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Mr Warrington's Choices

KS3 Choice (Y7-9)

Eddie the Eagle on Netflix

Ski jumping is for insane people. Usually Scandinavian. The semi-true story of Eddie Edwards is told with such an unending positive outlook, just like the man himself. A great family film. Look out for: Christopher Walken!

KS4 Choice (Y10-11)

Blinded by the Light on Amazon Prime

Do you love Bruce Springsteen? If you lived in Luton in the '80s he might have seemed like the voice of escape. A brilliant (also semi-true) story of a boy who wants to break out from his family and his town. Set to the music of the the boss. Look out for: a famous Michael Fish weather report.

KS5 Choice (Y12-13)

Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa on BBC iPlayer

Steve Coogan's cringe inducing buffoon rides again in a radio station hostage drama that works far better than we could have hoped. Look out for: Colm Meaney's furious sacked DJ.



Brighter Time

There's no escaping the reality that things are a bit tough out there for a lot of people. It's not easy being constrained so much and it can be really tough to get along with the same people on the same routine every day. After a phone conversation with one of our students we realised that we could probably do with offering a ray of light here. I mean, *Misery* is a great film but is it cheerful? Probably not. So, this week we're having a feel good special. We're recommending films that, whilst they might occasionally show hardship and struggle, should hopefully put a smile on your face. And if that's what you need then look no further than *Eddie the Eagle*. This is a proper heartfelt, and unashamedly feel-good film, based on a story I remember only too well. Watch it and have a jolly good grin.

Mr W & Mr M-M.



Mr Moreno-Melgar's Choices

KS3 Choice (Y7-9)

Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle - Netflix

Is it a reboot? A remake? A sequel? I think it's all 3, officially. But what it definitely is, is a better Indiana Jones film than *Crystal Skull*. It's also genuinely funny.

The stunt work and the set pieces are excellent and do a great job of building the world of the game of *Jumanji* with some memorable performances, notably from the double-act of Kevin Hart and Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson.

KS4 Choice (Y10-11)

The Kings of Summer - Amazon Prime

Feel good films don't come much better than *Kings of Summer*, a criminally under-watched, coming-of-age comedy by *Kong: Skull Island* Director Jordan Vogt-Roberts. Let this piece of shameless escapism allow you to daydream of a non-lockdown world of freedom, independence and limitless possibilities. Just don't expect everything to go smoothly...

KS5 Choice (Y12-13)

The Raid - Netflix

Along with *Mad Max: Fury Road*, *The Raid* is the the best action film of the decade. I shan't go into detail about the majestic direction and editing, or the absurdly impactful stunt work. Instead let me suggest: this is a feel good film because if you think your lockdown is bad, imagine being locked down in that building.

Short Shorts

The internet is filled with places to watch short films that aren't just YouTube. That isn't to say that there aren't great things to watch on YouTube (we've hammered through all of *Every Frame a Painting* and you should too), but there's plenty more out there so lets see if you can broaden your horizons.

Want to feel good? Have a watch of a good sports documentary. I love them, I absolutely love them. Perhaps my favourite is *When We Were Kings*, All about the Rumble in the Jungle.

But, for a change of pace and just 15 minutes of your time why don't you join Gary and Paul O'Donovan, the two Irish rowers who caused a sensation by winning an Olympic medal. Have a look at their slightly odd attitude and training methods in [Boys from the Back of Beyond](#).

