

**Bloke at the back**

**Geeky but gorgeous**

# David Tennant



*From Broadchurch to The Escape Artist, dishy David's hardly been off our screens this year!*

## What's up, doc!

We've always had a soft spot for David Tennant ever since he became the 10th Doctor. So we're excited to see him back for a special 50th anniversary episode of the show. David, 42, lives with his wife Georgia Moffett, and their children, Tyler, 11, Georgia's child from a previous relationship, Olive, two, and Wilfred, six months.

**My bedpost really has very few notches compared with other actors.** I find it ridiculous when I read a script that says something like 'good-looking'. I think, 'That's not my part'. I always play geeks.

**I took piano lessons when I was 10, then gave them up.** Ever since, I've thought I should get back to that. So I recently started lessons again. I'm determined.

**Relationships are hard enough with the people you're having them with let alone talking about them in public.** I have a happy family life, I'm blessed.

**Once, I got asked for an autograph in the shower on one of my rare visits to a gym.** I was washing my hair facing the wall and someone tapped me on the shoulder. I turned round and a naked man was standing there with a pen.

**I'm a big Star Wars fan.** I was once in a restaurant with George Lucas and I said, 'Nice to meet you. I love your films.' He replied, 'Thanks very much.' The moral of the story? Never meet your heroes.

**My real name's David McDonald. I'm named after Neil Tennant from The Pet Shop Boys.** I had to change my acting name when I was 16. To find a name, I looked in my copy of *Smash Hits*.<sup>TM</sup>

**\* Catch Doctor Who 50th Anniversary Special: The Day Of The Doctor on BBC1, Saturday 23 November**

### THE CASTING COUCH The steps that shaped David's career...



**'05 DOCTOR WHO**  
'The pressure not to muck things up was quite extreme.'



**'06 HARRY POTTER**  
'It was fun to get to play a baddie, exhilarating.'



**'09 HAMLET**  
'It's probably the most famous play there's ever been.'



**'13 BROADCHURCH**  
'Alec Hardy is a great character and really noble.'

*'Say What?'  
I'm such a wuss. I'm really not a rodent fan.'*

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