

## CHAPTER 3

### 'The best fans'

After The X Factor, fans wanted to hear more songs from 1D. The fans used Twitter and Tumblr to talk about the band. They put the band's X Factor songs on YouTube. Soon One Direction had fans all over the world. Some fans tweeted about the band all the time. The boys tweeted back.

#### 1D WORDS

'We have the best fans in the world!' *Niall Horan*

One Direction only came third in The X Factor, but Simon Cowell wanted to make an album with them. They started recording the album in January 2011. The band's first song was 'What Makes You Beautiful'. It came out in the UK in September 2011 and went to number one on the same day. The fans loved it!



One Direction with their first album *Up All Night*

The album *Up All Night* came out in November. The songs were fun and talked about young love. Also on the album were the hits 'Gotta Be You' and 'One Thing'.

#### 1D FACT

Songwriter Savan Kotecha gave singing classes on The X Factor and also wrote some of One Direction's biggest hits. With songwriters Rami Yakoub and Carl Falk, Kotecha wrote 'What Makes You Beautiful', 'One Thing' and 'Live While We're Young'.

One Direction also had thousands of young fans in the US. Sixteen-year-old Canadian singer, Justin Bieber, was already a hit with teenagers in the US, but there were not many boy bands at that time.

*Up All Night* came out in the US in March 2012. The album went to number one on the same day. The band went to New York and played on *The Today Show*\*. More than 15,000 fans came to see them. Many fans waited outside for two or three days.



Fans waiting to see One Direction on the *Today Show* in New York

\* *The Today Show* is a morning TV show in the US.

Suddenly, the five boys from Britain were one of the most famous bands in the world. But for the boys it was about more than this. They loved singing and they loved their fans. But perhaps the most important thing to them was the other 1D boys. The five boys were good friends from the start. But now they lived and worked together. They went everywhere together. They were famous together.



## 1D WORDS

'I always wanted a little brother. Now I've got four of them.' *Liam Payne*

At the end of 2011 the band started their *Up All Night* tour. They played sixty concerts around the UK and Ireland, North America, Australia and New Zealand. In November 2012 their second album, *Take Me Home*, was number one in 37 countries.

## All about ...

# LOUIS

**BORN:** 24th December 1991

**HOME TOWN:** Doncaster, UK. Doncaster is a city in Yorkshire, in the north of England.

**FAMILY:** He has five half-sisters.

**WHEN HE WAS YOUNG:** When he was younger, Louis wanted to be an actor. When he was fourteen, he sang in a band for a short time and loved it.

**LIKES:** Louis loves football. He is a good footballer and is a reserve for the football team in Doncaster. Louis also loves tweeting – usually about football!

### LOUIS FACTS:

- ★ He is the oldest singer in the band.
- ★ The other boys say that Louis is very messy on tour!

**ON GIRLS:** Louis is a funny guy. It's important for Louis that his girlfriend is funny too, and has a good smile.

**FAVOURITE SONG:** His favourite song is 'Look After You' by The Fray.

**TWITTER:** @louis\_tomlinson

What do these words mean?

You can use a dictionary.

born half-sister actor messy



On December the 3rd 2012, One Direction played Madison Square Garden in New York. In the US, Madison Square Garden is one of the most famous places for bands to play. The New York concert was a sell-out. For the boys it was one of their best concerts.

The boys were nervous before the concert. Was it because there were 20,000 people at the concert? No, it was because the boys' families were there! It was a special time for the boys' families and friends.

Louis went to Bootcamp in July 2010. He didn't go home again for two and a half years. Harry's mum says that sixteen-year-old Harry left home on the day of his X Factor audition. For all the boys, this is the sad thing about their success. When the boys are home, they spend time with friends and family and this is important to them. Zayn has three sisters and they come to as many concerts as they can.



One Direction on stage at Madison Square Garden

# I ♥ 1D

One Direction are famous across the world. It's thanks to their fans and the boys never forget this. Louis says that 1D is teamwork between the five singers and their fans.

Directioners want to know everything about the boys. When the band goes places, they are always waiting. The boys are all good-looking and every fan has their favourite. But for the fans, it is about more than looks. The boys are very successful, but they are still normal guys. They are young and they have fun. Directioners love them for this.

## Words from Directioners:

'Every time I see them it puts a smile on my face.'

'They are real and aren't afraid to be themselves.'

'They remember who they are and where they're from.'

I LOVE ONE DIRECTION!!  
THEY ARE MY LIFE!!  
NEVER CHANGE!! ... MY  
DREAM IS TO MEET  
THEM!!!!'



There were also some very special fans at the Madison Square Garden concert. The boys wanted to meet some of their fans so they started 'Bring Me to 1D'. Fans took part in lots of competitions. They made books and videos and took photos. The boys gave golden tickets to the winners. The winners came from forty different countries. They met the boys and there was a small concert just for them.



Directioners at the concert in Madison Square Garden

In February 2013 One Direction went to Ghana in Africa with Comic Relief. It changed their lives. Comic Relief gives money to the poor people of the world. The boys saw life for some of the people in Africa. They saw a lot of children in hospital and they were very sad. But the boys also loved the people. Life was very hard, but the people were often happy.

### 1D FACT

One Direction recorded 'One Way Or Another' for Comic Relief. The song made more than two million pounds for people in Africa.

## All about ...

# NIALL

**BORN:** 13th September 1993

**HOME TOWN:** Niall's home town is Mullingar. Mullingar is a town in the centre of Ireland.

**FAMILY:** He has one brother.

**WHEN HE WAS YOUNG:** At school Niall wanted to be a singer. He wrote this on his desk.

**LIKES:** Niall likes playing football and golf.

### NIALL FACTS:

- ★ Niall started playing guitar when he was eleven.
- ★ He was always late for school.

**FAVOURITES:** Niall's favourite film is Grease.

His favourite boybands are 'N Sync, Backstreet Boys and, of course, 1D!

**ON GIRLS:** Niall meets lots of fans but he still feels nervous if he likes a girl!

**TWITTER:** @NiallOfficial

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