"Euphoria" viewers find the show's second season to be boundary-pushing and surprising.

y the time dinner rolled around on Tuesday night, Shelby Young (11) was exhausted from escaping spoilers on social media about the HBO Max original show "Euphoria." The newest episode had aired two nights before, but because Young watched the show with her parents, she had to wait. As her family sat down to eat dinner, they queued up the latest episode on their living room television.

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"I watch 'Euphoria' with my parents, which is a little unconventional from other people. It's a little awkward when there are sex scenes, but it's actually pretty fun. We sit on the couch and watch it while eating dinner," Young said.

Bradynn McNeiland (9), however, watched the second season of "Euphoria" on Sunday nights at 9 o'clock sharp. Afterwards, she always checked social media to see what other viewers thought.

"I check the 'Euphoria' Instagram and Angus Cloud's Twitter page because he's so funny," McNeiland said.

"Euphoria" was infamous for its darker portrayal of teens' high school experiences. During each hourlong episode, Young, McNeiland, Nivea Martin (10) and Romaro Knight (10) felt numerous emotions.

"It's anxiety-inducing, because I have no idea what's about to happen next. They're not afraid to push their boundaries. It makes the show really scary," Knight said.

Those who watched the show believed it had evolved in different ways since its first season. Martin noticed an even heavier focus on drug use, while Young saw secondary characters like Fezco and Cal get richer background stories. Certain scenes in the new season brought about sadness and shock for its viewers. Young was left crying on her couch for hours after watching Rue endure her father's funeral. McNeiland thought the Labrinth cameo to be the most surprising scene in the season, because it was so unexpected. Knight was stunned by Jules and Elliot deserting Rue and having an affair.

Characters new and old became fan favorites over the course of the second season. McNeiland was glad to see Rue, her favorite character, get clean.

"Rue kind of changed. I liked that a lot. She's sober in the newest episode, and seems genuinely happy with herself," McNeiland said.

Young was elated to see Fezco, her favorite character, get more screen time.

Throughout the second season, Martin related to Maddy's emerging ideas on loyalty and principles. Both Young and McNeiland connected to the emotions Rue felt. Knight, however, related to no one.

"I feel like they're just so crazy and dramatic. It's not at all me, the things that they do. I could just never see myself doing it," Knight said.

All four agreed that the show was alluring to teens, because it offered a peek into personal struggles they may or may not have related to.

"I feel like teens are attracted to the show, because it shows issues that happen in our everyday life, and though it may be really exaggerated, because it's for TV, you do see smaller issues that we face all the time. You feel less alone," Young said.

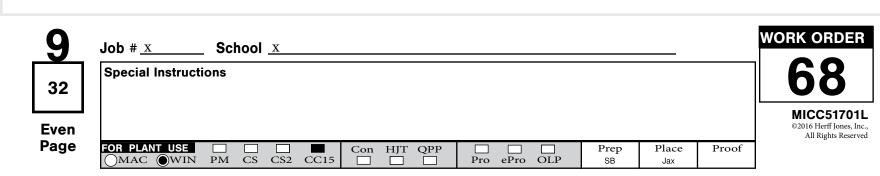
The episode ended, and despite having finished dinner, Young felt empty. The ending left her hungry for more. She opened Twitter to finally see what others had to say. - **BRI WOODS**





A BUSINESS VENTURE Dressed in a blazer, Fajr Busaleh (10) poses as Rue Bennett in episode three of "Euphoria." While she didn't fully understand what happened in the episode, she knew that Rue's plan had negative consequences. "I think Rue is scared for her future, and thinks the drugs will be something stable in her life," Busaleh said. Photo by Bri Woods

> - CAROLINE TOLER Source: Crimson Survey of 100 students





Who are you most excited to see at Forecastle?



"I'm most excited for Tyler the Creator, because over the past couple of months I've gotten really into his music, and I love the vibe."



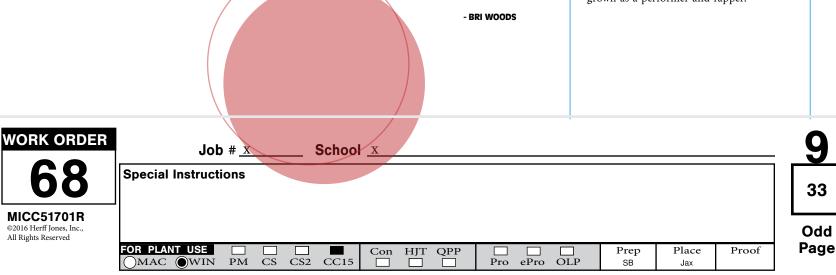
"I am so excited to see Tyler the Creator and Tame Impala. I've loved Tyler since the eighth grade, and both Tyler and Tame Impala's music makes me so happy!"



"I'm really excited to see Tame Impala, because I really like their music and how it makes me feel."



"I'm most excited to see Jack Harlow! I have been a fan of him since sophomore year, and I'm so proud of how much he has grown as a performer and rapper."



TROUBLE IN PARADISE In the photo studio on Mar 4, Allic Senn (12), Shelby Young (11) and Sophie Hemingway (12) pose as Cassie, Kat and Maddy from the show "Euphoria While watching season two, Young anxiously awaited the noment when Maddy would learn about Nate and Cassie. "I hink it totally ruined their freindship. The trust Maddy had is Young said. Photo by Bri Woods



ON PATROL
Pretending to be Ashtray watching the security cameras, Braydon Underwood (9) reflects on Ash's character development in season two of "Eurphoria." He respected that Ash's character was always on the hustle, and that Fezco saw him not only as a a business partner, but as a brother. "Ashtray and Fez are loyal and will never leave each other," Underwood said. Photo by Bri Woods

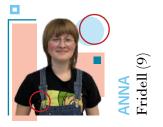


aspects of the event.

season one, Brennan Eberwine (11) flaunts glitter makeup in the photo studio on Mar. 2. "Watercolor Eyes" was an original song by Lana Del Rey featured in season two, and was one of Eberwine's favorite tracks. "I think the glitter represents the messy parts of youth. No matter how far you get from teenagedom, it stays with you. I love how emotional the song is, and that it tells a story," Eberwine said. Photo by Caroline Toler

WATERCOLOR EYES Paying homage to

FOOTBALL fever Super Bowl fans enjoy different aspects of the event



"Watching the game is my favorite part, because it's nerve-racking when the scores are close."



"I really liked the halftime show. It was a cool tribute to pay to those musicians.

Goodwin (11 "Food is the best part, because food is good. My

favorite Super Bowl food is fried chicken."