

# Secondary 45 Minute Lesson



**Be informed.**



**Be curious.**



**Be heard.**

# Your latest results: “Could a year of culture improve where you live?”



Yes

40.0%

No

60.0%

**“Nottingham would benefit from an increase in tourism and it will make the people who live here really appreciate their area and value it more.”**  
The Carlton Academy

**“We really enjoyed our year of culture and saw lots of benefits. We would like it again.”**  
Kelvin Hall School

**“We think that there are better things to spend our money on for example, cost of living.”**  
Sandwell Academy

**“Coming from a city that was the City of Culture, we haven't seen or felt any lasting impacts from the year.”**  
Hessle High School

61,782 young people voted this week! Were you one of them?

# Your latest results: “Could a year of culture improve where you live?”



Click to hear from some of the young creatives and apprentices at Bradford 2025, about their thoughts on your latest VoteTopic results.

# Your views on “Could a year of culture improve where you live?” were also heard by:



Bradford  
City of Culture



Locality



Department for  
Digital, Culture,  
Media & Sport

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Arts Council  
England



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Today's VoteTopic:

# Should we be more worried about drone use?



UNCRC Article 16:  
Protection of  
privacy

UN SDG 16:  
Peace, justice &  
strong institutions

VfS Key Theme 7:  
Crime, justice &  
extremism

# 1 Why are we talking about this?



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**Class activity (2-4 mins)**  
How would you type the  
sound a drone  
makes?

# 1 Why are we talking about this?



An amazing **gift**, cool **toy**, great photography and videography **tool**, **weapons** of war...

**Drones** are becoming **more common** and sometimes appear in **headlines** for the wrong reasons.

Later on, you will vote **Yes** or **No** to: “**Should we be more worried about drone use?**”

## 2 Buzz words



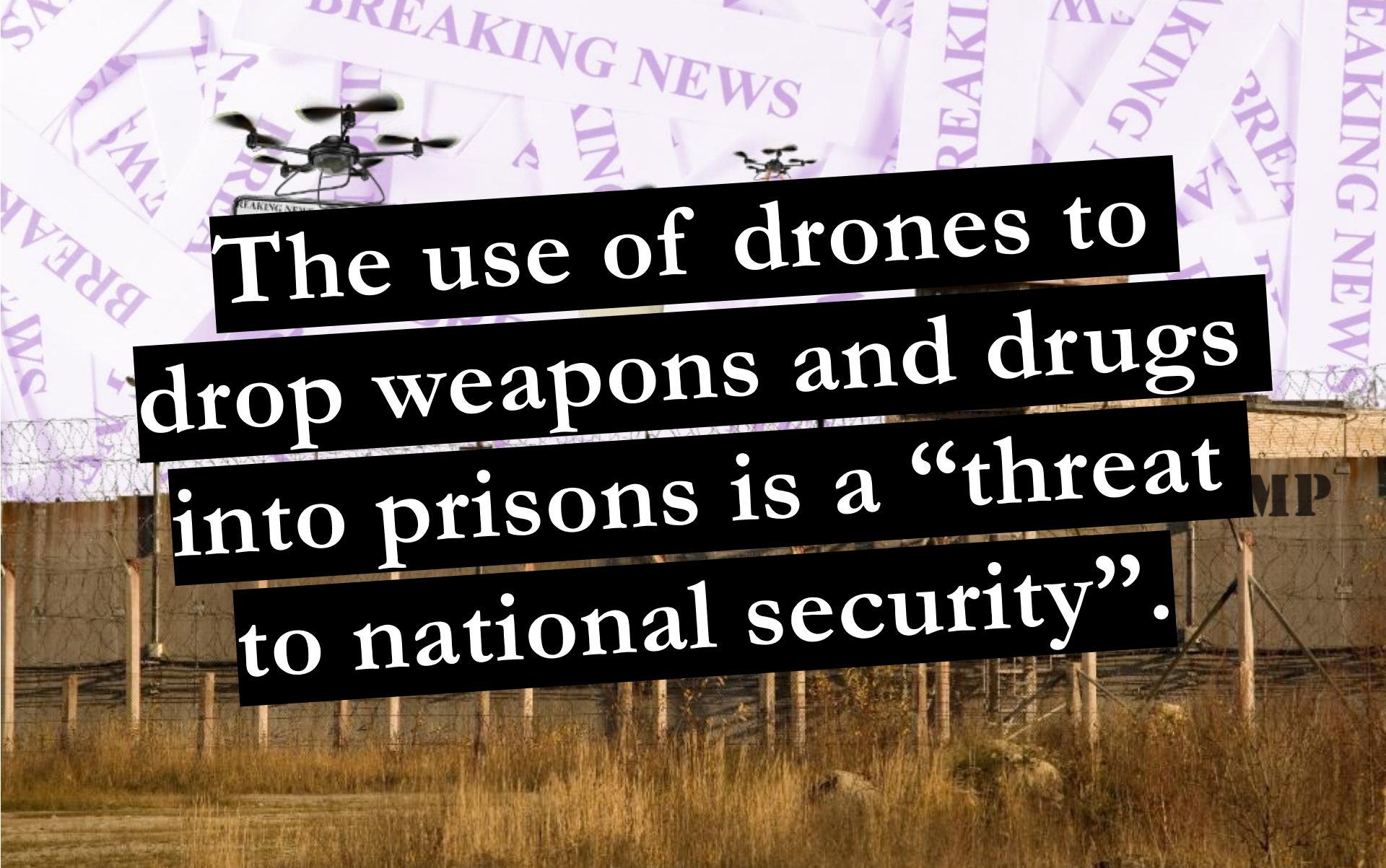
### Class activity (8-12 mins)

