

Resource 2a.

Sweet Dreams

Cast

Chloe

Rosie (Multi-roles as Policewoman)

Katie (Multi-roles as Teacher, Mum, Narrator)

Bethan

Mike

Ben

Scene One

Chloe is frozen centre stage with her head down, Katy is facing the back of the stage also frozen.

Cast Rum, vodka, lager, gin (*repeat 3 times*) Brahms and Liszt let's get pissed (*Cast begin to dance around Chloe*)
Chloe slowly begins to walk forward still keeping her head down, as she looks up the music stops and the cast stop dancing. The cast look towards Chloe and begin counting from 1-9, Katy slowly walks to Chloe. Chloe is miming taking out a pill bottle and putting the pills to her mouth.

Cast No!

Katy On December 21st 2009, Chloe tried to kill herself, this is her story.

A school bell sounds to note the scene change, the cast change into new positions.

Scene Two

Rosie walks forward, Chloe following in awe and Bethan stumbling along behind.

Rosie Mum and Dad are away for the whole week!

Chloe Really and they've left you alone in the house?

Rosie Yeah, they go every year normally I go with them but I couldn't leave you alone could I?

Bethan is desperately trying to get their attention, she is waving and jumping around, shouting PE!

Chloe and Rosie totally ignore what Bethan has to say.

Chloe So what do you do when you're on your own?

Rosie I usually have a few parties, they're really exclusive! You can come if you want.

Chloe That's so cool.

Rosie It's also good because it means by boyfriend Michael can stay over.

Chloe He stays, at your house? While your parents are away?

Rosie *(Chuckling)* Yes, of course.

Chloe Where does he sleep?

Rosie In my bed.

Chloe Oh right yeah... Have you had sex?

Rosie Yeah of course, haven't you?

Chloe *(Nervously laughing)* Yeah.

Rosie You haven't have you?

Chloe *(Stops laughing)* No

Rosie *(Trying to reassure her)* Well, that's ok but why not?

Chloe Well, I never really got the best start in life, I mean the only sex education I ever got was...

Chloe and Rosie freeze staring into the distance and Michael comes on stage, right.

Mike Good morning class, this is your sex education lesson. Now we should all know how to put on a condom. So, take the banana in your left hand and the condom in your right but make sure that you've got it the right way around otherwise it will... Ping. Oh no, I am so sorry. No that's the wrong way... 'Ping' 'Ping' 'Ping'.

Michael runs offstage as if he is being ambushed by condoms, Chloe and Rosie unfreeze.

Chloe So yeah, there was condoms flying around everywhere, well then there was the time that my dad tried and that didn't go too well either...

Chloe and Rosie freeze staring into the distance and Ben comes on stage, Left.

Ben Now I like to think of sex like... navigation, let's say to, Chester. Short trips leading up to Chester are fine but I would advise against going the whole way at this stage. If you've hit Queensferry, then you've definitely gone too far.

Ben awkwardly rushes offstage, Chloe and Rosie unfreeze.

Chloe After that talk, I still didn't know how to have sex... Or get to Chester!

Chloe Do you think Bethan has?

Rosie and Chloe look over to Bethan who is fumbling about, juggling trainers and books, she looks up to them.

Bethan Come on P.E. five minutes!

Rosie and Chloe face each other

Together *(Giggling)* No.

Katy walks on stage in a hurry

Katy Come on ladies, the time is approaching nine o' clock, get to lesson immediately. *(Katy freezes)*

Chloe What lesson have we got?

Bethan I've been telling you for five minutes P.E. !

Rosie Sod P.E. I've only just had my hair done!

Bethan You always have your hair done... well, I'm going.

Bethan, Rosie and Chloe freeze. Katy walks over to Bethan

Katy Bethan Williams, an A grade student, she's always on time for lessons, homework is always completed to an excellent standard, however I am not sure about that Rosie Hamilton over there.

Rosie Fine, I won't stop you. Come on Chloe let's go.

Chloe Where will we go?

Rosie My house is free with Mummy and Daddy away, let's get wasted!

Bethan *(dropping her trainers)* Drunk, in school time - are you nuts?

Rosie Umm... Yeah!

