

The group have been compared to [One Direction](#) and labelled a [boy band](#) since their first fame in late 2012,<sup>[7]</sup> a label which continued to be applied in 2014.<sup>[57][58]</sup> The band disagree with the stereotyping, pointing to the fact that they formed by themselves—they are not the product of a record producer—and they play their own instruments.<sup>[59][60]</sup> They have been inspired by [McFly](#), [Blink-182](#), [Ed Sheeran](#), [Mumford & Sons](#),<sup>[1]</sup> [Taylor Swift](#),<sup>[61]</sup> and [Justin Bieber](#).<sup>[62]</sup>

## Members

- Bradley Will "Brad" Simpson** (born 28 July 1995)<sup>[63]</sup> is from [Sutton Coldfield](#), [West Midlands](#), England. He sings [lead vocals](#) and plays [guitar](#). Simpson met James Brittain-McVey via YouTube in 2012 (McVey's profile says 2011) and began working on their debut album soon after.<sup>[64]</sup>
- James Daniel Brittain-McVey** (né **McVey**, born 30 April 1993)<sup>[65]</sup> is from [Bournemouth](#), [Dorset](#), England. He is the lead guitarist and sings backing vocals. Brittain-McVey met Brad Simpson via YouTube in 2011 (Simpson's profile says 2012) and began working on their debut album soon after.<sup>[64]</sup> Before joining the band, Brittain-McVey released an EP on 5 December 2009, *Who I Am*.<sup>[66]</sup> Brittain-McVey was a contestant on the [18th series](#) of *I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!*,<sup>[67]</sup> he finished in 5th place. In January 2019, he got engaged to his girlfriend Kirstie Brittain,<sup>[68]</sup> and they married on 30 October 2021 at [Lulworth Castle](#) in [Dorset](#).<sup>[69]</sup>
- Connor Samuel John Ball** (né **Stephen**, born 15 March 1996 in [Aberdeen](#), Scotland)<sup>[70][63]</sup> is from [Hatton](#), [Warwickshire](#), England. He plays [bass guitar](#) and sings backing vocals. He was the last to join the band. He started a new band Lunars with [Cheat Codes'](#) Sasa Macek.<sup>[1]</sup> Ball was a contestant on the [14th series](#) of *Dancing on Ice*, where he finished at the semifinals stage, with his professional partner [Alexandra Schauman](#).<sup>[71]</sup>
- Tristan Oliver Vance Evans** (born 15 August 1994)<sup>[72]</sup> is from [Exeter](#), [Devon](#), England. He plays [drums](#) and sings backing vocals. Evans also acts as a producer for the band, particularly with their covers.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Discography

*Main article: [The Vamps discography](#)*

- [Meet the Vamps](#)* (2014)
- [Wake Up](#)* (2015)
- [Night & Day \(Night Edition\)](#)* (2017) and *[Night & Day \(Day Edition\)](#)* (2018)
- [Cherry Blossom](#)* (2020)

## Awards and nominations

Award	Year	Category	Work	Result
4Music Video Honours	2013	Your Best Breakthrough	The Vamps	Won
The Hot Hits Awards		Favourite New Artist		
		Best Group		

BBC Radio 1 Teen Awards	2014	Friday Download's Best Breakthrough Award		Nominated	
		Best British Group			
		Best British Single			" <a href="#">Last Night</a> "
Melty Future Awards		Prix Spécial International	The Vamps		
		UK Favourite Breakthrough			
<a href="#">Radio Disney Music Awards</a>		The Freshest-Best New Artist			
<a href="#">Teen Choice Awards</a>		Love Song	" <a href="#">Somebody to You</a> " (featuring <a href="#">Demi Lovato</a> )		
		Breakout Group	The Vamps		
<a href="#">World Music Awards</a>		World's Best Song	" <a href="#">Can We Dance</a> "		
			" <a href="#">Wild Heart</a> "		
	World's Best Video	" <a href="#">Can We Dance</a> "			
		" <a href="#">Wild Heart</a> "			
	World's Best Album	<i><a href="#">Meet the Vamps</a></i>			
	World's Best Group	The Vamps			
	World's Best Live Act				
Scottish Awards	2015	Scottish Fashion Icon of the Year	Connor Ball	Won	
BBC Radio 1 Teen Awards	2016	Best British Group	The Vamps	Won	
<a href="#">Teen Choice Awards</a>	2016	Choice Song Group	"Wake Up"	Nominated	
<a href="#">Teen Choice Awards</a>	2017	Choice Music Group	The Vamps	Nominated	
<a href="#">iHeartRadio Music Awards</a> <sup>[73][74]</sup>	2018	Best Boyband	The Vamps	Nominated	

## Tours

The Vamps supported [McFly](#) on their [Memory Lane Tour](#) in April and May 2013, and [Selena Gomez](#) at London's [Hammersmith Apollo](#) on 7 and 8 September 2013.<sup>[75][76]</sup> In October, it was announced that The Vamps would support [Taylor Swift](#) on the [London](#) leg of her [Red Tour](#) in February 2014,<sup>[77]</sup> and [The Wanted](#) on the UK and Ireland leg of their [Word of Mouth World Tour](#) from 14 March to 1 April.<sup>[78]</sup>

## External links

- Official website
- The Vamps at IMDb

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