



Two of the actors who performed *Smashed* to teach pupils about the dangers of abusing alcohol. (10-02-85 SU)

# Hitting home about alcohol

The Snaith School pupils learned a powerful lesson on alcohol abuse last week through a hard-hitting performance by the name of 'Smashed'. Year Eight pupils watched as the cast of 'Smashed' told the story of a group of friends whose misuse of alcohol ends in tragedy.

The performance was followed by an interactive workshop, where students were able to question the decisions of characters, explore their motivations and the consequences of their actions, and actually change the outcome of the story.

Led by Collingwood Learning and sponsored by Diageo GB, 'Smashed' is a theatre education programme that aims to teach youngsters about the damage caused by the misuse of alcohol.

Chris Simes from Collingwood Learning, said drama is a great way of hitting the message home to pupils: "We have found it can genuinely help to transform their knowledge, attitudes and behaviours. The interactive workshop helps students to get under the skin of this issue, helping them to explore, question and ultimately have a voice in influencing the outcome of the way the story ends."

PE Teacher, Miss Montague, said the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils: "'Smashed' portrays a very important message around responsible drinking. We have had a really positive response from pupils - everyone who watched the show was totally engrossed by the power of the performance. Having the cast of 'Smashed' come into our school and help to inform and educate our young people around this important issue is an opportunity that we really value and feel lucky to have experienced."



The stage where 'Smashed' was performed for The Snaith School pupils. (10-02-86 SU)