

**Style of Acting**

 Actors play multiple roles

 Direct address to the audience

 Social commentary veiled in

humour

 Quick paced scenes

 Episodic structure

 Frequent changes of direction

 Use of different styles of text

 Colloquial language

 Exaggerated

Key words

Multi–role

Direct address

 Fourth wall

V-Effect

Social commentary

Humour

**Social/Cultural & Historical Context**

 Written in 1980s and it retains political and social relevance. Mainly concerning educational issues liked to the Thatcher years of power.

 League tables introduced

 Many teachers opposed the changes, and campaigned against the low pay, working conditions, and lack of morale within the industry.

 In Teechers Mr Nixon argues with Mr Basford (The Deputy Head) about the fairness of private education. Mr Nixon believes that all children should have access to the best possible

education, and that this should not be reserved for those who can afford it.

 John Godber has written this play to question the morality of any child not being given a

good education and fairness to equality within the class system.

**Plot**

‘Teechers’ is a play within a play. Three year 11 students

put on a performance for their teachers. School leavers,

Salty, Hobby and Gail Saunders perform an account of

their time in High School. They were particularly inspired

by their time with Mr. Jeff Nixon, the new drama

teacher who ignited their passion for the stage with his

idealism and belief that all children should be treated

equally. At the end of the play, Mr Nixon leaves

Whitewall High School to teach at St Georges, another

school with a much better reputation.

**Main Characters**

 Gail Saunders Loud mouthed, bossy and full of enthusiasm

 Lilian “Hobby” Hobson – always caught eating and missing PE

 Ian “Salty” Salt A school-leaver, bright and fresh-faced, rather dirty in appearance

 Mr Nixon - The drama teacher, socialist and idealistic fancies Jackie Prime

 Mrs Parry - The Headteacher loves all students and is wanting the best from them.

 Ms Maureen Whitham - A fussy teacher, desperate to leave.

 Bobby “Oggy” Moxon - The school bully in a modern age

 Peter “Pete” Saxon - A large, frightening youth with tattoos, appears foolish.

 Mr Derek Basford - The Deputy Head

 Miss Jackie Prime (later Short) - PE Teacher