

Virus is a first for Forum Players

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Call it an innovative concept or just a good idea but it's certainly a first for the young actors who make up Future Forum. Constantly looking for new ideas and a different approach to drama their new play is called "Virus" and will be staged in the Centre Theatre from Thursday to Saturday 13 to 15 September.

Future Forum, along with three adult members of Forum Players, make up the cast of 17 characters in a tense drama which grew, week by week, when they decided to write a play themselves. Producer Anthony Deacon guided the project admitting, "Although this approach is quite high risk and reduced valuable rehearsal time, it is also very exciting and challenging".

Working out what to do are, l-r, Hannah Joseph-Green,

Hollie Hudson, Rachel Hufflett and Charlie Harris

Over four weeks the group discussed ideas for plots and characters. After each meeting Anthony took the ideas and wrote basic outlines for scenes. After some amendments there were auditions and now they're ready to premiere their own play.

"You're staying here" is the command to Rachel Hufflett (left)

from Hannah Joseph-Green

Without giving too much away the story is about a school trip. Their minibus breaks down leaving the group at a run down hotel in the middle of nowhere. The situation quickly turns from bad to deadly and it is down to the youngsters to find a way out.

Stranded – Future Forum in rehearsal

"Virus" will be staged in the Centre Theatre from Thursday to Saturday 13 to 15 September at 8pm. As usual the Wednesday performance will be free for senior citizens. Ticket prices are £9 adults and £7 concessions. The box office will be in the library or ring 01628 523291.