Girls freeze and Katy walks over to Rosie

Katy Rosie Hamilton - she is a disgrace to the school. I'm not sure how she was allowed in here. In all my 30 years of teaching I have never

taught a pupil so bad. Just the other day she told one of my teaching staff that she was getting on her nerves. Well I just feel sorry for Chloe Downes, she's new to the school, I just hope she make the right choices!

Katy walks offstage and the girls unfreeze

Bethan Feel free to ruin your education Rosie, but don't drag Chloe down with you.

Rosie Bethan, you are such a kill joy.

Bethan Chloe?

Rosie Chloe come on.

Bethan Chloe, come on - first week - really?

Rosie You won't get in trouble, not if you're with me.

Bethan Come on Chloe.

Rosie Chloe, come on.

Bethan and Rosie walk offstage and Chloe shortly follows after Rosie. Boy's enter from the back of the stage and pick up chairs.

Boys Enter Sixth Formers (*Rosie, Bethan and Chloe enter stage to with their backs to the audience*)

Mike Hiya Ben alright?

Ben Yeah good. So what did you do at the weekend?

Mike Oh, Rosie turned 16.

Ben Cradle snatcher!

Mike Ok, just cos you haven't had a girlfriend in a while. When was your last girlfriend Ben?

Ben Yeah, alright Mike, come on.

Mike Wasn't it like two years ago? What was her name Jennifer?

Ben I said just leave it

Mike (*Starts to sing*) And they called it puppy love.

Ben (*Gets really angry and shouts*) Mike! I said leave it, please!

Mike Ok, I was only joking. (*Awkward silence*) We've got a gig coming up soon.

Ben (*Isn't paying attention anymore*) Yeah.

Mike So don't you think it would be a good idea to phone Rosie?

Ben Yeah.

Mike Are you in a mood with me? Look, stuff this, I'm going to ring Rosie.

Rosie turns to face the audience and answers her phone.

Rosie Hiya babe.
Mike Hey babe, right, me and Ben were thinking we've got a gig coming up soon, it might be best if we come over to yours to practice.
Rosie Yeah, of course, my Mum and Dad are away. Could you pick up some alcohol on the way? We haven't got much left in the house.
Mike Yeah sure.
Rosie OK see you later, Bye.
Mike Bye, Love you!

Rosie turns to face the back of the stage and Ben and Michael freeze Katy walks on stage

Katy Michael Priestley is an intelligent driven young man. Five generations of his family have made it in this school and I do not doubt that he will fulfil his destiny.

Katy freezes, Chloe and Rosie turn to each other

Chloe Who was that?
Rosie Michael.
Chloe You're boyfriend?
Rosie Yes, I'm in a band with him as well.
Chloe Wow, you're in a band?
Rosie Yes.
Chloe Do you want me to leave?
Rosie No, of course not, actually it's a good chance for you to meet Ben, his father owns an oil rig.
Chloe Can I ring Bethan, I feel bad about before and I don't want her to feel left out.
Rosie Yeah, of course.

Chloe and Rosie turn to face the back and Katy walks over to Ben.

Katy Benjamin Farrell, this is a confusing case. He is lazy and it seems that he is waiting for something. I believe he's in a band with Michael and Rosie, and he has dreams of traveling to America. I'm not sure how far he will get with that.

The focus changes to Chloe

Chloe Hi.
Bethan Hi.
Chloe Rosie's got a band coming over later, and I was just wondering if you wanted to come round. I think it will be fun.

Bethan Does she really want me there?
Chloe Rosie would love you to come.
Bethan Fine.
Chloe OK Bye.
Mike & Ben Exit 6th formers.

