



ABINGDON

From the Director of Drama: Jeremy Taylor

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To all parents

**11th Annual Screening of new films by the Abingdon Film Unit,
with first presentation of the Michael Grigsby Awards,
Saturday 27 September, 7pm, Amey Theatre**

I write to invite you to the first event in the Drama and Film department's calendar of events for 2014/15, which takes place on the evening of Saturday 27 September (the evening of the school's Open Day). The annual screening of new films by members of the Abingdon Film Unit is a unique event in the school calendar that celebrates the creativity, enterprise and expressive potential of our pupils. This year's screening, the eleventh such event, sees members of the AFU breaking new ground as never before, whilst also honouring the memory and spirit of the Unit's founding father, Michael Grigsby, through the first award of two new filmmaking prizes bearing his name.

This is the first time the screening has taken place in September. It will feature 11 new films in a wider range of genres than ever before. We have the AFU's first music video, two exceptional live action fictions – surely the "Everest" in any young filmmaker's career - four wonderful documentaries from Oxfordshire, Wales and Kenya, three fabulous animations exploring hand drawn and claymation styles, and a striking abstract piece inspired by TS Eliot's poem, *The Lovesong of Alfred J Prufrock*. It promises to be an evening to remember, at the end of which we will be presenting the awards in memory of Michael Grigsby OA, who co-founded the Unit in 2003, and guided and inspired its members with the wisdom of a filmmaker hailed as one of Britain's greatest documentarists. We are delighted Mike's brother Chris Grigsby will be joining us to present the new awards.

As always for this event, admission and refreshments are free, though we ask you to book your tickets in advance, if at all possible, to help us assess catering requirements. You can book tickets in one of three ways:

- Online at www.abingdon.org.uk/events_booking
- Email the box office at boxoffice@abingdon.org.uk, stating your name, contact details and the number of tickets you require.
- Telephone 01235 849063 and leave a message stating your name, contact details and the number of tickets you require.

Yours sincerely

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