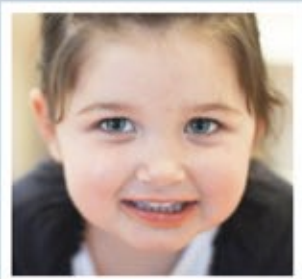




What's in a face?

With companies offering DNA tests said to be able to match your child to the sport they will excel at in later life, can we really predict the future for our kids? According to face reader Jean Haner, to some extent we can



The leader Izzy, two

Jean says The shape of Izzy's face, the bridge of her nose and the size of her jaw show strength, stamina and the ability to be in charge – she has the potential to be a great leader. This is balanced by a deep emotional nature and people may be surprised to learn her feelings can be easily hurt. If she is upset she can explode in anger but it's about feeling misunderstood. The best thing for her to deal with stress is by being active or making noise!

Mum Jessica says

This certainly sums up Izzy. From a very young age she was very socially confident and wanted to take the lead in games. She's a bit of a firecracker so stamina and strength are definitely traits we see often. As Jean points out, Izzy is a deeply emotional child and we have definitely found that we need to make sure she gets a balance of rest as well as play.

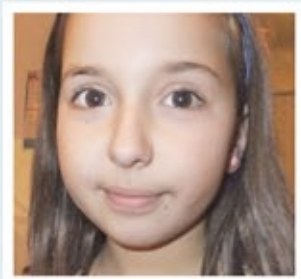


The big heart Xander, three

Jean says Xander's eyes, eyebrows and complexion show he's kind and caring. He's also very sensitive, able to read people really well and know how to make them feel comfortable. His parents will have to teach him how to speak up for his needs in order to balance his tendency to worry about making other people around him happy. Fortunately, his ears stick out a little, giving him a bit of a wilful nature. He has a huge heart, will always be great with people and may end up in a career that sees him in the spotlight!

Mum Samantha says

I'm surprised how accurate Jean is. He's a sensitive, loving little man, always asking how I am and how my day was. Whenever his little sister cries or hurts herself he goes and gives her a big hug and kiss. He takes a little while to warm to people but once he does, he shows how big his personality really is.



The old soul Isabel, 10

Jean says Isabel's rounded forehead, eyes and ears show she's an old soul who feels more deeply than most. Highly imaginative and creative, issues of unfairness are a hot button for her. As an adult, she may be drawn to a career in helping people who can't help themselves. She'll need time alone on a regular basis but be wary – her visible upper eyelids show that if she's going through a tough time, she may not reach out for help.

Mum Mira says

Isabel can certainly be quite sensitive and picks up pretty quickly if someone is upset. I definitely agree with her sense of justice. She has a kind heart and rails against anyone being treated unfairly. The comment about being drawn to a career in helping people was interesting. She really is extremely nurturing and takes on a 'mother hen' role with younger children.



The centre of attention Anthony, seven

Jean says Anthony's mouth, rounded eyebrows and eyes reveal his lifelong focus will be on family and friends. He loves to be the centre of attention, has a strong drive to help others and really has the potential to achieve a powerful presence in the world. His dimple and the form of his mouth indicate a bright spirit who has a good sense of humour and loves to have fun. It also increases his need to have attention!

Mum

Stephanie says Jean is spot on! Anthony's a fun-loving boy who brightens up any room. He makes friends easily, asks intelligent questions and craves information about the world around him. He does possess a great sense of humour but can be demanding too. Both my husband and I value the ability to help others, so I hope he does make a difference to people's lives.



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Here are five features you can read no matter what your child's age

Hair

Curly or red hair shows a high-spirited child who loves attention, but who's also shy. Thick, wavy hair can indicate a more soulful nature, with emotions that run deep.

Eyes

Large or wide eyes show a child who's open about what they're thinking and to how others are feeling as well. Deep-set eyes or a tendency to squint reveals they may be more reserved.

Dimples

A child with dimples has natural charm and can wrap anyone around their little finger!

Mouth

Full lips or a large mouth indicates a child for whom family and friends are very important. A small mouth or thin lips signifies a child who enjoys alone time.

Cleft chin

This is called the 'mark of the performer' and if your child has one, prepare to be their audience!

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