

'The Inbetweeners' Opens to Record \$32.9 Million in U.K.

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The TV show-turned-movie scores the best first week ever for a live-action comedy, outperforming "The Hangover Part II" in the same timeframe.

LONDON – The big-screen version of British cult comedy television hit *The Inbetweeners* recorded the No. 1 opening week of all-time for a live-action comedy.

Released by Entertainment Film Distributors, the Film4-backed project broke the record for biggest live-action comedy chortling its way to £20.2 million (\$32.9 million) in its opening week on release here.

That makes it a richer joke than the previous record, held by *The Hangover Part II* with £17.2 (\$28 million) which laughed ahead of *Hancock* which scored £13 million (\$21.2 million).

The performance by the bawdy comedy about four hapless teenage boy school leavers who go on holiday together really is chalking up industry jaw-dropping results.

Still on release, its current box office tally stands at £27.7 million (\$45.2 million) according to Entertainment. Other titles in the top 10 live-action comedies being put in their comedy corner include *Meet the Fockers* with £10.9 million (\$17.8 million) and this year's previous title holder *Bridesmaids* with £5.9 million (\$9.6 million). It already hit the headlines here after posting north of £13 million (\$21 million) from 453 sites from its opening.

That opening was the second-biggest U.K. after the wizardry of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2* which took £23.7 million (\$39 million).