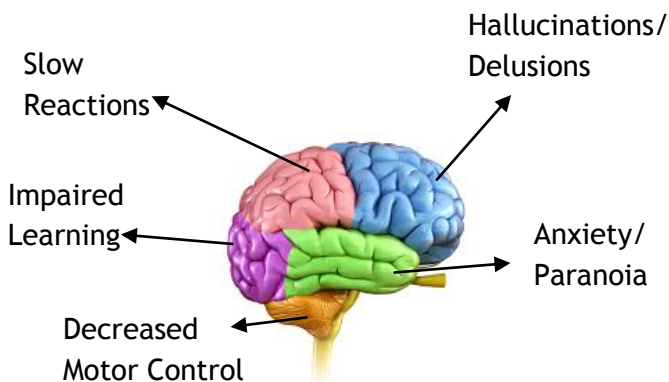
Cannabis is one of the most common drugs used in the UK today. But does anyone really know what's in it, or what it does to our bodies?



FOCUSING ON THE BRAIN!



The brain is the organ most affected by cannabis use. It contains lots of tiny pathways which struggle to function properly under the influence of the chemical THC:



And that's just in a typically functioning brain!

People with pre-existing mental health conditions, such as ADHD or Psychosis are even more severely affected by cannabis use!

And with the percentage of THC in cannabis today, the psychotic effects are FAR GREATER than any relaxing effects!

THE FACTS!

Ever noticed those sudden and unexplained bouts of aggression and violence? Or perhaps some seriously fixed ideas and a tendency to blame others?

Cannabis can cause horrific outbursts which are uncontrollable to both the user and people around them. Users become stupefied, causing them to be unable to think or feel properly.



It's true that cannabis can affect both men and women equally. But did you know, men are more likely to try cannabis (and other drugs) because their hormones stimulate risky behavior, leading to more severe symptoms and antisocial behaviour! Meanwhile, women are more likely to develop a habit due to more intense withdrawal symptoms.



Prolonged cannabis use not only has effects on health, it could be irreversibly damaging to life. Dealers in the UK are more severe than they have ever been, and when consumption outweighs financial ability, debt will occur and matters will be taken into their own hands!

LET'S GET SERIOUS!

- ⇒ Incidence of schizophrenia is doubled in cannabis users!
- ⇒ You may know cannabis by many different names, for example: Weed, Skunk or Pot
- ⇒ THC is the chemical in cannabis that causes the 'high'...along with other disturbances in your brain. It is strongest in Skunk!
- ⇒ Cannabis doubles risk of infertility in men!
- ⇒ Depression can often occur, sometimes leading to suicide!
- ⇒ Effects on personality can be so striking, users may become aggressive, violent and unable to control their behavior!



!!WARNING!!



SERIOUS HEALTH CONCERNS

- ! *Cannabis can seriously affect your normal functioning and ANYONE can become psychotic!*
- ! *Effects on the heart can cause strokes and even heart attacks!*
- ! *Defense, immune and reproductive cells are all adversely affected!*
- ! *Personality, learning and memory are all the most severely affected. And these consequences can be irreversible!*

The choices YOUR CHILD makes about cannabis today, WILL have effects on the rest of their life! Start the conversation, TODAY!