**LGBTQ CHARACTERS ON TV WE LOVE**

My personal favourite LGBTQ character(s) portrayed on TV is Alex Danvers and Maggie Sawyer from *Supergirl.* Danvers is a bio-engineer and a top agent of the D.E.O. Danvers plays a huge part in the show, not only because she’s the adoptive sister of Kara Danvers (Supergirl) but because of her representation in the LGBTQ community. The show took you on Danvers journey to becoming who she really is. It embodied the experience and outlined that it isn’t just a phase.

Danvers confided in her then lesbian friend, Maggie Sawyer, explaining that she thinks it’s just a phase. Maggie’s response supposedly prompted people to come out.

***‘No, it’s real. You’re real and you deserve to have a real, full, happy life. Okay?’***

No one should feel they need to oppress feelings, everyone needs a Maggie Sawyer to assure you, you deserve to be happy.

**BILLY**

**WHO:** Jack from Will & Grace

**WHY:** Because he's the first feminine gay man I can remember being portrayed on TV without him being some kind of punchline to a joke and I felt like I could relate to him and the attitude he had

**JESS**

Gay TV icon - Paul O'Grady

Why? His honesty as Lily Savage, his love for animals and his incredibly vocal and open opinions about politics.

**CHESKA**

Alyssa Edwards - I feel that Alyssa Edwards brings realness to the community, she voices her opinions and is not afraid to be who wants to be. I love her fierceness and blunt nature, plus she is hilarious on RuPaul's drag race.

**HANNAH**

-LGBTQ+ TV icon (who and why)

My favourite tv icon is Courtney act / Shane. I love how he not afraid to stand for what he believes in. I am also amazed and fascinated with how well the transformation of Shane to Courtney looks

**ELLA ?**

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**LAUREN**

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**WHAT ABOUT THE PUBLIC?**

We then asked members of the public to tell us about LGBTQ characters who they admire.

**Jared Place, 22**

**WHO:** Rosa Diaz

**WHY:** ‘She’s pretty bad ass and doesn’t let her sexuality get in the way of anything.’

**Ewan Moore, 24**

**WHO:** Bill Potts

**WHY:** ‘She’s funny and smart, and being gay has nothing to do with her character, which is how it should be.’

**Hattie Cowley, 24**

**WHO:** Ilana Wexlar

**WHY:** ‘She’s bi and she’s amazing. Really funny, punchy lines. Political without being preachy and she gives 0 fucks.’

**WHO:** RuPaul

**WHY:** ‘He’s glamorous as a boy and a queen. Proper flawless.’

**Bradley Chester, 21**

**WHO:** Erika Jayne (Real Housewives of Beverley Hill)

**WHY:** She’s not an LGBTQ+ character as such, but she’s a gay icon. She supports the community worldwide and “feels at home with the community.”

**Andrew Moore, 51**

**WHO:** Captain Jack Harkness from *Doctor Who* and Alex from *Supergirl* are two of my favourite LGBT characters…and of course WILLOW! (from *Buffy The Vampire Slayer*)

**WHY:**

**Emma Moore, 41**

**WHO:** My first instincts with great LGBT characters were Captain Jack Harkness and Cameron Tucker.

**WHY:** Jack because he IS who he is and isn’t ashamed of it. He’s not your stereotypical gay/bisexual character on TV. Cameron Tucker because he’s fucking hilarious. but that's less about him being gay and more about him being a bit mental and obsessed. Plus he's only funny cos it's a comedy show. Not keen on the stereotypical representation of a gay man with Tucker, though. There was a show called Six Feet Under in the 90s with a lead gay character. Can't remember the character’s name but the bloke who stars in Dexter played him. He was afraid to be who he really was in public which led to him living his gay life in private, which made him feel disgusted with himself, like it was sordid in some way. Interesting to see that years ago, but sad too.

My absolute fave has to be Rosa from Brooklyn Nine Nine. Purely cos shes a badass and takes no shit from anyone. Sorry for rambling and I haven't given you any solid reasons for liking them all, but I hope it helps. Your Dad said he'll message you when he's had a think but he did mention Captain Jack too.