

May Releases



Spooks: The Greater Good

Director: Bharat Nalluri

Starring: Kit Harington, David Harewood

Running time: 104 mins

On nationwide release from May 8th

After a four year absence from TV screens, Peter Firth brings counter terrorist agent Harry Pearce to the big screen in *Spooks: The Greater Good*, with screenwriters Jonathan Brackley and Sam Vincent plus director Bharat Nalluri also back on board.

We revisit Pearce after his scandalous resignation from MI5 after terrorist Adem Qasim escapes custody. His protégé Will Holloway, played by *Game of Thrones* star Kit Harington, is assigned to investigate Pearce's mysterious disappearance off a bridge into the Thames. Holloway finds himself in a blur of conspiracy and corruption as he chases leads across the globe to prevent an imminent terrorist attack on London.

When asked about the translation of *Spooks* from TV series to film, Nalluri has promised to preserve the twists and turns that put the show on the map. He'll also be contending with a 12A framework, so the jury is still out on whether any potential death scenes will match Helen Flynn's submersion in boiling hot cooking oil.

With rumours of Harry turning rogue running riot, *The Greater Good* looks like it should satiate *Spooks* fans and other thrillseekers.

Charlotte Ross

Pitch Perfect 2

Director: Elizabeth Banks

Starring: Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson

Running time: TBC

On nationwide release from May 15th

Yes, the *Pitches* are back, and this time they're college seniors with a torch to pass on. Screenwriter Kay Cannon joins them once again alongside Elizabeth Banks (the original *Pitch Perfect*'s producer and cast member), who's chosen *Pitch Perfect 2* as her first feature film directing credit. Old cast favorites will also return, including Anna Kendrick, Brittany Snow and Rebel Wilson as Fat Amy.

After being suspended from college, the Barden Bellas enter a global competition to fight for both their places at school and the coveted first place prize that no American team has won before. Set in the majority of the crew's senior year, the girls have a legacy to fight for and not a lot of time to do it in. It all sets up a clear 'coming-of-age' vibe for the girls, as they begin to decide who they will become after graduation.

New recruits to the gang include *True Grit*'s Hailee Steinfeld, as well as Katey Sagal, known for *Sons of Anarchy* and as Cate Hennessy in US TV series *8 Simple Rules*, whilst other hinted additions for the sequel include cameos from real a cappella groups such as Pentatonix and the Filharmonic. New recruits and *Pitch* veterans combined, Banks has promised one hell of a show.

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