



Holly Matthews

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Holly Matthews (born **Holly Wilkinson**, October 13, 1984 in Newcastle Upon Tyne, England, UK ^[1] is an actress. She started her career in the hit BBC children's drama *Byker Grove*, playing the role of Emma Miller for seven years.^[2]

She left the show in 2003 to pursue a singing career after signing to Sony UK. She appeared on various TV shows promoting her single "Little Miss Perfect" under the name **Summer Matthews**. The song's instrumentation consists of a guitar and synthesizer.^[3] An editor from *Cambridge News* noted that "Little Miss Perfect" is reminiscent of songs released by Canadian recording artist, *Avril Lavigne*.^[4] However, they felt that it was "not the worst single ever made", although "not one you're likely to remember either."^[4] Matt Gray of The Digital Fix wrote that the song "doesn't quite scan", and joked that it has "all the ferocity and attitude of a cute ickle Care Bear. He also felt that "Amy Studt and Avril Lavigne do it a lot better" and went on to describe it as a "bland, uninspired pop tune".^[3] "Little Miss Perfect" peaked at number 32 on the *UK Singles Chart* for the issue dated 28 February 2004.^[5]

Some of the shows she appeared on were *Top of the Pops Saturday*, MTV, TRL, *Dick and Dom*, *The Box*, *RI:SE*, *Disney*, *Trouble*, *CBBC*, *Xchange*, *The Saturday Show*, *The Chart Show* and *Blue Peter*.

She attended the British drama school East 15 in 2005, and left after winning a high-profile role in the BBC drama *Waterloo Road*, playing the bully Leigh-Ann Galloway.^[6] Since that role, Matthews has continued to act in BBC's *Doctors*, playing Connie Whitfield; in ITV's *The Bill* playing drug addict Josie Clarke; and she was back in the BBC soap *Doctors* in 2009, playing Tansy Flack.

Matthews works as a personal *Business and Mindset Coach* (<http://www.iamhollymatthews.com/coachingwithme/>)^[7] to female entrepreneurs and creatives.

Matthews launched her flagship online, self development course *The Bossing it! Academy* (<http://www.iamhollymatthews.com/bossingit/>)^[8] in November 2016, gaining press attention in The Daily Mirror and having celebrities through it's virtual doors.

Matthews has over 1.5 Million views on her YouTube Channel *Holly Matthews Online* (<https://www.youtube.com/user/hollymatthewsonline>)^[9] and is a paid Vlogger, creating content for *Channel Mum*. (http://www.channelmum.com/vloggers/Holly_Matthews/)^[10]

Holly Matthews	
Born	<div>Holly Wilkinson</div> <div>13 October 1984</div> <div>, England,</div>
Occupation	Actress
Years active	1995–present
Spouse	<div>Ross Blair (2012 - 29</div> <div>July 2017) (his</div> <div>death) (2 children)</div>

Matthews is a [Huffington Post Blogger](#)^[11] and was personally asked by [Ariana Huffington](#) to write for Thrive Global. (<https://www.thriveglobal.com/>)

Personal life

Matthews gave birth five weeks early to a daughter, Brooke early in 2011.^[12] At five months old Brooke was diagnosed with [meningitis](#), which Matthews herself had at seven years old.

Matthews daughter, Brooke became a viral sensation^[13] after a video showing her telling off the UK prime minister, [Theresa May](#) went viral.

Matthews' husband Ross Blair, son of ex-Aston Villa footballer [Andy Blair](#) and brother of [Doncaster Rovers](#) footballer [Matty Blair](#), died on 29 July 2017 from a brain tumour.^[14]

Matthews has raised more than £11,000 for the Warwickshire hospice where her husband spent his final days.^[15]

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