

Ten tips for the top

These are our hot tips for big breakthroughs this year. With enough success coming their way to see them make the main list in the future, they are the shooting stars who are lighting up the showbiz skies, and we predict glitzy futures for them...

1 CAREY MULLIGAN Age: 24 This young woman is set to surge straight up the main list next year. Her life – and her career – changed in one weekend, the weekend that *An Education* was premiered at the Sundance Festival. The buzz about her in Hollywood is loud, and she's signed on for several hot films, including playing Michael Douglas's daughter in the sequel to *Wall Street*. She was given the Hollywood Breakthrough Actress Award after the rave reviews for *An Education*.

2 JAMES BUCKLEY Age: 22 He's playing the young Del Boy Trotter, in the new prequel to *Only Fools And Horses*, which is guaranteed huge viewing figures. He was the best thing in *Inbetweeners*, the cult E4 comedy show that was the most popular programme ever on the channel, and there's going to be a third series, which will probably make it onto a mainline channel. He was also in six episodes of the BBC2 comedy *Off The Hook* last year. Plus he plays in a band, called London Waiting.

3 SHERIDAN SMITH Age: 28 After two years as James Corden's squeeze, some of his magic seems to have landed on this actress. Sheridan has been on our screens in lots of programmes: *Jonathan Creek*, *Lark Rise To Candleford*, *Gavin & Stacey*, *Love Soup*, *Grownups*, *The Royle Family*. She's been described as Britain's Jennifer Aniston: a loveable blonde with a great deal of talent. She has appeared in ITV soap *Benidorm* and she is wowing audiences at the Savoy Theatre in London with her starring role in *Legally Blonde*.

4 JAY SEAN Age: 26 He's come up through the Asian underground scene, and after signing to an American hip-hop label has become very big in the States. His single, *Down*, was the first by a solo artist of Asian origin to top the US charts. And his popularity out there is expected to help make him big back here. He's a rapper/beatboxer who has been described as 'a one-man boy band'.