Scene Three

Boys *(Turn around)* Setting up
Rosie Sit, drinks
Girls Slurp... Ahh
Girls Drinks
Boys Slurp...Ahh
Band Practise
R and M Guitars- Strum
Ben Vocals- Ahh
Girls Audience- Listen
R and M Guitars- Strum
Ben Vocals- Ahh
Chloe Round of applause
Bethan Clap, clap, clap
Mike Guitar- Solo
R and B Showing off
Chloe Ben's gorgeous
Bethan If you say so
Band Song, finished, take a bow.
Chloe Standing ovation
Bethan Impressed
R and M *(Pushing Ben)* this is Chloe
Ben Fit
Chloe Love at first sight
R and M Adorable *(Positioning chairs)* First date
Ben Romantic dinner
Chloe Aww... Sweet
R and M Adorable *(positioning chairs)* Second date, double date
Mike Sexual innuendo
Rosie Loud laughter

Ben Embarrassed
Chloe Nervous Laughter
Rosie Sexual innuendo back
Mike More loud Laughter
Chloe Embarrassed
Ben Nervous Laughter
R and M More sexual innuendos
C and B Awkward silence
R and M Third date, Ben's bedroom
Bethan, Michael and Rosie walk offstage
Ben Dimming the lights
Chloe Did it just go dark?
Ben Bit of Westlife
Chloe Have you got anything better?
Ben Fresh mint and a cheesy chat up line
Chloe Cringe
Ben Smooth move, trying to get her into bed
Chloe Oh, is that the time
Cast Alarm bells?
C and B No

Scene Four

Presenter 1&2 Hello and welcome to 'Sexual Wipe-out!'

Presenter 1 Where the aim of the game is for each contestant to successfully complete a number of tasks in order to obtain the forbidden fruit.

Rosie&Chloe Ooooooh!

P 2 Our first contestant is a boy from sunny Rhyl, please welcome Ben.
How are you feeling tonight?

Ben Feeling alright, yeah, really good.

P.2 Are you going to win?

Ben Of course I'm going to win!

P.2 And who is your special lady tonight?

Ben I've brought my girl-friend Chloe.

P1&2 Aaaah, sweet.

P.1 Our second contestant tonight is also from sunny Rhyl, please give a round of applause for Michael. Hi Michael, and how are you feeling tonight?

Mike I'm feeling great thanks.

P.1 Are you confident that you're going to win?

Mike Of course I'm going to win.

P.1 And who have you brought with you tonight?

Mike I've brought my long term girl-friend Rosie.

P1&2 Aaaah sweet.

P.2 Our first task is to chat your lady up with a great chat up line! First up is Ben.

Ben Wanna go halves on a baby?

P.1 Sorry Ben that was unsuccessful. OK, next up is Michael.

Mike Did the sun come out or did you just smile.

P.1 Well done Michael - this point goes to you. Our second task this evening is for each contestant to get their arms around their ladies.

P.2 First up is Ben.

(Ben Fails)

P.1 Sorry Ben that was unsuccessful. Next up is Michael.

(Mike is successful)

P.1 Well done Michael.

P.2 Our third task is to steal a sneaky kiss off your lady. First up is Ben.

(Ben fails)

P.1 Sorry Ben that was unsuccessful. Next up is Michael.

Mike Rosie, what that on your lips? (Kisses her) It's me!

P.1 Well done Michael, another point goes to you. OK, our final task this evening is for each contestant to get the forbidden fruit off their lady. However, they are on a bungee, making it extra hard! OK ladies, get into your positions please.

P.2 Both of them have five seconds, 5 4 3 2 1 go!

(General commentary while game continues, Mike wins)

P.1 Well done Michael!

P.2 Come over Ben. You were doing so well, what happened?

Ben Well, someone's playing hard to get aren't they? Anyway, my bungee was smaller than his, and it was her fault!

P.1 Anyway Michael how does it feel to be the winner?

Mike Feels fantastic.

P.1 And are you a proud girl friend?

Rosie So proud.

P.1 And how will you be celebrating tonight?

M&R Well...

P.1 Look at the time! Join us next week for sexual wipe-out, and remember..

ALL Use a condom!

Scene Five

Rosie, Chloe and Bethan are sitting onstage.

Chloe Ben came round to mine the other night.

Rosie And... What happened?

Chloe Nothing.

Rosie Didn't you have condoms? Bethan get my bag, I have loads.

Chloe No, I'm not ready.

Bethan Chloe, you're ready when you're ready.

Rosie You would say that, she'll still be a virgin when she's 60!

Bethan Will you shut up!

Rosie Bethan, sorry! But seriously Chloe if you don't do something soon, he'll just get bored and leave.

Chloe I don't want to lose him, what should I do?

