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University Internet Soap Starts Filming

The first episodes of a new online soap opera, produced by students at Bath Spa University, are about to be filmed. Entirely written and performed by students, the plotlines will cover everything from relationships and fights to politics and mental health.

The series, a comedy called *Liquid Soap*, is set entirely in the toilets of a university cafe and will be webcast in five-minute episodes from next autumn. At least 15 episodes a year are planned, with a new one being released every fortnight during term time.

Filming will take place on a specially constructed set in the University Theatre, beginning on **Monday 22 June**. The first week of shooting will record five episodes. Episode one is scheduled to go live on **Monday 12 October** and students hope that *Liquid Soap* will become a cult soap institution.

The project is led jointly by professionals - drama lecturer and EastEnders producer/director Chris Jury and Nic Jeune, who is director of Bath Spa University production company Artswork Media.

Nic Jeune said: “A soap can reflect and react to the lifestyle, interests and concerns of the core audience like no other form of TV drama. By combining the structure of a soap with an edgy comedic style we hope to engage directly with the student audience.”

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You are invited to send a reporter/camera person for the start of filming Liquid Soap on Monday 22 June in the University Theatre on Bath Spa University’s Newton Park campus.

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