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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn and Sergeant Andrew Williams of the Community Safety and Security Branch of the Jamaica Constabulary Force look on with excitement as students at the Denham Town High School interact during the first session of Ministry's LIV GUD School Invasion earlier today (September 20).

It's back! LIV GUD School Invasions intensify efforts to address violence in schools

The Ministry of National Security resumes its LIV GUD School Invasion, a key element of the LIV GUD Anti-Violence Campaign, aimed at reducing youth violence and fostering positive behavioural change among students nationwide.

During the first session, held at Denham Town High School on September 20, Minister of State, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn, urged students to make responsible choices.

“The future of Jamaica lies in the hands of our youth, and it is our responsibility to ensure they are equipped with the right values and principles,” she stated.



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Emphasising the government's commitment to investing in youth, the State Minister encouraged students to use platforms like the LIV GUD School Invasion for open dialogue, empowering them to make positive decisions and reject violence and illegal activities.

Following the Denham Town High session, the next stop is at the Stony Hill Primary School on September 27, 2024.

The LIV GUD Anti-Violence Campaign, part of the Ministry of National Security's broader strategy to combat crime, promotes values such as respect, discipline, and community well-being. The school invasion initiative is a critical component, engaging students in discussions about the specific challenges they face.

These sessions, organised in partnership with the Community Safety and Security Branch of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, address issues unique to each school. The Ministry plans to visit two schools each month until the end of the academic year, with a long-term goal of expanding the LIV GUD Campaign's reach across the island.

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Ministry of National Security Case Managers, Necesia McNab (right) and Cordella Lennon (left) engage students at the Denham Town High School on the first stop of the LIV GUD School Invasion earlier today (September 20). The case managers encouraged the students to utilise the 'STOP' technique in dealing with difficult situations or disputes to avoid impulsive responses. The STOP technique stands for: Stop, Take a Deep Breath, Observe and then Proceed. Case Management forms a large part of the Ministry's targeted crime prevention efforts in schools and communities located in or served by Zones of Special Operations (ZOSO).



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Sergeant Andrew Williams of the Community Safety and Security Branch in the Jamaica Constabulary Force addresses students at the Denham Town High School on the issues of indiscipline and extortion. The session forms part of the LIV GUD School Invasion, which resumed earlier today (September 20). Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn look on.



Sergeant Andrew Williams of the Community Safety and Security Branch of the Jamaica Constabulary Force presents a token to Kaydon Blair, a student of Denham Town High School who pledged to be a positive influence to his peers at the end of the first session on the resumption of the LIV GUD School Invasion held earlier today.



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