

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince Trailer Review

Warner Bros have just announced that they are putting back the release of the next Harry Potter film by six months. If I didn't need my Mac Book for work I would hurl it across the room - as it is I will probably write an anonymous message on the WB notice board.

The reason for the delay is probably a lot to do with money. WB want to put Half Blood Prince out at the same time of year as they released The Dark Knight to see if it collects the same amount of cash, forgetting that for this to happen Rupert Grint would have to die in a tragic accident (too soon?).

From this short glimpse of the film it seems that they are continuing the trend started in The Goblet of Fire, of focusing on the juicy meat of the story and ignoring the unwanted fat - basically doing what the book editor should have done.

The trailer gets straight into the action; Harry's quest to know his enemy. We enter Dumbledore's memory of his first meeting with a young Voldemort, here still known as plain Tom Riddle.

This proto-baddie looks not so much evil as petulant. He is played by Hero Tiffin Fiennes (!) the nephew of Ralph Fiennes who plays the adult Voldemort. To prove that he is a wizard, and not a psychiatrist, Dumbledore sets fire to a cupboard, something Raj Pesaud may have to resort to in future. The young Tom tells us he can make bad things happen, as we see bad things happening to Ginny and Ron Weasley and an amazing shot of Dumbledore surrounded by flames that is straight from the dust jacket illustration.

The trailer ends with a voice-over discussion between Dumbledore and Harry, who asks if the professor knew he was in the presence of the most evil dark wizard in history, he claims that he did not. I would've thought that the flash frame of Voldemort in full evil pose would've given him a clue.