You'll see some **pictures linked** to a **news story**. Can you work out what the recent news story is about? **Raise your hand** to offer your **suggestions**.




The background image shows an airport tarmac area. On the left, there is a large, decorated Christmas tree. In the foreground, a red octagonal sign with the word 'CANCELLED' is visible. The tarmac is busy with ground service equipment, including a yellow taxi and a white van. People are walking around, and a large airport terminal building is visible in the background. The scene is set during the day with soft lighting.

**Gatwick Airport boss asks people who received drones for Christmas to read the rules before flying.**

A background image showing two drones flying over a prison fence. The fence is made of concrete blocks and topped with barbed wire. The ground in the foreground is covered with dry, yellowish grass. The text is overlaid on this image in four black, tilted rectangular boxes.

**The use of drones to drop weapons and drugs into prisons is a “threat to national security”.**

The background of the slide features a collage of elements: a large Union Jack flag on the left, a Ukrainian tricolor flag (blue and yellow) on the right, and a background of scattered newsprint with the words 'BREAKING NEWS' repeated in green. Numerous small, black and white quadcopter drones are scattered across the scene, appearing to fly over the flags and newsprint.

**UK helping to send 30,000  
drones to Ukraine for  
ongoing Russia conflict.**

The background of the slide features several white Amazon Prime Air drones in flight, each carrying a brown cardboard box with the Amazon logo. The drones are set against a light purple background with a repeating pattern of the words 'BREAKING NEWS' in a darker purple, tilted font. The main text is overlaid on this background in white, bold, sans-serif font, contained within dark teal rectangular banners.

**Chancellor Rachel  
Reeves is considering  
giving the green light  
for Amazon to deliver  
using drones.**


The background features a collage of newspaper clippings with the words 'BREAKING NEWS' repeated in various orientations and colors (green, blue, purple). A photograph of a ship's hull with the word 'ROYAL' is visible on the left side.

**Royal Navy  
announces its future  
will be dominated by  
robots, drones and  
uncrewed vessels.**



**MYSTERIOUS DRONES  
HAVE BEEN SEEN FLYING  
OVER MILITARY BASES IN  
THE UK, AND IN THE US.**

### 3 Safe landing?

A photograph showing a person's hand holding a grey drone on a rocky surface. The person is wearing dark pants and black boots. The background is a blurred natural landscape.

Later, you'll be voting **Yes** or **No** to: "**Should we be more worried about drone use?**"  
Let's stop **droning on** about the **news** and hear what you **can** and **cannot** do with them.

