



We're talking about...BOYS! By Emma Fitzgerald

BOYS...

A strange species. Smelly, unwashed, rude... The list goes on!
Then, one day, they walk into school with shiny hair, smelling lovely...
“What’s this?” you cry.

Suddenly, this species is rather attractive.

In the playground the conversation has gone from heart throbs on T.V. to heart throbs at school or on the bus.

You imagine being with them, holding their hand, doing anything they ask... especially that one over there, if he went out with you he’d never look at anyone else.

In fact, that’s what he says. It must be fate!

And he’s older than you. After all, boys your age are too immature.

Very soon, he tells you he loves you. Wow!

So, you’re in love, what happens next? What if he expects more than holding hands? If you say no, will he still love you?

Oh the pressure! How old are you again?

But this is *your* life right?

Ask yourself a few things first;

Would someone who loves you ask you to do anything that doesn’t feel quite right?

How would you feel if they did?

If found out, would it cause trouble?

What would your friends say?

Maybe life was more fun when boys were just smelly, rude and unwashed!

As Catholics we are taught that sex and all that leads up to it, is an act of love that should take place only within marriage – to someone we love, trust and respect deeply.

What might seem fun, rebellious, harmless etc right now, could well leave you feeling full of regret and sadness when you do meet the right person and realise you’d rather have waited for them.

God knows you and loves you so much. He knows what is best for you before you will ever know it yourself.

Do you love yourself enough to make the right decisions?

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