

## It's a tough job appearing on TV and munching through bars of chocolate, but **Hilary Porter's** found one girl who doesn't mind

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**I**T SOUNDED like a dream come true – starring in a TV commercial and eating chocolate all day! Fifteen-year-old Charlotte Kingston admits she enjoyed her taste of fame when she filmed a commercial for Cadbury's chocolate that is due to hit our TV screens this week.

But the whole experience left the Charminster teenager feeling very sick. Quite an ordeal for the most hardy of chocoholics, the day entailed Charlotte munching her way through "literally hundreds of bars of chocolate".

The Bournemouth School for Girls pupil had auditioned for the part through Swish of the Curtain Drama School and fought off competition from hundreds of other girls.

From the outset she received the star treatment with a visit to celebrity hairdresser John Freida's salon in London. Here she was given a '70s style hair-do "with a big Abba style fringe" in keeping with the era in which the advert is set.

Then it was off to the BBC for a costume fitting – a '70s style school uniform – before filming on Epsom Down.

Charlotte, who has previously had film extra parts in *Vanity Fair* and *Alexander*, and performed in several Bournemouth and Poole pantomimes through Stage Door School of Dancing, told the *Echo*: "It was such a fun day – it was so good.

"Everyone knew who I was and people were being held back from the school bus as we were filming.

"The advert is about first love and follows a boy and girl who meet on a school bus and fall in love over a bar of chocolate.

"I had to eat lots and lots of chocolate because they kept filming it over and over again from different angles – it went on for hours. In the end they told me not to eat it any more. I kept taking two pieces at a time and after each take I would spit it out. In the end I just couldn't eat it as I felt so sick. I couldn't believe how much chocolate got wasted.

"We got through hundreds of bars of Dairy Milk."

The advert will be screened for six weeks as part of a sequence of three, each portraying a different era in Charlotte's character's life.

**Hilary Porter**



# Let there be choc!