

Part 2

I have been asked to provide a series title and devise a setting for a new soap opera aimed and a young audience(11-16).

In solution to the task in hand and I have come up with the idea for a new soap opera. The title of my soap is 'Rascals Academy'. The soap will be based around a street dance academy called 'Rascals Academy' situated in Stratford. The key locations are the dance studio as it includes a youth club and the local high school where most of the dance students attend to. The local area also includes a chicken shop as most young people can relate to this and a youth centre providing the teens with help and support also raising awareness to the young viewers of help available to them..

CHARACTERS

Rachel- a 12 year old Caucasian girl who has just started to attend the local high school, teased by peers as they think she is too overweight to dance yet she loves dancing and is determined, eventually teasing up scales to full on bullying. Lives with single mum. Financial problems. Has little brother who is disabled.

Darren- a 13 year old Afro-Caribbean boy preparing for SATS and also preparing for a dance show down at one of London's biggest events. Pretends to be a 'Rude Boy' yet is incredibly smart and embarrassed to show his knowledge. Lies to his friends about SATS results yet they find out he was lying, he expects them to reject him yet is surprised when they congratulate him. He is one of the best dancers Rascals Academy has and his dance teacher has big plans for him, yet his parents do not agree with him taking dancing seriously.

Sherrill- a 15 year mixed-race girl (black/white) comes from a broken home, abused as a child by father. Attends the Rascals Academy youth club (not dance club) to get away from her problems. Becomes pregnant and decides to keep the baby even though her mother throws her out. After having baby she turns to drugs.

Teneeka -a 15 year old girl who comes from a wealthy family, everyone thinks she lives in a council estate in Stratford and think she is not as well off as she is. She does her best to hide this secret in order to be accepted by everyone and follow her dream of being a professional street dancer. Secret eventually comes out and she is rejected by most of her friends. She is seen as a liar and deceiving. This character shows viewers the struggles of her relationship with her 'Bad boy' boyfriend who is constantly pressuring her for sex.

Rajid- 16 year old boy from a strict Asian family who does not know of his love for street dance. He tells them he is going to after school clubs. They do not find out until seeing him performing on TV. He is very confident as he is good looking but is often put down by people in school being racist and insulting him due to his race. Seeks comfort in his dance teacher 25 year old Sam yet their relationship soon gets complicated as he wants to be more than friends.

Sam- 25 year old Afro-Caribbean dance teacher, very good looking. Is the agony aunt to all her dance students, helps them with everything they need yet this help is misunderstood when she offers support to Rajid. Often has to set up charity events to keep the academy open. Has grim past discovered later on in soap, she used to be homeless.