

## **FESTIVAL FAMILY**

### **Featuring David, Kirsty, Kaiden and Cassandra Davis**

FRED

Hello. I'm your photographer, Fred. May I take your name?

KAIDEN

Hi, I'm Kaiden, but I prefer Kai. This is my sister Cassie. And this is Mum and Dad.

KIRSTY & DAVID

Hi.

KIRSTY

Hi, I'm Kirsty.

DAVID

And I'm David. We both work in television.

KIRSTY

He's a producer and I'm an operations coordinator.

FRED

Delighted to meet you. Could you tell me about what you are wearing today and why you have chosen it?

CASSIE

So, these are my sparkling red boots. I like to wear them to festivals and my outfit is like a festival outfit.

KAIDEN

My dad and I went to go see Stormzy, was it in 2022? And we got these hoodies from his album Heavy Is The Head.

CASSIE

We are dressed like we're going to a festival. Because we're festival people.

KIRSTY

Yeah, I'm dressed like I'm going to a festival. We're going to a festival in May. It's called the In It Together festival.

FRED

Is this a family tradition, to go to festivals?

DAVID

I mean, we like to say it's a family tradition, but, like, we've done it once. This will be our second year.

FRED

You are going to look great. Hold still.

*Photo flash*

FRED

Lovely. Tell me a bit about your life right now.

KAIDEN

We live in Penylan, Cardiff. I've got a spanish and english assessment, but I haven't revised.

CASSIE

That's boring. You should tell them things like how old you are. Like, I'm ten years old. I go to Stagecoach, and we're both Taekwondo medalists. And don't forget dad.

KAIDEN

Yeah, dad is too.

FRED

Tell me about the objects you are holding.

KAIDEN

This is my gold medal from the Taekwondo Welsh open in 2023.

FRED

Tae-kwon-do?

CASSIE

And this is my gold medal. I got this in patterns and dad got his in sparring.

FRED

Sparring? Patterns? What is this of which you speak?

CASSIE

Sparring is where you fight other competitors. You get points for strikes landed. And patterns is where you have a set of movements to defend yourself against an imaginary opponent.

KAIDEN

We've been training taekwondo for years in the Cardiff school of Self Defence.

FRED

Oh, I see. And why do you like doing this taekwondo?

CASSIE

Because you get to bond together and it's really nice to know self defence.

KAIDEN

I get to fight my dad.

DAVID

It was more fun when they were smaller, but, like, now they give me a run for my money and it's like, it's a lot less fun. Trust me.

FRED

Mum, do you ever join in or just watch?

KIRSTY

It's not for me. I just watch.

FRED

Do they ever gang up on you?

KIRSTY

Yes, well, usually when I'm cooking in the kitchen.

FRED

Hold still.

*Camera flash*

FRED

Wonderful. And what do you kids want to do when you grow up?

CASSIE

I want to be an actress, a musical theatre performer.

FRED

An ambitious young lady.

CASSIE

I love acting so much. My favourite film is Descendants, which is about the kids of Disney villains, like Maleficent. But the kids don't want to be bad like their parents, they want to be good like me.

FRED

How about you, Kaiden?

KAIDEN

I don't really know what I want to be. I'm just gonna see where the future holds.

FRED

A wise approach, young man.

KAIDEN

It's a long way away. I don't even know what GCSE's I'm gonna do and I'm supposed to be choosing them next week.

FRED

Kirsty, did you grow up in Wales?

KIRSTY

No, I'm from a little town called Bicester in Oxfordshire.

FRED

Ah, I know it. What brought you to Wales?

KIRSTY

David and his job.

FRED

So, David, did you grow up here?

DAVID

No, I also grew up just by Bicester in Oxfordshire. We are high school sweethearts. We've been together since we were 16. Oh, 17 years old.

FRED

How lovely.

DAVID

I came to Cardiff to go to film school, actually, a very famous film school, it was called Newport Film School. Now it's part of the University of South Wales, but it's like quite a famous film course. So I did that here and I just put down roots. And now the TV industry has exploded in Cardiff over the last sort of 5-10 years. Shows like Doctor Who and Casualty and His Dark Materials and a show that I made called Industry all filmed here. So it's like, it's been amazing, the explosion of the industry in this city.

FRED

Goodness. The future sounds very complicated indeed. So your job is?

DAVID

I am a producer. I'm a television producer.

KIRSTY

I work with David. I'm the operations coordinator.

FRED

I cannot pretend to know what this means. Is this your own business, like mine?

DAVID

Yeah, I've just recently started my own company. I say recently. Two years ago, I started my own company and I'm backed by ITV Studios, which is like a global distribution company.

FRED

It must be wonderful having a family business.

DAVID

I mean, working together has its ups and its downs.

FRED

Forgive me, I will ask no more. As you know, I lived a long time ago, so I am curious, what is Cardiff like in the year 2024?

KAIDEN

I want people to know, living in Cardiff in 2024 is great. It's a melting pot of people and ideas.

CASSIE

You talk about such boring stuff. You should tell them about the castle where the winter wonderland is. It has an ice rink and also the place where we go climbing. What is that called?

KAIDEN

Flashpoint.

CASSIE

Yeah, Flashpoint. It's fun.

KAIDEN

There are also lots of restaurants. Sometimes it feels like there are more restaurants than people. My favourite restaurant is The Ivy, but we only go on special occasions, like Tuesdays. The fish and chips are awesome.

DAVID

I like the fact that it's both cosmopolitan, but also like, the countryside is just on your doorstep. There's very few cities where in 20 minutes you can go in one direction and you're in the hustle and bustle of the city centre, and 20 minutes in the other direction, you're in some of the most beautiful countryside you can imagine on the planet.

KIRSTY

It's got amazing beautiful beaches and I think it's quite an inclusive city to live in. It's very friendly. Everyone will smile at you when you walk down the streets.

FRED

Right, nearly done. Just one final thing. What would you like people to think who are looking at your pictures in a hundred years?

KIRSTY

Um, that we're very proud of what we've accomplished, that we're very good at Taekwondo, that we're a very happy and loving family.

FRED

Is there anything else you would like to say for future generations to hear?

DAVID

We just want to apologise for climate change. We hope that living underground is okay.

FRED

Once again, your future world confounds me.

KAIDEN

I hope there are flying cars.

KIRSTY

I hope that the world keeps moving in the right direction and that everyone still is nice and kind to each other.

FRED

Thank you so much for contributing your photo to our collection.  
Here's my card. Your pictures should be ready next week.  
Drop by anytime.