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.

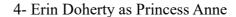
The Actor: Helena Bonham Carter is widely known for a number of roles including Bellatrix Lestrange in the *Harry Potter* movies, Marla Singer in *Fight Club*, and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in *The King's Speech*. She takes over the role of Princess Margaret from Vanessa Kirby this season.

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.





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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