**Discussion ideas for …**

**Combat Zone by Tom Palmer**

* Woody is about to start a new school, Borderlands, where he will play rugby rather than football. He isn’t happy about this but his dad is. Discuss your favourite sport and also find out which sport your parents/guardians liked best when they were at school.
* What do you think it would be like to be at boarding school? What do you think the advantages are and the disadvantages?
* Woody’s dad has gone to war. They are able to have short conversations via SKYPE. Discuss how technology makes communication easier.
* David Henson’s father was killed aboard the Hercules which was shot down. How do you think the boys felt about this as several had fathers, who were in the RAF?
* Talk about how rugby brought the boys together and to an extent, helped David mourn his father.