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Mr Warrington's Choices

KS3 Choice (Y7-9)

Waking Ned on Amazon Prime

A surprise smash hit around the world. This warm Irish comedy collects a bunch of veteran actors in a story about telling a little lie to make sure you can collect your dead friend's lottery winnings. Look out for: the motorbike ride.

KS4 Choice (Y10-11)

Fallen on Amazon Prime

This is a proper curio. A great cast of character actors backing up Denzel in an early lead role. A serial killer manages to transfer his soul to different people via touch and the cop who got him a death sentence has to survive his wrath. Look out for: Elias Koteas as the menacing killer, "Time is on my side..."

KS5 Choice (Y12-13)

L.A. Confidential on Amazon Prime

This film is superb. A twisting crime thriller with an all-star cast on top form. Enjoy. Look out for: Bud White (Russell Crowe) unable to contain his fury at the man who mistreats his wife.



Nostalgia

I think nostalgia is entirely forgivable, especially so in a time like this. So, forgive me especially for a full blown nostalgia trip. I grew up on '90s cinema, American independent studies and VHS rentals just before the rise and dominance of the franchise sequel. So this week I went for full indulgence and picked a string of '90s films. From a family favourite through to a stone-cold crime classic by the way of a strange, almost forgotten thriller. Hope you enjoy them

Mr Warrington.



Mr Moreno-Melgar's Choices

KS3 Choice (Y7-9)

Twister on Prime

Summer movies are all about spectacle and (safe) danger. The visual effects in this still hold up and help to make a classic summer blockbuster rollercoaster ride, where the relatively short running time is crammed with increasingly impressive set-pieces.

KS4 Choice (Y10-11)

The Other Guys on Netflix

I don't think I watched another film more than *The Other Guys* in the last ten years. Comedy is absolutely subjective, but there is some excellent film making here from Director Adam McKay and some objectively absurd and hilarious 'skits'.

KS5 Choice (Y12-13)

Man on the Moon on BBC iPlayer

Another personal favourite here. It might help to know a little about legendary comedian Andy Kauffman before watching this film which gives little insight into his complex life, but the central performance here from Jim Carrey is so astonishing that almost nothing else matters.

YouTube Channels

Is anyone above shameless self-promotion? Possibly, but not us. We gave it until the 15th week at least.

Ian Moreno-Melgar has an excellent YouTube channel called 'Film Studies Fundamentals'. Guidance for shot types, clips from films on the exam board's curriculum and the occasional glimpse into something different too. Here's some of his best videos...

Shot Sizes in Cinema

Stanley Kubrick & The Arctic Monkeys

How Camera Movement Creates Meaning in Attack the Block



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