

# TELEVISION

# WHO WILL JOIN THE DOCTOR?

# Jodie Whittaker will be the 13th Doctor Who and we are delighted. Now, who will play her next sidekick?

It's about time. After 54 years of scarring small children for life, the BBC has finally cast a woman as the extra-terrestrial Time Lord with a deep affection for the human race. And it's none other than *Broadchurch*'s Jodie Whittaker.

But who will be her companion? Will it be a young male ingénue overawed by her presence and slightly in love, like Amy Pond? Perhaps he will be scantily clad in leather like Leela, the fourth Doctor's companion. Or maybe it will be... whisper it... another woman. (William Hill gave us odds of 2/9 for a male, 3/1 for a female.) But, at this juncture, it's all to play for. Here are *Stylist*'s predictions...

#### MADDY HILL

# Tom Gormer, Photography Director

"The best person for the job is clearly Maddy Hill, Danny Dyer's daughter from *EastEnders*. Feminist, funny and, most importantly, a good actor."

## **BRENDAN GLEESON**

# Anna Muradova, Beauty Intern

"It should be a man but not a love interest, more a friend. Someone middle-aged who recently had a dark period in his life so by discovering the wonders of the universe he learns how to smile again. Gleeson's got it nailed."

#### HARRY STYLES

#### Gareth Watkins, Production Editor

"He's already proved he can act

in *Dunkirk* so no need to even audition. He'd be a bit cheeky, a bit reckless but a bit naive. A young Jack Sparrow if you will, landing himself in intergalactic scrapes that end with the new Time Lord rolling her eyes as she rescues him *again*."

#### NO-ONE

## Serena Kutchinsky, Features Writer

"Why not go one feminist step further and scrap the whole idea? Having someone by The Doctor's side, travelling through time to defend her honour would defeat the point."

#### JOHN BOYEGA

## Helen Bownass, Entertainment Director

"He knows a lot about space, surely the first requisite? The *Star Wars* star (who also starred with Whittaker in *Attack The Block*) is an important mix of funny, gobby and emotive, and adept at letting his female co-star shine."

# **GARY LINEKER**

## Mandie Gower, Acting Deputy Editor

"While he's zipping about time and space in the Tardis, he could search the galaxy for the women missing from the BBC's salary list, and report back on just how far in the future we've got to wait for the gender pay gap to close..."

Doctor Who will next air at Christmas



# EXPERIENCE

# Eat ice cream on the world's fastest slide



Adrenaline-inducing ice cream and a super-fast slide. This is quite literally the new offering at the ArcelorMittal Orbit sculpture, which encases the world's tallest, longest and fastest slide in east London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

On 29 July, eager visitors will be treated to a free scoop of 'Ice Scream', specially formulated with caffeine, cocoa nibs, chocolate, black walnut and a hint of espresso – in other words, a sensory rush in a cone. Naturally, *Stylist* was keen to try it out.

We wolfed down the ice cream before jetting up the 114.5m-tall sculpture – in a lift, thankfully – as the caffeine buzz kicked in after two minutes. Sporting

some fetching elbow pads and a hat, we pitched ourselves onto the slide and can report that the

40-second journey was definitely elevated by the hormones suddenly whizzing around our blood stream.

Tickets for the ArcelorMittal Orbit and slide are £16.50; ice cream is free while stocks last