

= The Inbetweeners 2 =

The Inbetweeners 2 is a 2014 British comedy film and sequel to The Inbetweeners Movie (2011) , which is based on the E4 sitcom The Inbetweeners . It was written and directed by series creators Damon Beesley and Iain Morris .

The film involves four school friends who meet up again for a holiday in Australia , and stars Simon Bird , Joe Thomas , James Buckley and Blake Harrison . In media interviews , the film 's writers and actors stated that it was to be an end to the series .

The Inbetweeners 2 was released on 6 August 2014 in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland , to positive reception from critics . It surpassed the record of its predecessor for the highest gross on the opening day of a comedy in the UK , with £ 2 @. @ 75 million , and ended its first weekend with a gross of £ 12 @. @ 5 million , the largest opening of any film in 2014 , then remained on top for a second week . With an overall gross of £ 33 @. @ 3 million , it was the highest @- @ grossing British film in the domestic market in 2014 . On 21 August , it was released in Australia , to a mixed reception , and topped the box office in its opening weekend .

= = Plot = =

Will , Neil and Jay 's girlfriends have all broken up with them since the events of the last film , and Simon is unhappy with his girlfriend Lucy , who has become obsessive and abusive . Simon and Will are depressed and ostracised at university ; Neil is working in a bank ; and Jay is taking a gap year in Australia . He emails Neil , claiming that he is now a top DJ at a popular night club , lives in a luxury mansion , and has daily sex with multiple partners . This convinces them to visit him in Australia for their Easter holidays . Once they arrive at the club they find that Jay in fact only works as a toilet attendant , while Will meets Katie , an old friend from his private school days , who is backpacking , and she persuades him to join her .

The next day , the four travel to a youth hostel in Byron Bay , as Will wants to follow Katie there . He attempts to become friends with one of the backpackers , Ben , but is unsuccessful when the backpackers quickly deduce that he is a tourist , rather than a " traveller " . Will struggles to fit in with the ' spiritual ' activities of the travellers and discovers that Katie is seeing multiple people at once , launching him into one of his foul @- @ mouthed tirades towards them , which leads Katie into having sex with Ben .

The boys and the backpackers visit a water park , where Jay intends to find his ex @- @ girlfriend , Jane . The park staff tell Jay that Jane has found a new job in the vast Outback , which leaves Jay feeling very dejected . Lucy tells Simon via Skype that Jane is working on a stud farm in the remote settlement of Birdsville , and the boys intend to drive there . Their car runs out of petrol in the middle of the desert . The group hold hands together as they realise that they will most likely die , but are rescued by Jane and her co @- @ workers . She realises how far Jay came to win her over again , and although she is touched by the gesture , she does not take him back . Back at Jay 's uncle 's house , the boys find that their parents have travelled to find them after hearing of their near @- @ death experience . The boys are shocked to find Mr Gilbert (their old head of sixth form and Will 's nemesis) there too , and Will 's mother announces that she and Gilbert are in a relationship , to the abject horror of Will and amusement of the other three friends . Over Skype , Lucy breaks @- @ up with Simon because she is now in a relationship with his university ' best friend ' Pete , which Simon responds to by cheering and abruptly hanging @- @ up on her .

The four boys decide to travel to Vietnam in a montage during the film 's credits . As they return to England , Neil begins a relationship with one of the travellers while Will 's mother reveals that she and Gilbert are engaged . Will attempts to run back to the plane , but is wrestled to the ground by security .

= = Cast = =

Daisy Ridley 's scenes were cut from the final version .

= = Production = =

= = = Origin = = =

Although originally intended as an unambiguous ending to the television series , the unexpected popularity and box office success of The Inbetweeners Movie led to speculation over the possibility of a sequel . These rumours began in early September 2011 , while the film was still in cinemas , and were denied by its writers and actors . Around the same time , producer Christopher Young openly recognised the possibility of another film based on the series , claiming that " if there is a sequel it will come from the creative elements ... We 've talked about it . In the short term people are dispersing and doing other things but I 'm sure in the medium term a sequel is very possible . It won 't be immediate but it 's definitely not closed . " Co @-@ writer Damon Beesley later admitted " we didn 't know how successful it would be and that it would have a life on screen . But they did translate to big @-@ screen characters , people did care about them and did go back and see it more than once ? and that 's very rare in cinema . The idea of not following that up seemed insane to most people " . The actors had mixed emotions on making a sequel . Although Buckley and Thomas felt put off by the success of the first film , Harrison and Bird became convinced on reading the script .

Iain Morris received inspiration for the film from his own experiences as a high school exchange student on Australia 's Gold Coast , describing it as " a place where people go to get drunk , pick some fruit and get drunk again " .

