## **THE MACHINE** (James, 2013) Production – pre-production and budget



## Task 2

Caradog W. James and John Giwa-Amu feel that pre-production is particularly important for lower budget films. Make notes on the following questions:

- Why do you think the director and producer feel pre-production planning, including scripting and storyboarding, is so important for lower budget films?
- How did producer John Giwa-Amu get production finance for The Machine?
- What was the eventual size of the budget for The Machine? What does he say is the average budget for a film similar to The Machine?

## **Pre-production Resources**

- Draft script
- Moodboard
- Director's pitch

## Follow-up task - broader film issue

Film and Emotional response: Caradog W. James says that films need to 'connect emotionally' with audiences.

Explore one extract from either *The Machine* or another film you know which makes an emotional impact on you. Explore what techniques the film-maker uses to 'connect emotionally' with audiences?