

Royal role for Olivia



Actress Olivia Colman (centre) pictured on the
Holkham Hall Memory Walk. Picture: LIBRARY

Norfolk-schooled actress Olivia Colman has a royal appointment to play the Queen in the popular TV drama *The Crown*.

Ms Colman, 43, who was at sixth form at Gresham's School in Holt from 1990-1992, will play the role of Queen Elizabeth II from the ages of 40 to 60, through 20 episodes in series three and four.

She will take over from Claire Foy, 33, who won a Golden Globe for her portrayal of the Queen in the first series.

Ms Colman will start filming series three next year, but the shows won't air on Netflix until 2019.

It is understood that another actress will be chosen to play the Queen between the ages 60-90.

Ms Colman, who won a Golden Globe this year for her role as spy runner Angela Burr in *The Night Manager*, has been appearing in *Mosquitoes* at the National Theatre.

She is known for her roles in *Broadchurch*, *Twenty Twelve* and *Peep Show*.