

Secret agent infiltrates BBC



I SPY: St Ives actor Jonathan Rhodes with Rachel Petladwala and Ben Kerfoot in CBBC's M.I.High.

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ACTOR Jonathan Rhodes has landed a starring role in the popular teen spy series M.I. High which returned to the screens on Monday.

Jonathan, 35, from St Ives, plays Agent Stark, a tough new agent who is unhappy to have three teenage spies on his team, as he joins the fourth series of the show.

M.I. High has become a flagship show on CBBC and has proved popular with younger viewers as the teenage spies from MI9 take on villains with high-tech gadgets in spectacular stunts from their secret headquarters hidden under a school.

Jonathan, who trained at the Birmingham School of Acting and has appeared in films, on

television and on stage, said: "I really enjoyed the freedom to play with this new character to the show.

"I was the new boy on set and you don't get a lot of time on a fast-moving shoot, but I found that very quickly myself and the other actors established a way of working that brought out the best in all of us."

He said he played the pompous chief agent, who has no time for the young spies, as a cross between Mr Bronson from Grange Hill circa 1989 and Rimmer from Red Dwarf.

The show will also feature guest appearances from Doctor Who and Hollyoaks darling Elize Du Toit and former EastEnders villainess Tracy-Ann Oberman.