### 3 Safe landing?



#### Pair activity (4-6 mins)

Make a **list of five rules** with your **partner** that you would expect to be in place for **using drones**. To help, think about **privacy**, **safety** and **responsibility**.



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Anyone with a drone that weighs **250g** or **more**, or one **fitted with a camera**, has to **register** with the **Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)**.

It is **illegal** to fly a drone within **5km** (3.1 miles) of an **airport**.

A drone **must** be kept within **line of sight**. (If someone is flying via a camera or app, someone else must be watching the drone.)

We can summarise **current laws** around **drones** like this: You should fly **50m** away from other people.

**120m** is the **maximum height** drones can be flown above the ground.

Those with drones weighing **more** than **250g** must also **pass a test** on the CAA website.

### 3 Safe landing?



Drones can often have **cameras**. There are **not specific laws** about drones and **privacy**. However, **privacy laws in general** and **GDPR** affects how drones should be used.

#### Challenge (2-3 mins)

What do you

know about  
GDPR?

**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** rules mean anyone using a drone to film or take photos **somewhere** people might **expect to be private** need their **permission** first.

## 3 Safe landing?



### Class discussion (4-6 mins)

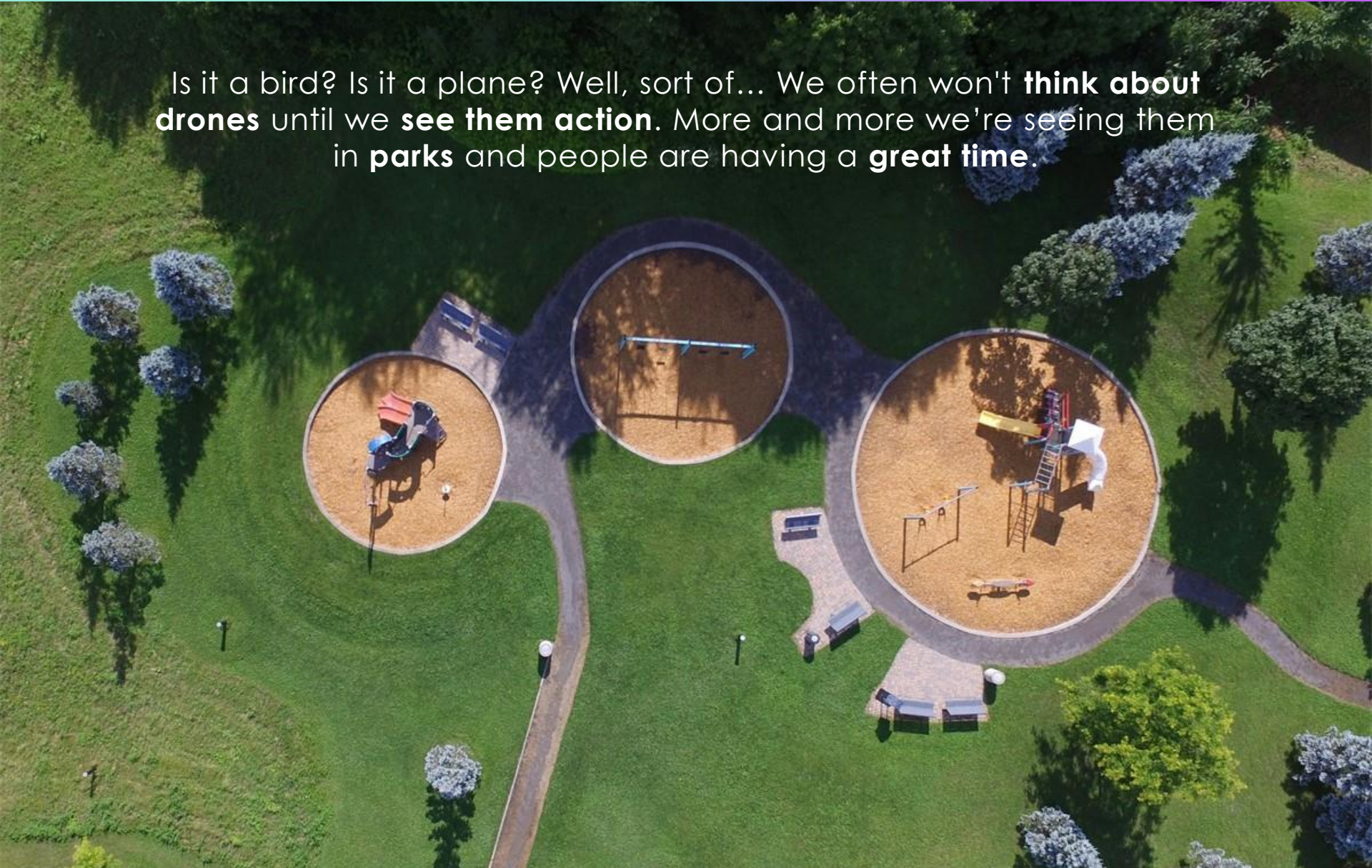
Are you **surprised** by the summary of rules you have seen? Do you feel all drone users are **aware** of their **responsibilities**?



