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Chance to quiz cricket film-maker

STUDENTS in Bristol are among the first in the country to view an film about the West Indian cricket team of the mid-1970s.

Fire in Babylon, produced by Charles Steel, encompasses the music and politics of the era as well as telling of the success of the team, led by Viv Richards.

The documentary premiered in cinemas last Friday but is also being shown in schools as part of a nationwide initiative called Filmclub. Filton College and Downend School held screenings on Monday, with Mr Steel attending both sessions to answer questions and stimulate discussion.

Ex-England cricketer Mark Alleyne also attended the Filton event.

William Downey, from the college, said: “This was a great opportunity for Filton College to show a new release of a film that is not just about cricket and sport but about historical, social and political issues that are still relevant today.

“It was also a terrific opportunity for our students to discuss the making of the film with the producer and meet an outstanding sportsman.”

Tina Hanks and Nick Smith, Filmclub co-coordinators for Downend School, said: “To be able to discuss the film industry with Bafta-winning producer Charles Steel is a once in a lifetime opportunity.”

