



MEDIA ALERT

BBC World News to broadcast 'Class Dismissed - the Death of Female Education,' original 2009 documentary on Malala Yousafzai

**To air Tuesday 16th October 2012, at 14.30; 19.30 AEDT and on
Wednesday 17th October at 02.30 AEDT**

Malala Yousafzai, the 14-year-old schoolgirl shot by a Taliban gunman last week on her way home from school, is now in Britain where she'll receive specialist medical treatment.

In 2009, Malala wrote an anonymous [blog](#) for the BBC about life under the Taliban in her home city of Mingora in Pakistan's Swat Valley.

The same year, Adam Ellick, a journalist and film-maker from The New York Times, began to make a film about Malala and her family. The documentary followed her struggle to keep up her education amid Taliban attempts to close all girls' schools in the area and when it was broadcast three years ago on The New York Times' website, it brought Malala to the world's attention.

The BBC's 24 hour news channel BBC World News is the first broadcaster to air the documentary. The film will be shown on BBC World News today (Tuesday 16th October, 2012) at 14.30; 19.30 AEDT and on Wednesday 17th October at 02.30 AEDT

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