More than a Face

INSPIRATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND AUTHOR WORKSHOPS

ABOUT THE AUTHOR...

Charlie is a dedicated mother to her twins, Oliver, and Harry. Harry was born with a rare craniofacial condition, which resulted in him not having an eye, eye socket, ear, nostril, and a shortened jaw. Additionally, Harry is also autistic. Beyond her role as a mother, Charlie is the accomplished author of the Amazon best-seller "Our Altered Life". She also maintains a vibrant online presence, chronicling their family adventures through her blog and social media updates. As part of Our Altered Life, she delivers the project "More Than a Face", aimed at raising awareness and understanding of facial differences, as well as educating young people on treating individuals with visible differences with the utmost respect and empathy.

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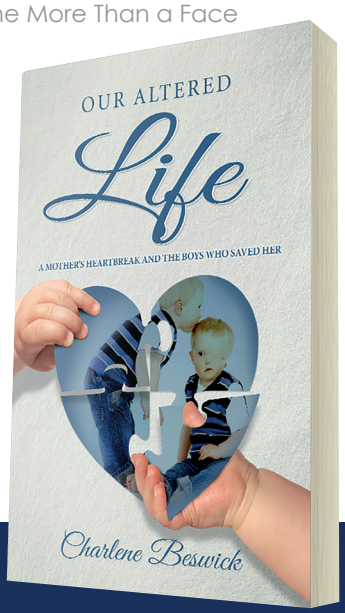
The day starts with an introduction to their story, Charlie's book, and the motivations for establishing the project. Students will gain knowledge about facial differences, be moved by the realities of an altered life, and find inspiration in a boy who, in many ways, is just like them. The content of the assembly fulfils many of the Ofsted requirements for the Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural development of students. It also incorporates PSHE themes of Relationships, Health & Wellbeing, and Living in the Wider World. Concepts such as identity, diversity, and equality are explored, fostering qualities such as empathy and compassion. Valuing and respecting diversity are also covered.

During the author workshops, Charlie draws parallels between writing her own book and pupils creating their own writing including the importance of an effective plan, self-assessment, peer assessment, editing and acting on feedback. Each year group will be guided through a writing task, applying the knowledge they have gained during the assembly in a real-life context. Pupils in years 3 and 4 will write a letter to Harry and pupils in years 5 & 6 will discuss online abuse in more detail and write a letter to an internet troll.

Pupils will be invited to design a poster showing the things that make them unique. A winner will be selected from each year group to receive a £10 Amazon voucher and their poster will be featured on the More Than a Face website.

Cost: Full day visit including assembly and writing workshops with all materials provided is £475 (one form entry) £675 (two form entry).



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WHAT THE STAFF SAY:

Truly inspiring and just absolutely amazing! It has been one of the best mornings of my teaching career and certainly made an impact on the children. It has given them food for thought. The children have learnt so much and the day will help them to look at themselves to see they are being the best and kindest person they can be. Simply, thank you.

Miss Gibson (year 5)
All Saints Academy, Walsall

Charlie created a fantastic programme for our wellbeing day which had hard hitting messages delivered with sensitivity around disability,
acceptance, the power of social media and the legacy of cruelty and kindness.

An incredibly moving speaker sharing her powerful, honest and inspiring story that made an impact with both staff and children. Highly recommended!

Sophie Cox,
Assistant Head, Forest Park Primary School

WHAT THE STUDENTS SAY:

The assembly was interesting, amazing and inspiring. One of the best we've had! The workshops were fun and help people to learn that all that matters is personality.

Ffion, William, Sophie, Waliyah, Annabella, Oliver Year 4

The day has been really good because its taught me so much. I've learned about Goldenhar syndrome and Autism and how it affects people differently. I think your work helps people to understand and see that Harry is perfect in his way. 10/10!

Vina Year 6

The day shows that you are perfect as you are and we shouldn't be judging each other. We're all different and that's a good thing! The activity shows that we have to stand up for what's right. I really enjoyed the day and how honest Charlie was. People who are different can always make a difference.

Georgia, Year 5

WHAT THE PARENTS SAY:

My daughter said that Charlie's assembly really made her think about how the friends and family of children and adults like Harry also feel and that in most cases it's OK to ask some questions. I thought that was really great. What surprised me most was that she said even the boys who would have made nasty comments were really listening to what Charlie had to say and that it made them think differently about children like Harry. The assembly clearly had a huge impact on everyone who was there.

Julie Fallows
Mum of Lilly aged 13

My two children, Jake (y5) and Sophia (y3) could not wait to tell me about your visit. It prompted so much positive conversation about society and how people can treat us differently depending on how we look.

My son Jake rarely has anything positive to say about school, but the visit really engaged him so much so that he has been watching your YouTube channel.

It so refreshing to see a Mum addressing real issues such as preconceptions and stereotypes. This is especially pertinent in the era of social media and unreal expectations of how people should look. Thank you.

N. Marie

I cannot tell you how much Finn loved your visit yesterday. He was both moved and inspired by your story and has not stopped talking about you and your lovely boys since. I would say there must have been some magic in the way that assembly and workshop was delivered because I have never seen Finn so inspired and enthused. Thank you for consolidating everything I've ever wanted Finn to believe….and thank you for 'the best workshop ever!' (That last one is from Finn) sending much love and best wishes to you all.

Jenny