

Transcript

Alex and Ivo

Child of Our Time: Turning 20

Alex:

Everyone always says, oh, I wish I was a twin.

Ivo:

Yeah, but they don't know the half of it.

Alex:

We did have a good childhood being honest.

Ivo:

They say it's supposed to be the happiest years of your life.

Ivo:

Every day should be an ice cream day when you're 12, 'cause your body can take it.

I still do believe every day should be an ice cream day.

Alex:

I'd say definitely being a twin has had a massive influence on my life

Ivo:

It's something very unique and I would say it's a privilege actually because it's something that not many people have the opportunity to have.

How would I put that into actual words for people that have met either of us?

Oh God, I would say he's pretty much like me in every single way, but he isn't me.

Alex:

We are frightening, frighteningly similar.

Boy 1 in playground:

You Ivo or Alex?

Ivo:

Ivo.

Boy 2 in playground:

Alex, can I play?

Ivo:

I'm Ivo!

Adult 1:

I'm already confused. Who's Alex and who's Ivo?

Adult 2:

This is Alex.

Interviewer:

Ivo, which one is you here?
That one? You think that one is you?
No, that's not you, that's Alex.

Interviewer:

Alex, how are you and Ivo different?

Alex:

I've got a different t-shirt and some different trousers.

Ivo:

We are not different. We are the same.

Alastair:

The thing about twins is that you're just lumped together. But when you become a teenager you want to be an individual, you want to be different, you want to be seen to be different.

Alex doesn't want him to do it but wouldn't say that to his brother. I think he would just miss him.

Alex:

It's his life. I can't stop him doing what he wants to do. He needs to go out there and do what he wants. Whatever that might be. It could be quite a different chapter for both of our lives. As one half of us could be the other side of the world.

Ivo:

I feel sad about leaving him because we're a big part of each other's lives and I've never really lived without him.

Well I'm 19 years old. I'm going to Uni now and that's what I would say is really the big thing.

Alex:

I'm also going to Uni.

Ivo:

We also go to the same Uni.

Alex:

That's kind of funny.

Ivo:

What is my happiest memory? I would say just being with... yeah being with Alex really, I think.

Having someone with you every step of the way. I would say helped a lot if I'm being completely honest.