

From the Director of Drama: Jeremy Taylor

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To all parents

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Screening of new films by the Abingdon Film Unit, Saturday 30 September, 7pm, Amey Theatre

I write to invite you to the annual screening of new films by members of the Abingdon Film Unit, which takes place in the Amey Theatre at 7pm on Saturday 30 September, the evening of Open Day. Described by *The Independent* as "the school's unique asset", the Film Unit and its members have produced around 150 films since 2003, many of which have won awards. We hope this year's crop will tempt as many as possible to join us at this annual event.

The annual screening includes new films in a variety of genres on a range of topics. It's always exciting to see how young filmmakers respond to the world around them and that's reflected this year in a batch of films that includes a Brexit-themed animation and an exploration of the social divide in SW11 as well as documentaries about the Abingdon Traditional Morris Men, a premiership football referee, a board games café in Oxford and an extraordinary story about the life of a Victorian missionary in China. The screening also reflects the AFU's growing interest in partnerships with local organisations via a film made in support of Sobell House. There are also films by members of the recently formed Abingdon Film Academy, an extension of the AFU that seeks to make it possible for those outside Abingdon School to benefit from the opportunity of working with our professional tutors. Fiction, documentary, animation and abstract work will be represented in what we hope will be an evening to remember.

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 https://goo.gl/ViNm1a
- Email the box office at <u>boxoffice@abingdon.org.uk</u>, 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

I do hope you can join us.

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