## 4 Can you hear that hum?



Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Well, sort of... We often won't **think about drones** until we **see them action**. More and more we're seeing them in **parks** and people are having a **great time**.



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We're getting more used to the **photography angles** you can get with drones too. From the **sides of buildings**, **animals in their natural habitats**, **overhead sporting shots**, drones allow professionals to **get where you couldn't previously**.

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### Pair discussion (8-12 mins)

As we prepare to vote **Yes** or **No** on “**Should we be more worried about drone use?**”, let’s consider some scenarios involving drones. **Talk** about the **scenario** you see with your **partner**. Discuss **whether everyone is respecting each other** in the situation.



I bet they're getting a great photo!

Oi! I've got my top off and I'm trying to sunbathe down here!

**Is everyone respecting each other in this situation?**

It's in the open at least so we all know it's there.

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They're just walking down the street flying the drone above them. They can see into any of our windows!

That looks so cool! Can we get one?





I feel uncomfortable that you might be capturing images of me and my family, could you go elsewhere with the drone please?

I'm registered to have this camera. I want to watch the wildlife in the river. I'm allowed to do that.

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Can you stop your drone taking photos of your backs so we can all enjoy the view too?

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They're about to launch that drone, do you think we should tell someone? There's a prison just over there.

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I don't feel like I can be in the moment celebrating with that drone humming overhead...


They want to make sure they capture all of the memories of the day!



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I paid good money to come watch this match, and I keep on getting distracted by the drone catching shots for TV!