= = = Development = = =

On 21 August 2012 , it was announced that a sequel was in early stages of pre @-@ production . On 8 November , it was announced by series creators Morris and Beesley that a script was being written and it was at " version 0 @.@ 5 " On 1 May 2013 , it was announced that , although nothing had been signed , a sequel was in the planning stage possibly set in Australia and to be released sometime in 2014 .

On 2 August 2013 , the sequel was officially confirmed for release in August 2014 . The series ' Facebook page revealed on 15 March 2014 that the sequel would be released on 6 August 2014 .

On 9 May 2014 , a teaser trailer was released , in which the characters drive through the Outback and call an Aborigine a " fire wanker " . A second trailer , this time full length , was released on The Inbetweeners official Facebook page on 18 June , showing more of the storyline .

= = = Filming = = =

Filming began in Australia on 7 December 2013 , before moving to the UK in January 2014 . Part of the film was shot in Marree , South Australia , an isolated Outback settlement without mobile reception or Internet .

Ben Palmer , the director of the first Inbetweeners film , was involved with Simon Pegg 's film Man Up , so Morris and Beesley directed The Inbetweeners 2 . Bird said that the actors were initially disheartened by the absence of Palmer , and nervous about the direction of Morris and Beesley due to their lack of experience in the position .

Morris had considered filming the Australian scenes in South Africa due to the comparatively high costs in Australia , which despite a higher budget caused the sequel to have fewer resources than its predecessor . While all locations for the first film had been within 10 minutes of the hotel , locations in the second were separated by a three @-@ hour flight and nine @-@ hour car journey . During filming in the Outback , the Australian crew provided two doctors and 40 litres of IV fluid , although the only point in which a doctor was called was when Buckley thought that he was having a heart attack , which was in reality indigestion from chips and lager . Beesley considered it " the

maniac 's choice of a film to be your first film " . The water park scenes were filmed at Wet 'n'Wild Gold Coast , which Thomas described as " some quite challenging scenes " .

When asked whether he ever felt averse to any material in the film due to perceived offence , Morris said that the crew 's attitude was " let ? s shoot everything , push it , and then if it feels like too much when we ? re watching it , we can always pull it back in the editing room " .

= = Release = =

The film premiered at Leicester Square , London , on 5 August 2014 . In attendance were guests including Beverley Knight , Union J and Alex Zane . In Australia it was distributed by Roadshow Entertainment and released on 21 August . The same company took the film to New Zealand a week later .

= = = Box office = = =

The Inbetweeners 2 grossed £ 2 @. @ 75 million on its opening day of 6 August 2014 , surpassing its predecessor as the top grossing opening day in the UK for a comedy film . By the end of its first weekend , it topped the UK box office with a gross of £ 12 @. @ 5 million , surpassing Transformers : Age of Extinction (£ 11 @. @ 7 million) as the largest UK opening in 2014 ; this , however , was less than the £ 13 @. @ 2 million opening of The Inbetweeners Movie in 2011 . It topped the box office for a second week , in which it grossed £ 9 @. @ 83 million . In its third week , it fell to second spot behind new release Lucy .

In its opening week in Australia , the film grossed \$ 3 @. @ 155 million in Australian dollars , topping the box office and pushing Guardians of the Galaxy into second place . It fell to second place in its second week , with Guardians of the Galaxy returning to top spot .

As of 12 October 2014 , the film had made \$ 55 @, @ 652 @, @ 783 in the United Kingdom , \$ 6 @, @ 598 @, @ 273 in Australia , and \$ 473 @, @ 316 in New Zealand .

With an overall gross of £ 33 @. @ 3 million , The Inbetweeners 2 was the highest grossing British or Irish film in the domestic market in 2014 , ahead of Paddington (£ 27 @. @ 9 million) . It was the third highest grossing of any film in the UK and Ireland in 2014 , after The Lego Movie and The Hobbit : The Battle of the Five Armies .

= = = Critical reception = = =

Of the thirty @- @ five reviews surveyed by review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes , 69 % of reviews were positive . On Metacritic , the film has a 55 / 100 rating based on 7 critics , indicating " mixed or average reviews " .

= = = = United Kingdom = = = =

Robbie Collin of The Daily Telegraph gave the film four stars out of five , saying " Perhaps the biggest compliment you could pay the film , apart from that it ? s by and large hysterically funny , is that it is unmistakably film @- @ like , with a smoothly arcing plot and gross @- @ out moments staged with the verve and ceremony of an action @- @ movie set @- @ piece . " In The Guardian , Mike McCahill gave the film three stars . He found fault in its treatment of female characters , saying " Some of the abundant thought channelled into knob gags could have been diverted towards developing the boys ' female counterparts beyond harpies and lust objects " . Unlike Collin , he found The Inbetweeners 2 to resemble a television show more than a film : " as with the first film , number 2 never quite shakes its resemblance to primetime E4 , complete with ad @- @ ready fadeouts and Walkabout interiors ... couldn ' t the vehicles transporting them to the wider world display slightly more ambition ? " . Chris Hewitt of Empire magazine gave the film four stars out of five , summing it up as " The Fannytastic Four leave us on a poo @- @ flecked , piss @- @ soaked , sun @- @ burned high that more than overcomes its familiar flaws to become a real contender for

the year ? s funniest film . Four star wankers " .

