

BEST OF THIS WEEK'S TV

This week tv choice

From HERO to ZERO

Coronation Street
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Long-suffering Eileen finally had something to smile about with the news that Todd was coming home from London. But her elation doesn't last, as his ex arrives first, and makes it clear that the golden boy's halo is well and truly tarnished.

As returning star Bruno Langley explains, Todd's only back because he's got nowhere else to go.

'He's been a bit of a naughty boy and burnt his bridges in London,' explains the 30-year-old who made his Corrie debut back in 2001. But while Eileen despairs at Todd's bad behaviour, Bruno loves the change in his character.

'It's great to play him darker,' smiles Bruno, who left the Street in 2004, but popped back in 2007 and again fleetingly in 2011. 'He's changed. He's not a boy anymore, he's grown up. And it's great because being away from the Street for a number of years I've learnt a lot of things and changed myself as a person.'

The biggest change in Bruno's life has been becoming a father to son Freddie. The six-year-old recently quizzed his dad about Todd, the character who became a talking point as Weatherfield's first openly gay character.

'Freddie asked me, "Does Todd have a girlfriend?" And I said, "No, sometimes boys like boys and girls like girls." And he thought about it for like three seconds and went, "Ok, cool." That's why kids are so great. I thought it was going to be a tricky subject...'

Bruno gathered some prestigious credits in his time away from Weatherfield, including a role in *Doctor Who* and theatre at the Old Vic alongside the likes of Christopher Eccleston and David Warner. But he admits that he had quiet times and certainly

didn't leave Corrie thinking he was headed for Tinseltown.

'I have done some great jobs, and I have had time out of work too, which has been very tough, but I wouldn't change it. It's OK to have big ambitions and I do. However, if you believe you can walk out of a soap and walk into Hollywood... that's not the way of it. People won't know who you are in the States — not that I have even been over. But I think if I can do some great work on British TV you never know where that might lead...'

It's obvious that having Todd back at home isn't going to be the tonic Eileen expected.

However, Bruno reckons that fans will relish that.

'I don't know exactly what is going to happen with Todd,' he muses. 'But then audiences love seeing Eileen in peril don't they?'

And while it seems few locals — aside from Sean — are thrilled to have Todd back in their midst, down-to-earth Bruno admits he's relishing his return to the Street.

'Now feels like the right time for me and for Todd to come back. And it's nice to be wanted, you know?'

Tricia Martin

'He's been a bit of a naughty boy!'

The Grimshaws aren't playing happy families as Todd returns to Weatherfield, but actor Bruno Langley is delighted to be back on the cobbles...

FAVOURITE



Sean is one of the few residents pleased to see Todd



Eileen's over the moon that Todd is home

