

# Little Boys With Big Knives

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Unlike the United States there is no gun culture in the UK; there are shootings but they are extremely rare, and just as rarely involve the young. Alas, the same cannot be said for knives, and what is even more frightening is the capricious way these weapons are used. In April 2013, a woman schoolteacher with more than forty years service was **stabbed to death** in front of a class at her Leeds school by a psychopathic 15 year old who bore her some inexplicable grudge.

If that ghastly crime can be attributed to a seriously disturbed individual, on June 11 this year a supply teacher working at a Bradford school was **stabbed by a pupil** in an argument over a mobile phone. Fortunately, although 50 year old Vincent Uzomah was stabbed once in the stomach, he has not suffered the same fate as Ann Maguire, although it remains to be seen if he will want to return to teaching after this. On June 1 this year, an 18 year old

teenager died after being stabbed just off the high street in Sydenham – half a mile from where these words are being written.

Marley Lucas, who is 21 years old, has been **charged with his murder** and will next appear in court on September 23. A 16 year old girl was also arrested and may face charges. A small shrine has been erected outside the supermarket where Nathan Murray was found. This is not the first fatal stabbing of a Sydenham teenager in recent years. In May 2010, 16 year old Nicholas Pearton was beaten and stabbed to death at Home Park; his killers were given life sentences.

Finally, in North London another teenager **has been murdered** in what can only be described as a hit. Stefan Appleton, who was 18 years old, was stabbed after two youths pulled up on a moped and attacked him in Nightingale Park. He was rushed to hospital but died a short while later. A crime of this nature beggars belief; where two generations ago the youth of the day would settle their differences with fist fights, today they stab each other, or even murder their teachers.