

Famous names

A

Keira Knightley was born in Teddington, near London, England, on 26th March, 1985. Her parents, Sharman and Will, were both actors so Keira decided that she wanted to act as well. When she was seven years old, she appeared in her first television programme. TV companies liked the young actress and offered her lots of small parts in their programmes. Unfortunately, she didn't do very well at school. She had a lot of problems with reading and writing because she had dyslexia. People with dyslexia can't see the shapes of letters properly. She was very unhappy because the other children at her school said she was stupid.

Keira began to spend a lot of time at a club for young people and learnt about many different things that she was interested in, like photography and football. She became a more confident and happier person.

She also continued acting and started appearing in films. Her first big film was called *Bend It Like Beckham*, which was very successful. Another successful film she appeared in was *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* with Johnny Depp. She was still only 18, but she was now world-famous. Since then, she has been in many more films, including *Pride and Prejudice* and *The Imitation Game* and two more *Pirates of the Caribbean* films: *Dead Man's Chest* and *At World's End*.

In 2013, Keira married musician James Righton, and in 2015, they had a daughter, Edie.

Keira is a very private person and doesn't like talking about her family or friends. However, she loves acting and hopes to continue doing it for many years.



B

Robert Pattinson was born on 13th May, 1986 in London, England. His mum, Clare, worked in modelling and his dad, Richard, sold cars. He began piano lessons when he was three years old and he started guitar lessons when he was five years old.

He went to a private school in London and liked his English teacher because she was a fantastic teacher. He also liked his English lessons because he enjoyed writing stories. But he didn't do very well at school because he didn't like it.

When he was 12, he worked as a model and then he started acting when he was 15. As a teenager, his favourite actor was Jack Nicholson.

He started acting in the theatre. In 2005, he played Cedric Diggory in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. It was his first successful film.

He became world-famous when he played the part of Edward Cullen in the five *Twilight* films. He also sang two songs on the soundtrack.

They were very popular. But he did not like becoming famous. He was 22 years old and everybody knew him. Photographers started to follow him and he couldn't have privacy.

Since the *Twilight* films, he has made lots of different types of films, including *Remember Me*, *Water for Elephants* and *Life*. But the *Twilight* films are the most successful. In June 2011, he won three awards at the MTV Movie Awards, including 'Best Male'.

Robert now lives in London. He is in a band and he sometimes plays the guitar in public. He doesn't like going to parties and being a celebrity. But he really enjoys acting and wants to make more films.

