

Journey's End arrives in Wales for premiere

Starring Internationally-recognised actors Sam Claflin, Paul Bettany, Toby Jones and Asa Butterfield and set in 1918 in the trenches on the front line, the film has already held successful screenings at Toronto International Film Festival and the BFI London Film Festival but this will be its first showing in Wales.

Economy Secretary Ken Skates said:

"It's fantastic to see Journey's End premiering here in Wales, with this showing particularly timely as we mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

"I'm delighted to have supported the delivery of yet another high end production in Wales, boosting regional economies and local jobs whilst promoting Wales as a fantastic place to work, visit and film in the process.

"The screening reflects what has been an extremely busy and successful year for Wales Screen and our Creative Sector team, with more than £41 million in production spends recorded in Wales – testament to the skills we have on our doorstep and the stature Wales now holds within the Sector."

Culture Minister, Lord Dafydd Elis Thomas said:

"Wales continues to punch above its weight when it comes to high end TV and film production.

"Recent years have seen Wales become further established in helping deliver dramas and films of the very highest quality, with Sherlock, Doctor Who, Da Vinci's Demons and Born to Kill, amongst others, all made here in Wales.

"I'm delighted, today, that we are able to add Journey's End to that list, and look forward to its cinema release in February."

The screening this evening will offer BAFTA members and invited guests the opportunity to see the film before release. Hannah Raybould, Director BAFTA Cymru said:

"We're very much looking forward to screening this new feature which was filmed on location and at Pinewood Studios in Wales,

offering access to students from local universities. This ties in perfectly with our ethos of celebrating new Welsh content. It will be the culmination of a year of events to inspire the next generation of creative talent interested in working in film and television here in Wales."