

## Meet the New Cast of *The Crown's* Third Season

If you know anything about *The Crown's* third season, you likely know that it will feature an (almost) entirely different cast, with Claire Foy, Matt Smith & co passing on the royal torch to a new ensemble. **Olivia Colman** and Tobias Menzies will be taking over the lead roles, but that's just the tip of the casting iceberg. Here's your full guide to the new actors of *The Crown* season three. (pictures from Getty / Netflix)

### 1- Olivia Colman as Queen Elizabeth II



**The Role:** Queen Elizabeth has been Queen of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth nations since 1952, when she ascended the throne at the age of 25. She is the longest-living and longest serving British monarch in history, and the longest-reigning current monarch anywhere in the world.

**The Actor:** Olivia Colman is **already well known** for previous roles including Godmother in *Fleabag*, DS Ellie Miller in *Broadchurch*, and **Queen Anne in *The Favourite*** (for which she won the Best Actress Oscar last year). She takes over the role of Queen Elizabeth II from Claire Foy this season.

### 2- Helena Bonham Carter as Princess Margaret



**The Role:** Princess Margaret was Queen Elizabeth's younger sister. **After being famously forbidden to marry her first love Peter Townsend** (because he had been previously married), she married society photographer Antony Armstrong Jones, and **the couple stayed together for 18 tumultuous years.**

**The Actor:** Helena Bonham Carter is widely known for a number of roles including Bellatrix Lestrange in the *Harry Potter* movies, Marla Singer in *Fight Club*, and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in *The King's Speech*. **She takes over the role of Princess Margaret from Vanessa Kirby this season.**

### 3 - Josh O'Connor as Prince Charles



**The Role:** Prince Charles is the eldest child of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, and **first in line to the British throne**. He has been married twice, first to Princess Diana and later to Camilla Parker Bowles. Season three of *The Crown* will follow **his years as a student at Cambridge, his investiture as Prince of Wales**, and his early courtship with Camilla.

**The Actor:** O'Connor's past TV roles include *The Durrells*, *Peaky Blinders* and the BBC adaptation of *Les Misérables* (which also featured Erin Doherty, aka the new Princess Anne) He takes over the role of Charles from Julian Baring this season.

### 4- Erin Doherty as Princess Anne



**The Role:** Princess Anne is the **second child, and only daughter, of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip**. Born in 1950, she is known as a skilled equestrian, and in 1976 became the first member of the British royal family to compete in the Olympic Games.

**The Actor:** Doherty is a relative newcomer, having made her screen debut in 2017 on an episode of *Call the Midwife*—but she's such a standout in *The Crown* that you should expect to see a lot more of her.

### 5-Tobias Menzies as Prince Philip



**The Role:** Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, is Queen Elizabeth's husband. The couple married in 1947, five years before Elizabeth ascended the throne. **Born into Greek and Danish royalty**, Philip abandoned both titles to become a naturalized British citizen prior to their wedding.

**The Actor:** Tobias Menzies is best known for playing the dual role of Frank Randall and Jack Randall in *Outlander*, and Edmure Tully in *Game of Thrones*. He takes over the role of Prince Philip from Matt Smith this season.

#### 6- Ben Daniels as Antony Armstrong Jones



**The Role:** Antony Armstrong Jones, aka Lord Snowdon, was a British society photographer and the husband of Princess Margaret. *The Crown* season three **will depict the ugly decline of Antony and Margaret's already tumultuous relationship**, and possibly the couple's separation in 1976.

**The Actor:** Daniels is a stage and screen actor whose notable previous projects include *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, *Law & Order: UK*, and *House of Cards*. He takes over the role of Lord Snowdon from Matthew Goode.

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