

At the back

of every
form room, the
lockers are like a wall
of upright coffins: such a
dumb idea because they're
just tall enough for
a Year Seven boy to
be squashed into, but
only if he bends both
his knees a bit, just a tiny
(agonising) five degrees
or so. They are in fact
so thin that a boy my
size can only just
expand his ribs
enough to suck
thin sips of air
& maybe it's
a design fault
they should
really have
considered:
that lockers
are only *un*
locked from
the outside:
& then only
if somebody cares
you're still there.