**Richard Ayoade**

**Actor, comedian, director and TV presenter**

Three years after graduating, Richard won the Perrier award at the Edinburgh fringe in 2001 for co-writing and performing in [Garth Marenghi’s Netherhead](http://www.theguardian.com/stage/2001/nov/02/comedy.artsfeatures), a show that became a cult Channel 4 comedy. Richard rushed to fame with the success of The IT Crowd staring as the geeky Maurice Moss and as Dean Learner in [*Garth Marenghi’s Darkplace*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garth_Marenghi%27s_Darkplace). Working alongside comedian friends, Richard has also appeared in comedy hits such as [*The Mighty Boosh*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Mighty_Boosh_(TV_series)), [*Nathan Barley*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nathan_Barley) and [*Noel Fielding’s Luxury Comedy*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noel_Fielding%27s_Luxury_Comedy).

In 2010 Richard turned his hand to directing and made the highly praised Film4 indie hit, Submarine.

His recent film, The Double (2014) which Richard both wrote and directed, won the Audience Award at the Brussels International Film Festival.

Most recently Richard has taken on the role as presenter of Channel 4′s hit entertainment technology show, Gadget Man

Aside from presenting, Richard can also be seen on popular comedy panel shows such as Channel 4′s Big Fat Quizes,8 Out of 10 Cats, BBC’s Never Mind the Buzzcocks, A League of Their Own and a recent appearance onThe Last Leg.