Bethan Chloe if he really loves you then he'll wait till you're ready.

Rosie That's complete crap!

Katy walks on stage as Chloe's mum

Katy Hi girls are you having a good night?

Chloe Mum, get out.

Katy Can I get you any drinks at all?

Rosie Mrs Downes, can I ask you a question?

Katy Of course you can ask me a question, ask me anything.

Rosie How old were you when you lost your virginity?

Bethan *(Horrorified)* Rosie, you can't ask that.

Katy Oh it's fine Bethan, honestly. Well, I was 19 and it was with Chloe Father.

Chloe Mum, that is disgusting. Please get out.

(Pause)

Bethan Thanks for letting us get ready here.

Katy It's no problem Bethan.

Chloe Mum!

Katy Ok, I'm going, I'm going. Have a good night girls.

Katy goes offstage

Rosie Why don't you show Ben a good time tonight?

Chloe A good time? Rosie, I'm not ready to have sex.

Rosie You really don't have to go all the way, you know, just give him a little something ... to keep him interested!

Bethan Rosie! Virginity is precious and no one should be pressured into sex, it shouldn't just be thrown around like it's nothing.

Rosie Sex is sex Bethan. I can't think of anyone that isn't doing it. We're in the 21st Century, as long as you use protection then I don't see the problem.

Chloe I don't know.

Bethan Chloe, if you don't want to, say no.

Rosie Look, you can say no ... or you could always just say yes ... and realise that it's not a big a deal.

Bethan and Rosie freeze

Chloe I love Ben and I want to be with him forever, but I'm not ready to do it. Is there something wrong with me because I don't want to? We will be together forever, I just know it, we're so in love... but I still don't want to.

Annie Lennox- Sweet dreams Begins to play noting a scene change, boys walk on stage and Rosie, Bethan and Chloe help to arrange set.

Scene Six

Cast *(form a circle and begin to chant)* Rum, vodka, larger, gin *(repeat 3 times)* Brahms and Liszt, let's get pissed.

All the cast begin to dance around and staggering as if they're drunk. Rosie, Michael, Ben and Chloe are dancing next to each other and Ben is mimicking what Rosie and Michael are doing.

Ben Chloe.. Look at them *(pointing to Rosie and Michael)* and look at us.

Chloe What?

Ben Chloe.. Look at them, and look at us!

Chloe Ok, we'll be like them then.

Chloe and Ben dance - but Ben makes suggestive moves behind her.

Mike Hey! Go on Ben lad!

Chloe What are you doing?

Ben Ah come on Chloe. Let's get a drink.

Ben and Chloe stagger over to the side and then Rosie and Michael start talking

Rosie Ben's so getting laid tonight.

Michael What do you mean?

Rosie With Chloe!

Michael Good lad.

Rosie Well we'll see what he's like tomorrow.

Chloe and Ben stagger back to the main part of the stage Chloe is clearly very drunk and they are both slurring their words

Ben Have another drink, here you are *(passing her another drink)*

Chloe Are you trying to get me drunk?

Ben No, you've only had a few anyway.

Chloe Are you sure?

Ben Yeah, now come on let's dance.

Ben and Chloe dance again, with Ben doing the same thing as before.

Mike Ha ha! He's doing it again.

Chloe Ben I said no!

Ben What is your problem?

Chloe I don't want to.

Ben goes to walk away.

Chloe No Ben, wait.

Ben *(Ben grabs Chloe by the jaw)* Listen Chloe, if you loved me then you'd just stop being so uptight.

Ben pushes Chloe away and exits (Music fades)

Chloe I didn't mean to make him so angry, he was just messing around. I should have just let him do it. I wanted to find him, I had to apologise. Ben I'm sorry.

Scene Seven

Ben walks back onto stage with the rest of the cast and they make four points around Chloe and Ben

Ben Oh, that's Chloe. I'm sure you'll think of some way to make it up to me.

Marilyn Manson- Sweet Dreams is playing and as it continues the cast except for Ben slowly lower down to the floor and they begin to writhe around as if they are in agony, Ben slowly comes down and pulls Chloe up, he raises her chin and pushes her hair off her face, she goes to run and he pulls her back, then he grabs hold of an item of her clothing and slowly peels it off as he walks around her, then he unties his belt and pushes her down slowly as he goes down on top of her. The lights go down, the cast exit the stage, when the lights come back up, Chloe is clutching for her clothes crying.

