

Hardwicke House

UK TV sitcom : 19[87] : dir. [John Stroud] : Central
 : 1 x ? min [2 x 30 min.]
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 Roy Kinnear ?

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Time Out note:

“The shortest-lived sitcom in TV history. Set in a comprehensive school that made Borstal look like a Hampstead kindergarten, the series was taken off within a week and subsequent episodes were junked. Central was flooded with complaints about the geography master deliberately electrocuting his little darlings. We thought that was the best bit.”

[no listing in "Halliwell's Television Companion", "History of Television", "Television's Greatest Hits" or "25 Years of ITV - 1955-1980"]

No further information currently available. One can't help but be intrigued by a school sitcom so controversial it was taken off the air after just one episode. On television longevity is absolutely no index of quality, and many an atrocious sitcom, here and in the US, has run to a second or subsequent season. If one can read between the lines of such a flip review, it seems the pupils in this series were not the 20-year olds of "**Please Sir!**", and nor was it another staffroom-centred school sitcom. The archive would be interested to hear from anyone who caught the original broadcast.

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