

Will Mellor plays Receptionist Jack Vincent



“I was a very extrovert kid. I joined an acting agency when I was 11 as I wanted to be a performer, but wasn’t sure whether it was acting, singing or dancing, that I wanted to do.” Whilst at school, which Will enjoyed, “but purely for the social life”, he continued to get work through the agency. At 13, he got a part in the ITV drama *Children’s Ward*. He worked on several commercials and then was cast in *Brookside* aged 16. Playing Jacqui Dixon’s boyfriend, Will was in the show for a couple of months, but his big break came when he was 18, and cast as Jambo in Channel 4’s new teen soap *Hollyoaks*. From then on, Will has been in constant work. He spent a year and a half in the musical *Oh What A Night*, appeared in *Fat Friends* and is due to record a new series of *Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps* shortly. Will also enjoyed chart success in 1998. He got the part of Jack in *Casualty* in March 2001.

Age: 26

Home town: Manchester

Similarities with Jack: “He’s very physical and into sport, like me. He loves women and I love women – there’s no doubt about that. I live for the day and so does Jack. He needs to be more

thoughtful and sometimes I say and do things without thinking and Jack’s the same. He’s a spontaneous kind of guy.”

Jack’s best and worst traits: “He’s got a good sense of humour and he’s always looking to lighten up a situation, which can be a good thing in a hospital. He’s got a lot of emotions, which he’s not afraid to show. His heart is in the right place but he just tends to say the wrong thing. On the negative side he is very stubborn and likes things his own way.”

Will’s real-life *Casualty*: “My cartilage has gone again in my knee. I did it while playing football and will need to have keyhole surgery to fix it.”

On-screen romance: “I can’t keep up with Jack’s relationship with Nikki, it’s permanently on and off. He loves her to bits and I think that working together is their main problem as everyone manages to interfere with their relationship.”

Favourite food and music: “I’m listening to and writing some soul music and I also love R&B. Kwame’s got me into West Indian food and I love jerk chicken, rice and peas which I get from the restaurant near work. I can’t cook it myself yet, but I will learn one day...”

How do you keep in shape?: “I’ve stopped training because of my knee, but can do a few weights. I’m working really hard at the moment too, so don’t have much time off for exercise.”

How do you relax?: “I watch telly, or go and visit family and friends. I always have a lot of visiting to do and if I have more than two days off I’ll go home to Manchester.”

Did you know?

- Will still “lives” in a hotel in Bristol (where *Casualty* is based) despite filming in the city for the last year and a half.