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## Who's Who? Who knows

**Chloe Lambert** looks at the favourites to play the 11th Doctor

The wait is almost over: on Thursday millions of families will be glued to their screens for the *Doctor Who* Christmas special, *The Next Doctor*. But with David Tennant leaving the role at the end of next year, everyone is wondering who will take his place. Here are some of the hot tips — who would be your choice?

► The *Cold Feet* actor **James Nesbitt** could be a contender, especially after his friend David Tennant mischievously began to spread rumours about him. When asked about it, Nesbitt said Tennant would be a hard act to follow, but didn't rule himself out.



▲ In an unusual twist to this year's Christmas special, *Doctor Who* will be joined by another Time Lord, played by **David Morrissey**. Some think that this means he will be the one to take over the role. Watch carefully on Thursday and see what you think.

◀ Notting Hill actor **Rhys Ifans** is often mentioned on Dr Who fans' message boards. Could he be David Tennant's successor? The Welsh actor would certainly feel at home in Cardiff, where the series is filmed.



► Ever since *Doctor Who* began in 1963, women have been relegated to the part of the Doctor's sidekick. Russell T. Davies, the writer of the current series, has said that he would like to see a female Doctor — and even had a particular Hollywood star in mind: "**Catherine Zeta-Jones** would be great."



► He has admitted to being a *Doctor Who* fan, and has said that he would take the role if it were offered. So maybe **David Walliams** is the man to bet on. The *Little Britain* star has already appeared in audio productions of the show.



◀ Could **Paterson Joseph** be the next into the Tardis? He is no stranger to *Doctor Who*, having appeared alongside Christopher Eccleston in two episodes as Rodrick. He is best known for his roles in TV's *Peep Show* and *Casualty*. If he landed the part, he would be the first black Doctor.

*The Next Doctor* will be shown on BBC One at 6pm on Christmas Day



### daily dingbat

Which word or phrase is this? Say what you see.



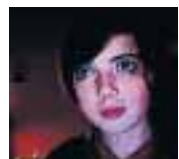
Friday's answer Fortune teller

Friday's puzzle answer Simon

### book review

**BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS** FLO LACEY, aged 13, reviews *How I Live Now* by Meg Rosoff

Daisy is a city teenager sent away to live with her cousins — the rational schoolboy, Osbert, the all knowing and always listening Edmond, his quiet, intelligent twin, Isaac, and the youngest of the four, mystical, caring Piper.



When a war begins, the children are separated. Daisy and Piper experience a murder by the enemy, and go into hiding. They finally go out to search for the others, but when they arrive at their destination all they can see is death.

This was one of the most romantic and sad books I have ever read and every sentence gave me chills. It is enlightening, yet surprisingly deep. Towards the end, I felt I knew Daisy inside out.

*How I Live Now* changed the way I think. Only after reading this can you understand all the loss in the world.

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