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If Joe Cole is the next Jack O'Connell, then Jack O'Connell is the next Tom Hardy, Tom Hardy is the next Christian Bale and Christian Bale is the next Daniel Day-Lewis... Read on for proof (of sorts).

Joe Cole

No, not *that* Joe Cole. We're talking about his non-football-playing namesake. The actor (right) caught our attention as bad-boy Luke on E4 teen series *Skins*, and has swiftly garnered a reputation as newcomer to watch. What's next for Cole? Look out for the Londoner opposite *Game Of Thrones* actress Maisie Williams in film thriller *The Falling*. In cinemas early 2015

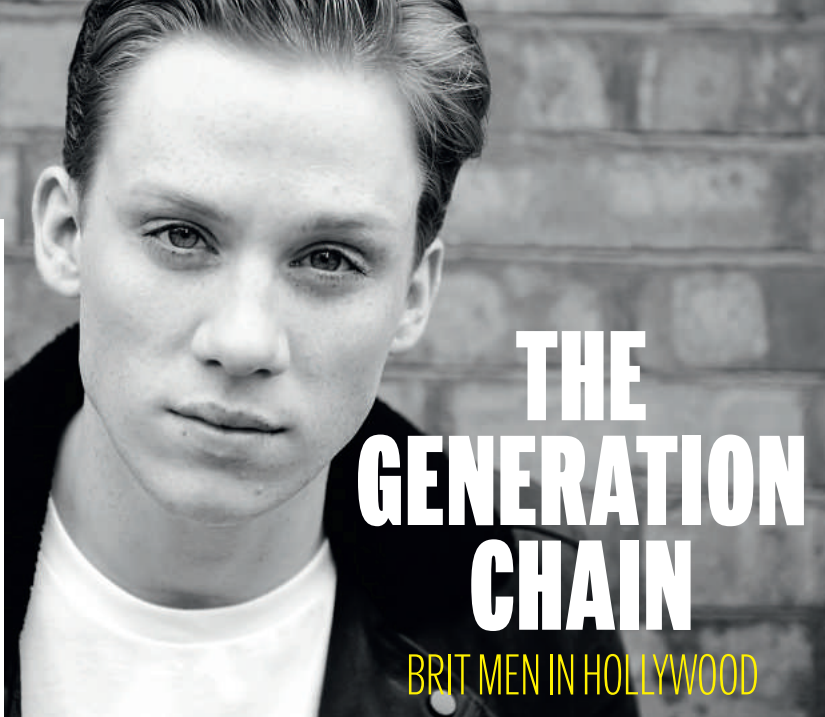


Jack O'Connell

Another *Skins* alumnus, Derby-born Jack O'Connell first swaggered on to our screens in 2006 skinhead drama *This Is England*. Now, he has been taken under Angelina Jolie's directorial wing for a career-making role in her Christmas release, *Unbroken*. In cinemas 26 December

Tom Hardy

Breakthrough performances in *Inception* and *Bronson* cemented Hardy's hall-of-fame position; and it's been a success-strewn climb since. See London-born Hardy in gritty crime-drama *The Drop*, with Noomi Rapace and the late James Gandolfini (in his final big-screen appearance). In cinemas 14 November



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Daniel Day-Lewis

How do you become Hollywood royalty? Invest more than 40 years into the industry and become the only person in history to win the Oscar for Best Actor three times. Simple. However, the elusive London-born actor hasn't appeared in a film since his third and most recent Oscar-winning feat (2012's *Lincoln*) - biding his time until his fourth Academy Award-snaring performance, we expect. Legend.

'Tom Hardy's hall-of-fame position was cemented by his performance in *Inception*'



Christian Bale

He's inextricable from cult characters such as Batman and *American Psycho*'s Patrick Bateman, but let's not forget the actor's Welsh roots. Coming up, expect to see Bale in Ridley Scott's biblical epic *Exodus: Gods And Kings* with Sigourney Weaver and *Breaking Bad*'s Aaron Paul. In cinemas 26 December



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