

'EXPECTING BETTER'
An Overview

Expecting Better is a bittersweet comedy/drama play following three connected but very different couples who share only one thing in common - they are all about to become parents.

Set across a period of three years, the couples attempt to come together for dinner, though for various reasons (including a surprise arrival, revealed secrets, dramatic break-ups and even rumours of sex-cult orgies), no dinner ever actually gets served.

The story is a look at our obsession with the rights and wrongs of parenting styles, relationship struggles and how the expectations of first-time parents, rarely go to plan.

Character list:

Couple 1: Daisy and Josh

Daisy: Female, 30's. Spiritual, new-age, highly opinionated crystal healer with a fixed idea about how motherhood should look.

Josh: Male, 30's - Liberal, social worker, well liked but largely dominated by his wife.

Couple 2: Julia (Josh's sister) and Darren

Julia: Female, 20's/30's - Independent, level headed but deeply unhappy in her marriage.

Darren: (Act 2 Only)

Male, 20's/30's - Wealthy, successful, but an unpleasant bully who cares little for the prospect of family life.

Couple 3: Kelly and Mark (Julia & Darren's neighbours)

Kelly: Female 20's/30's - Loud, lively and completely authentic despite what others may think. (ideally with an Essex accent).

Mark: Male: 30's/40's - Dry sense of humour, always desperate to impress but mainly to hide his insecurities.

Smaller part:

Paul: Male 20's/30's/40's - Julia's new man, all round nice guy (Act 3 only).