



# The Thomas Hardy School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of the Thomas Hardy Sixth Form run up to Alcohol Awareness Week (16<sup>th</sup> November onwards) we are pleased to announce that we have a fantastic production of 'Rum in the Gravy Boat' showing in school. Rum in the Gravy Boat is a story about sexual awakenings, plastic microphones, an alcoholic mother and alopecia. Based on the actor's own life and developed through Fluid Motion's unique autobiographical style, this is a personal account into how theatre can make sense of the past. Shortlisted for Best New Play at the Brighton Fringe in 2018 it's definitely a show not to be missed. The show is suitable for those aged 14 years and over.

Rum in the Gravy Boat will be showing on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November in The Thomas Hardy School Theatre (Queens Avenue entrance) at 7.00 pm. Tickets cost £10/£8 and are available from <https://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk/rum-in-the-gravy-boat/>. Thomas Hardy Sixth Form students may gain free entry but must collect a ticket from the school main reception before Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

The Fluid Motion Theatre Company, through partnership with Dorchester Arts and the wonderful support of The Alice Ellen Copper Dean Charitable Foundation and Tesco Bags of Help, will be providing workshops for the sixth form drama students during the day and the whole sixth form are invited to the evening performance free of charge. The drama students will then be putting on an assembly for the sixth form based on their workshops on staying safe around alcohol, The Alcohol Educational Trust will also be holding a staff training and a parental support session that week. You can learn more via [www.alcoholeducationtrust.org](http://www.alcoholeducationtrust.org) and [www.talkaboutalcohol.com](http://www.talkaboutalcohol.com)

In addition we are pleased to say that The Alcohol Education Trust will be delivering a sixth form parent and guardian talk in school on the 12<sup>th</sup> November from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm in the Sixth Form Centre. The Alcohol Education Trust works with over 2,100 schools and organisations across the UK to help keep young people safe around alcohol. During the talk, tips and advice on ways to help keep your children safe will be offered along with factual information about the law, unit guidelines and the effects of too much alcohol. There will also be a quiz to encourage parents to challenge their perceptions of young people and drinking and a Q and A session during which you'll have the chance to have any queries you may have answered.

We do hope you will be able to come along to what is sure to be an interesting and informative session. Please email [bdereaux@thomas-hardye.net](mailto:bdereaux@thomas-hardye.net) to confirm attendance to the sixth form parent talk.

Yours faithfully

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