

Golden Joystick Awards: the people's gaming awards

Your games, your voice, your awards

Last year *The National Student* joined forces with the Golden Joystick Awards to help make it an unprecedented success, with over three quarters of a million votes cast by opinionated gamers.

Once again the world's most popular gaming awards wants to know what games and consoles have impressed **YOU** over the last year.

Voting for the 2008 Golden Joystick Awards kicks off on May 19 with the long-lists, giving student gamers a better chance to cast their votes before term ends for the summer. In keeping with the Golden Joystick Awards inclusiveness, every single game released between July 31 2007 and the August 1 2008 is eligible for the long-lists, so every vote counts. On June 19, the hallowed shortlists will be announced and a second round of voting will begin to determine the overall winner of each category.

Celebrating excellence in video gaming across the board, the Golden Joystick Awards are the longest-established video games awards in the world and are the only UK awards voted for by the people.

After the phenomenal numbers of people airing their views last year, *The National Student* has once again signed up to help make 2008 the biggest year yet.

The past year has been an exciting one for gamers: the xbox360 brought us the multi-player madness of the third instalment in the Halo series and the Nintendo Wii has added to its cannon of brilliant releases with the likes of Mario Kart and recently the groundbreaking keep-fit gaming of the Wii Fit. Undoubtedly the game on everybody's lips will be the amazing Grand Theft Auto 4, which is likely to win at least one award if not several. But this is up to you, so get voting!



£10,000 worth of prizes up for grabs, vote now for your chance to win.

From May 19 we need YOU to vote on the year's best games at:

national-student.co.uk/goldenjoystick

THE SUMMER IN CELLULOID

a swift dash through cinema's upcoming hits and misses...

22 May
Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull

The highly anticipated return of the action-archeologist sees Harrison Ford dust off his whip for another bout of nazi-baiting and booby-trap avoidance.

28 May
Sex And The City

The much gossiped about big screen outing for the frisky foursome.

6 June
Superhero Movie

The latest uninspired disposable movie pastiche to feebly attempt to separate you from your pocket money. Very likely to disappoint... even with low expectations!

13 June
The Incredible Hulk



The green growler is offered a second chance to impress at the box office, this time with Edward Norton in the title role and Tim Roth getting up to some equally monstrous mischief.

20 June
The Ruins

Evil lurks within ruins in the Mexican jungle.

26 June
The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian

Further adventures sprinkling a bit of contemporary CGI movie magic over CS Lewis' classic tales.

27 June
A Complete History Of My Sexual Failures
Humorous and very personal documentary - well worth catching.

4 July
Kung Fu Panda

Jack Black voices this animated tale of a martial arts bamboo muncher.

11 July
Mamma Mia
Making more money, money, money for the Abba chaps.

11 July
Get Smart



Steve Carell as the hapless secret agent and Anne Hathaway as the sexy competent one.

18 July
Meet Dave
Eddie Murphy plays a alien-piloted humanoid spaceship that falls in love... go figure!

25 July
The Dark Knight



Batman is back, with the late Heath Ledger as his clown faced nemesis.

1 August
The Love Guru
Very silly Mike Myers comedy featuring subtly named characters such as 'Guru Satchabignkoba' and 'Dick Pants'. Female cast members are honoured with equally tasteful credits including: 'Busty Waitress' and 'Cheering Stripper'.

1 August
X-Files - I want to Believe



Mulder and Scully are back on the case.

8 August
The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor
Brendan Fraser finds himself in more tomb based CGI peril, this time facing up against Jet Li.

15 August
Star Wars: The Clone Wars



Animated Jedi shenanigans from George Lucas sprawling galaxy of good versus evil.

15 August
You Don't Mess With The Zohan
Adam Sandler silliness. A Mossad agent fakes his death so he can re-emerge in New York City as a hair stylist.

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