

Media Alert



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PRESS TO AIR ON BBC FIRST FROM NOVEMBER 6



BBC First will show Mike Bartlett's (*Doctor Foster*) drama series **Press** from Tuesday November 6 at 8.30pm. Set in the fast-paced and challenging environment of the British newspaper industry **Press** explores the personal lives and constant professional dilemmas facing the journalists who work at two rival newspapers.

Starring **Charlotte Riley** (*Peaky Blinders*) as the talented and hardworking Deputy News Editor of The Herald, a left-leaning broadsheet; **Ben Chaplin** (*Apple Tree Yard*) as the charming and manipulative Editor of The Post; **David Suchet** (*Poirot*) as the CEO of the multimedia conglomerate that owns The Post; and Australian **Brendan Cowell** (*Love My Way*) as the News Editor of The Herald.

A sharp, pacy series that rips aside the front pages of rival newspapers to reveal the lives, loves and lies of a dynamic group of characters. Under relentless pressure from the 24-hour news cycle, these passionate professionals go to extraordinary lengths to uncover stories and get them into print. They hold the powerful to account and turn ordinary people's lives into headlines, but can they face up to the truth about themselves? With its outstanding cast and timely storylines, **Press** gets to the core of an industry that has never been more in the global spotlight.

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Press kit available on request

Images available here: <https://www.bbcmedia.com.au>

NOTES TO EDITORS:

About BBC Studios

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specialisms. It has offices in 22 markets globally, including six production bases in the UK and production bases and partnerships in a further nine countries around the world. The company, which makes 2500 hours of content a year, is a champion for British creativity around the world and a committed partner for the UK's independent sector. BBC Studios has revenue of £1.4bn, and returns around £200m to the BBC Group annually, complementing the BBC's licence fee and enhancing programmes for UK audiences.

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The logo for BBC Studios, featuring the letters 'BBC' in a bold, black, sans-serif font inside three black squares, with the word 'STUDIOS' in a bold, black, sans-serif font below it.

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