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## Junior Jury: idols

Young people talk about the famous people who inspire and motivate them.

*Young people have idols, from footballers to pop stars. Children's Express finds out who young people look up to.*

### Craig Byers, 16, Newbiggin Hall

Young people have idols because they want someone to look up to. I love him...

My idol is Alan Shearer, the footballer. I have liked him since I was young. I think we have idols because we need someone to look up to and to make us want to try to achieve what they can do. It was Shearer who inspired me to play football. If I saw merchandise being sold all about him, I think I would buy it. All my friends like him but I think I like him the most. My parents are Newcastle United fans so they do, too.

### Shauna Jones, 10, Montagu

My idol is Christina Aguilera because I like her songs. I started liking her when she first came on the television, but I don't know why we idolise people. I have lots of her posters on my wall. I think about half my friends like her, too, but I have more posters than them on my walls and on my ceiling. My parents have idols - pop stars like Blue and Westlife. I like their idols and they like mine.

### Toni Gilbert, 16, North Kenton

It's Westlife for me. I started to like them about six months ago but before that it was Britney Spears. I went off her because Westlife are better. I think young people have idols because they like music. If they sell merchandise I would buy it. I don't believe everything the media puts out about my idols. My mam's idol is Gareth Gates because she likes his songs, but she thinks Westlife are OK, too.

### Katie Walton, nine, Lemington Rise

My idol is Rachel from S Club because I think she is a really good singer and she is fashionable. I probably liked her when S Club had their first single, Bring It All Back. Young people have idols because if they want to do the same job they would get inspiration from that person and then they would gain confidence to go out and do it themselves. I think that Rachel from S Club has helped to make me confident in my singing because I like to pretend that I am like her. I look up to her like a big sister. I buy her merchandise because I like to collect things. I think my mam's idol is Karen Carpenter and my four-year-old sister likes S Club Juniors.

### Jade Henderson, 16, North Kenton

My idol is Robbie Williams because he has a fantastic voice and he has been through a lot. I have liked him for as long as I can remember - since he was in Take That, so about 12 years. If I could sing he would have inspired me to do the same but I can't, although he does inspire me to want to sing. Young people have idols because they want someone to look up to. I buy lots of posters and calendars of him. I love him but not all my friends do because we all have different tastes. I am definitely more of a fan than they are. I don't know if my parents have an idol but they love Rik Mayall of Bottom. My mam thinks Robbie Williams is nice, too.

### Katie McAllister, 12, Kenton

I admire Gareth Gates because he has a good voice and he is bonny. Sometimes he has inspired me, like when I was going to go on Stars In Their Eyes, but in the end I didn't. I would buy his merchandise because he is popular. I think I am a bigger fan than my friends are because they don't talk about him as much as I do. My mam's idol is Shania Twain. She has all her albums.

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## About the team

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im nadia and i like lady gaga  
her music is perfect  
and i like it  
i like her style to  
but im going away now because i most make a repetison from english

greats from Nadia from netherland.  
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my idolz are kelly clarkson, heinz winkler, and cliff richards. Those singers inspire me tonot be affraid of singing and just be myself.  
michelle (age 11) from south africa, 30 December 1899 00:00

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My idols are Bert McCracken and Gerard Way because they inspired me to live life plus they r hot  
Renee from Hole, 30 December 1899 00:00

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