

# Young times

## Moving story

The Obama children are about to have their lives turned upside down. So what is it like to grow up in the White House? **Chloe Lambert** reports



Barack Obama's election as the 44th President of the United States means change for all of us, but just imagine how different life is going to be for his daughters, Malia and Sasha.

In January, they will move from Chicago to the White House in Washington. Sasha, 7, pictured far left, says she thinks that moving in will be "very cool", while her older sister Malia, 10, says that she is most excited about being able to redecorate her room.

"The First Children" will have a choice of 132 rooms to play in, plus a swimming pool, tennis courts, home cinema and personal chefs. Amy Carter, who was 9 when her father, Jimmy, became President in 1977, rollerskated all over the White House and had a tree-house on the lawn for slumber parties with her friends.

Malia and Sasha will travel all over the world and meet everyone from Nelson Mandela to George Clooney. But they will have to be on their best behaviour; Amy Carter got into trouble when she was caught reading a book during a family dinner with a head of state.

The Obama girls will also have to get used to the media. The schools chosen by their parents, their first braces, even their first boyfriends, will be recorded in just about every newspaper and on TV. When Bill Clinton became President in 1993 he told the press that his daughter, Chelsea, was "off-limits". Presidents also worry about their children's security. Jackie Kennedy, whose husband, John, was elected President in 1961, arranged a kindergarten at the White House for their daughter, Caroline. Malia and Sasha will have bodyguards who will accompany them to school.

Some presidents' children are so inspired by life in the White House that they follow in their parents' footsteps, like George W. Bush. So, perhaps one day Malia or Sasha may end up running the country.



From left, Amy Carter takes over in Dad's chair; Bill Clinton and his daughter, Chelsea; John Kennedy gets some help from John Jr in the Oval Office

### daily dingbat

Which word or phrase is this? Say what you see.



Yesterday's answer Quick on the draw

### jokes of the day

What did the traffic light say to the car?

Don't look, I'm changing

Which dog smells of onions?

A hot dog

Yesterday's animal Polar bear

### puzzle of the day

#### picture ladder

Write the names of the pictures into the grid so that the pink squares spell out what you need to be a good goalkeeper.

1. Chair 2. Pencil 3. Television 4. Giraffe 5. Helmet 6. Star

Yesterday's answers 1.Goal post 2.Striker 3.Shin pads 4.Pitch 5.Defender

### PANDAPOLAR