Blackout

Scene Eight

Ben We did it last night, the V plates are finally off!

Mike Good man, I guess I can call you a man now.

Ben Cheers Mike.

Rosie and Chloe walk on stage.

Chloe Rosie, I need to talk to you... *(She sees Ben)* I've gotta go. *(Rosie grabs Chloe)*

Rosie No, Michael's written a new song, you can listen to it.

Rosie pushes Chloe over to a chair then walks back over to the boys and they begin to sing Chloe is staring into space, the song is extremely relevant and reminds her of the awful truth, Chloe gets to a point where she can no longer take it and she runs out, Rosie looks around then follows. Michael stops playing and looks around for Chloe and Rosie.

Mike Ben is something up with Chloe?

Ben No, no, she's just being a moody bitch recently that's all.

Mike It's just that I've never seen her like that before.

Ben She's probably just adjusting to life - you know - to not being a virgin. *(nervous laugh).*

Mike Who made the first move then?

Ben Eh?

Mike Who made the first move, last night?

Ben Well, I guess that would be me.

Mike Good man!

Ben Cheers Mike.

Mike Probably did something wrong though.

Ben What? (nervously)

Mike I'm just saying you probably did something wrong last night to put her in the mood she's in today.

Ben Like what though?

Mike I'm just saying ... you're probably rubbish in bed. It was a joke!

Ben Oh right...yeah.

Mike Why? What did you mean?

Ben Oh nothing...nothing.

Mike Come on .. must have meant something.

Ben Well, when I saw you and Rosie at the party last night, I just told Chloe that I wanted us to be, you know, closer.

Mike So you had sex with her? Ben, you do know that me and Rosie didn't have sex straight away, don't you.

Ben Well, we were both drinking Mike - you saw how bad she was.

Mike Yeah. (Pause) You're sure she wanted to do it, yeah?

Ben (With difficulty) Well... not really.

Mike Cos, you know what it's like these days. The girl has to give 'consent' and stuff.. I'm just saying.. next they'll probably be accusing you of being a rapist or something! (laughs)

Ben (Not taking it as a joke) You what Mike?

Mike Sorry man I didn't mean to...

Ben You accusing me of being a rapist? Is that it?

Mike I'm not accusing you of being anything, I'm just saying you can get into trouble for this sort of stuff.

Ben (Grabbing him) Mike! I am not a rapist!

Mike Alright!

Ben hits Mike and exits. Enter Rosie, sees Mike holding his face.

Rosie- Michael? Are you OK?

Mike Yeah yeah, I'm fine.

Rosie What's wrong?

Mike Rosie it doesn't matter.

Rosie Clearly it does.

Mike No Rosie, it really doesn't.

Rosie Have you had an argument with Ben?
Mike No, just go away.
Rosie Michael, tell me what's wrong now!
Mike Rosie, you really don't want to know.
Rosie Yes I do want to know.
Mike No, you really don't.
Rosie You're clearly upset over something, tell me.
Mike Rosie it doesn't matter.
Rosie It does matter. (Pause) Michael, I tell you everything. (Pause) Tell me! Michael! Look at me! If you loved me you'd tell me.
Mike It just ... I think Ben ... might have raped Chloe last night.
Rosie (in disbelief) What?
Mike He just told me.
Rosie What are you talking about? Don't be ridiculous. Just get out Michael!

Michael exits stage and Chloe walks on

Chloe Have they both gone now?
Rosie Yes, Chloe you can tell me anything you know, no matter how bad it is?
Chloe Rosie, never mind.
Rosie It's just that Michael said the most absurd thing before, he said that Ben had raped you. How odd is that?
Chloe Yeah that's really odd that isn't it?
Rosie So he didn't?
Chloe No Rosie he didn't.. well that's what you wanna hear isn't it?
Rosie Of course that's what I want to hear.
Chloe You don't want to think that your precious Ben could ever rape me do you?
Rosie Precious Ben? Chloe you're my best friend, but I have known Ben my whole life and it's just not something he would do.
Chloe (*Turns to face Rosie*) Well he did! And where were you, where were you when it happened? Best friend, you never accepted me. You just tried to make me something I'm not and look where it's got me!
Rosie Don't you dare blame this on me!

