

**Title:** The VHS Diaries

**Writer:** Paul Beeson

**Format:** 6 x 30' TV series (Comedy Drama)

**Logline:** While clearing out her late mother's house, Sally Dawson discovers the VHS tapes she filmed as a teenager in the 90s, causing her to reflect on her dreams, her relationships and her life.

**Summary:** *The VHS Diaries* is about reflection. Have I made the most of my life? Have I loved the right people in the right way? Have I achieved my goals? Or did, as Oasis poetically put it, "the dreams we have as children fade away"?

The kind of reflection that only grief can cause.

Sally Dawson faces these questions head on when she's transported from her mum's attic back to 1994 through the videos made by her 15 year old self. God, she was cool back then: driven, determined, downright defiant... What happened?!

The more she sees of her past, the more she wakes up to her current reality. She's not the rock 'n' roll star she dreamed of being. She works in HR. She's turning into her mum. And Jess, her teenage daughter, is right - Sally DOESN'T understand her and life IS unfair.

Can she change?

*The VHS Diaries* help Sally reassess her life, attempt to get her dreams back on track and try to mend the relationships she has let fray: her hapless husband, her junkie brother, her former best mate and, most importantly, her daughter. The tapes are a found footage testimony of teenage life and a nostalgic nosedive into the not-too-distant past. Sally begins to realise that the trials and tribulations of young people haven't changed much. Friendships, crushes, school, exams, peer pressure, parents... it's all still so relatable in 2021.

The music was better back then though.