A negative review came from Graham Young of the Birmingham Mail , who found the film 's humour to be repetitive : " Damon Beesley and Iain Morris have both directed this sequel which lacks an emotional arc to create momentum ... Yes , it can be funny , and you ? d have to be a prude not to laugh ... But the endless , alliterative phrases for sex and countless in @-@ your @-@ face sight gags dilute the characters and turn the mood wearingly lewd . Like Nick Frost ? s The Cuban Fury [sic] earlier this year , The Inbetweeners 2 takes a funny premise ? and then ruins it . " Writing in The Observer , Jonathan Romney gave the film two stars out of five , summing it up as " British TV comedy 's favourite Four Stooges take another holiday , resulting in fountainous poo , pee and puke , rampant misogyny , ' ironic ' rampant misogyny , rampant ' irony ' , and that old Carry On staple , horror of sex (especially among the over @-@ 25s) " . He however predicted that on the record of the first film , The Inbetweeners 2 would be a financial success . In Time Out , Tom Huddleston gave the film one star out of five , saying " ? The Inbetweeners 2 ? is riddled with contempt : for its characters , for its audience and most notably for the entire female gender . That a film in 2014 can still get away with depicting all women as either dumb , hapless sluts or ball @-@ busting haridans is frankly unbelievable . "

= = = = Australia = = = =

In Australia , Matthew Toomey , a film critic for 612 ABC Brisbane , gave The Inbetweeners 2 a B + . He said " Don ? t expect a deep , underlying narrative . This is just a bunch of horny teenagers doing really dumb things . To each their own ... but I was entertained . First and foremost , it shocked me ? and that ? s not easy given how many movies I watch . It pushes the envelope a lot further than I expected and I 'd highly recommend seeing the film in a packed cinema . The audience reactions would be hilarious . " Louise Keller of Urban Cinefile wrote a mixed review , stating that the film takes a long time to " get going " due to a " silly establishment skit " . However , she concluded that " there is genuine affection with which the filmmakers portray their characters and as a consequence , the level of offence is lessened to some degree " . Simon Miraudo of Quickflix gave the film three stars out of five , calling it " the biggest ribbing since The Simpsons invaded [Australia 's] shores " . Although opining that the film was " slightly more insensitive to its female leads than previous efforts " , he concluded that a scene in which faeces chase Will down a waterslide " challenges Caddyshack for the mantle of ' Best Ever S * * * in Water ' gag " .

In the Herald Sun , Leigh Paatsch gave the film one star . He criticised the casting , describing the main characters as " supposed to be aged about 20 [but] played by blokes who all look as if they ? re 30 @-@ plus , and carry on as if they ? re not yet 10 " , and also found the film misogynistic , saying " the derogatory manner in which women are spoken of (and often depicted) is relentlessly , callously crass . Sometimes even hateful " . A mixed review from Philippa Hawker of the Sydney Morning Herald concluded " The Australian elements seem hastily inserted and incidental : the movie could have been set in any country that had a water park and a place to get lost . But as a hymn to male bonding , and an exploration of the comic possibilities of what happens when a turd hits a water slide , The Inbetweeners 2 is a precisely crafted , assured piece of work " .

= = = Home media = = =

The Inbetweeners 2 was released on DVD and Blu @-@ ray in the United Kingdom on 1 December 2014 . A DVD edition also including the first film was released at the same time .

The DVD featured two audio commentaries ? one with Morris and Beesley and the other by the four lead actors ? in addition to a behind @-@ the @-@ scenes featurette , deleted scenes , and a blooper reel . The film 's release on home media was sponsored by STA Travel , who offered a prize of a holiday to the Australian state of Queensland .

= = Legacy = =

At its premiere on 5 August 2014 , Bird said of the film :

In an interview with the BBC , Thomas said that Morris and Beesley had been " very adamant " that the series had finished . On his co @-@ stars , he added " There is a bond there that I think would be a stupid thing to waste . You don 't get that bond very often with other performers and we do have it and it 's a valuable thing " .

In the same interview , when asked whether the series had finished , both co @-@ creators answered with a simultaneous " Yes ! " . Morris expressed that " I think the time is right . After the first film , I wanted to hear more from Jay , Will , Neil and Simon . But this time I feel there is enough . There is more than enough Jay in this world " , and Beesley added " The end of the story has always felt like the time where they go off and start living their adult life . And I think this film takes us up to that point " .

Various media outlets blamed The Inbetweeners 2 for an increase in a craze of deliberate defecation in swimming pools to distress other guests . They linked the craze , known as " logging " or " Code Brown " , to a scene akin to it in the film .