Chloe walks off stage

Rosie Chloe, wait!

Blackout

Scene Nine

This scene is full of energy. Katy is standing centre stage, doing stretches.

Katy On the morning I found out, I was doing my usual morning stretches when I heard a knock at the door, I wasn't expecting anyone, so I went to answer it. *(Rosie walks on stage)* Oh Hi Rosie, you Ok? Come in come in you'll catch a cold. Sorry about my washing pile, and my ironing, I haven't had the time to do the cleaning. Can I get you a drink at all?

Rosie No...

Katy *(Ignoring her)* I've got tea, coffee, coke..diet coke, coke zero, or if you prefer something hot..

Rosie *(trying to interrupt)* Mrs Downes, I've come to speak to you about Chloe...

Katy Hot chocolate, I've even got green tea, with pineapple extract! Or a skinny latte, I reckon with a figure like that, it's definitely a skinny latte.

Rosie Please listen to me Mrs Downes.

Katy Anyways, how is Chloe getting on?

Rosie She not doing well actually...

Katy *(Ignoring her)* I don't really like asking these things, because I feel like I'm poking my nose in.

Rosie Mrs Downes?

Katy Blah blah blah blah blah blah

Rosie Please?

Katy Blah blah blah blah blah

Rosie- Chloe's been raped! *(Katy stops talking and stop what she's doing)*

Katy *(Stunned)* What? What do you mean she's been raped? Who by?

Rosie Her boyfriend.

Katy Boyfriend? She doesn't even have a boyfriend.

Rosie I think it's best I go.

Katy I didn't even know she had a boyfriend. I'm her mother and I'm supposed to know these things. I'm supposed to protect her from everything like that. I moved her away from all of that, but... I wasn't there ... my baby...raped. I had to find Chloe.

Scene Ten

Doorbell Rosie walks on stage as a police officer, Katy and Rosie mime having a conversation then Chloe enters.

Chloe Mum, I'm home.

Katy Chloe?

Chloe *(Looking at the officer)* Mum? What's going on?

Katy Rosie came round and she told me everything.

Chloe What have you done?

Katy ushers Chloe to a seat and Chloe is left dumbstruck

Police Hello Chloe, I'm P.C Owens, I'm from the local station. You're not in any trouble. Your mum has told me everything, I just need to hear it from you. I can get a specially trained officer to contact you from the sexual assault referral centre. They'll give you all the help and support you need.

Katy Chloe, come on love, please...

Chloe I can't mum he loves me.

Katy He doesn't love you! If he's done this to you, then think of all the other girls he can do it to. Come on Chloe....please. For me?

Chloe Ok Mum.

Scene Eleven

Katy is centre stage and the cast take up various positions on stage Chloe and Ben are at the front, either sides of the stage, Chloe is knelt down with her head down and Ben is standing with his head up.

Katy *(Walking over to Chloe as Katy talks Chloe slowly begins to stand up)* Chloe was brave and strong, and with the help of her family and friends and a specially trained officer, she pulled through.

Katy *(Walking over to Ben as Katy talks Ben slowly begins to kneel)* Ben was arrested and charged with rape. He was given a custodial sentence and placed in a Young Offenders Institution, his name was also put on the Sex Offenders Register. Because of his convictions he couldn't travel to America like he had always wanted. By the time he got out, he was 21 years old and even though a long time had passed no one ever forgot his past.

Katy *(As if it is the first scene again)* On the 21st of December 2009 Chloe tried to commit suicide.

All Stop!

Katy But she pulled through and chose life. *(Bethan and Rosie unfreeze and make their way over to Chloe)* She is now preparing to go to University along with Rosie and Bethan.

Katy *(Michael unfreezes)* Michael is now touring America with his band, he stops by occasionally to see all his old friends *(He walks over to Rosie, Chloe and Bethan)* Well all except one *(They all look over to Ben)*

Blackout