

Year 10 by Simon Vinnicombe



Jack has been sent to a new school in south London where bullying is rife and where only the toughest kids can survive. Fifteen-years-old with bad acne, no confidence, an emotionally unstable mum, and a talent for football, it is no wonder that he becomes the target of the school's worst bullies. But when he gets involved with Jamie, the most attractive girl in his class, he finds someone that understands what it is to be broken inside. Can Jamie and Jack save each other though in a world where job culture is the norm?

Year 10 premiered at the Finborough Theatre, London, in June 2005.

'When you stumble across the unrefined talent evident here in Simon Vinnicombe's debut play you cheer and give it an extra star. Actually, Vinnicombe's play makes you want to cry, so deft is it at exploding the myth that for today's kids their schooldays are the happiest days of their lives.' *Guardian*

Genre:	Contemporary youth drama	Fee:	£56 plus VAT, per performance
Cast:	m5 f2	Scripts:	ISBN 9780413775436 £8.99
Set:	south London suburbs	Length:	21 scenes
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EXTRACT

Jamie People bin sayin' you're in shit with Wes.

Jack Yeah?

Jamie Bin sayin' he's gonna hurt you.

Jack . . .

Jamie Be careful, Jack.

Jack I just want – I want –

Jamie Don't do it.

Silence

He's not that tough, thinks he has to be like his family, but they're all wankers. Fuck him up as soon as look at 'im.

Jack I know.

Jamie Stand up to 'em.

Jack Like you do?

Jamie 'S different.

Jack You like 'im, then?

Jamie Course.

Silence

Jack Do you think it's stupid to run?

Jamie Run away?

Jack Dunno, just run . . . from problems or – yeah, run away.

Jamie I tried once, but I only got to the end of my road. I got hungry.

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