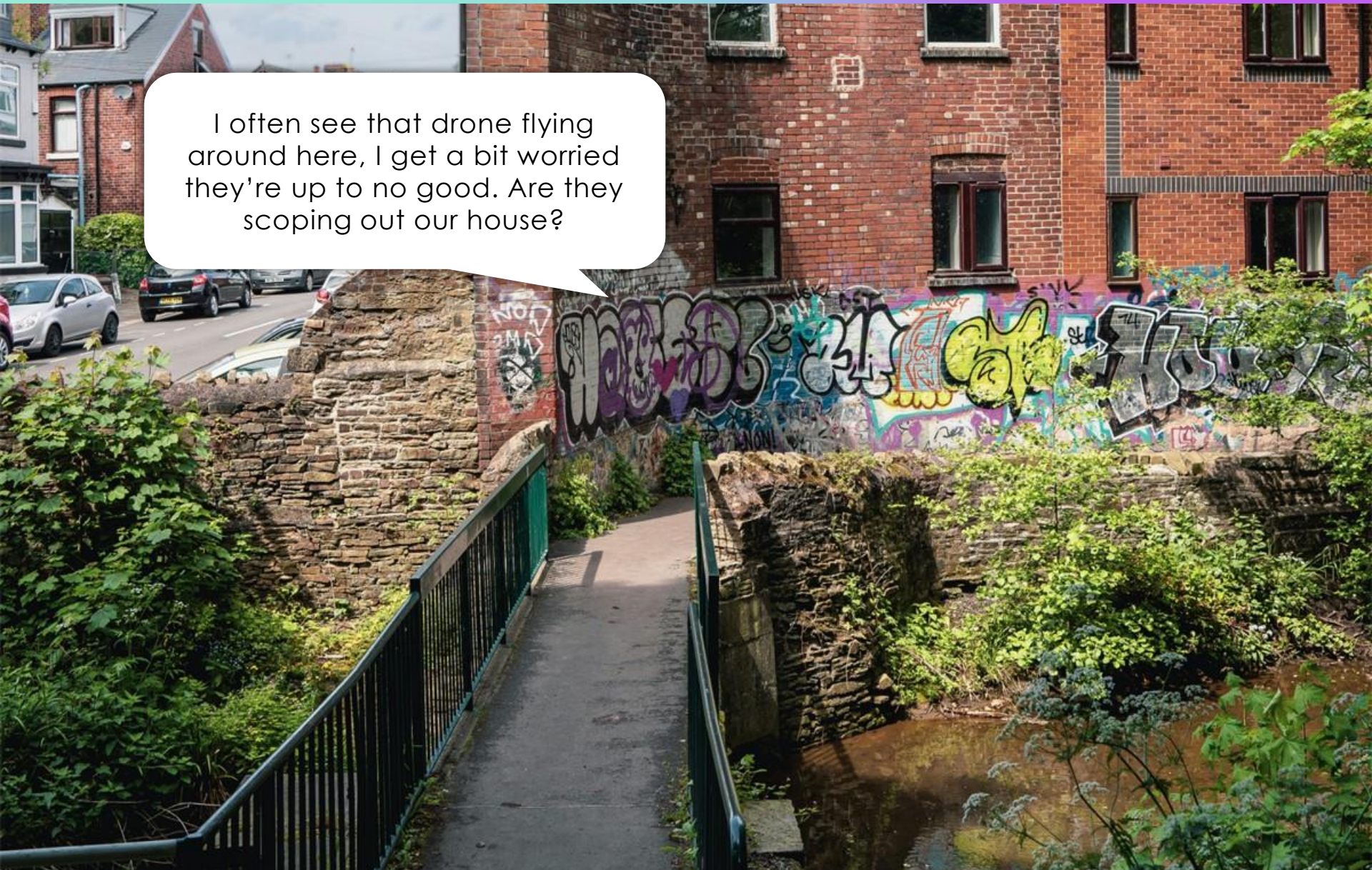
A white quadcopter drone with a camera attached is flying in the center of the frame. The background is a dense forest with trees having yellow and orange autumn foliage.

That drone is out there on its own. I can't see the pilot anywhere... Do you think they're spying on us?

I'm sure they are not far away. And anyway, who would spy on you?



I often see that drone flying around here, I get a bit worried they're up to no good. Are they scoping out our house?





That's gross, it's like you want to spy on people!

Might sound weird, but the first thing I want to do is see my street from above. There's so much you can't see from the road.



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I know they're just having fun,  
but the noise of the drone  
means I can't relax here.



What's that noise drones  
make again...?



## 4 Can you hear that hum?



### Class activity (1 min)

You're about to vote **Yes** or **No** to: "**Should we be more worried about drone use?**" Give a **drone noise** to represent **how worried you are** about drones. **Nice and quiet** if you're not bothered, **give it some** if they are a bit of a worry.



# Now's your chance to vote on: "Should we be more worried about drone use?"

Yes

People are not being picked up on their drone use. If someone wanted, they could easily spy on you.

With more drones in the sky there are more risks of injuries. I don't need one falling on my head.

The use of drones in war is disturbing. It's making suffering seem like a video game.

They're just another tool, and sometimes a toy! Go out and enjoy what they can do.

Drones are no different to other forms of technology. Bad people might use them badly, same as social media.

We're worried the right amount. When you see them, you think to yourself about your privacy.

No

We will be sharing your thoughts on this topic with the Civil Aviation Authority, ARPAS UK, Royal Aeronautical Society, National Police Chiefs' Council and Amazon. Log in to your VotesforSchools account to submit your vote and leave a comment.