The Facts of Life

The Facts of Life is an American television sitcom created by Dick Clair and Jenna McMahon, and a spin-off of Diff'rent Strokes. It originally aired on NBC from August 24, 1979, to May 7, 1988, making it one of the longest-running sitcoms of the 1980s.

The Facts of Life was created and developed by Clair and McMahon, who were also the producers and executive producers of Diff'rent Strokes. The show was set at an all-girls boarding school called Spence Academy, and followed the lives of the girls and their housemother, Mrs. Garrett (played by Lauren Chapin), and the school's headmistress, Mrs. Cavendish (played by Mary Kay Place).

The show was a spin-off of Diff'rent Strokes, which ran concurrently with The Facts of Life. The Facts of Life was initially developed as a two-part episode of Diff'rent Strokes, but it gained its own series after the first four episodes aired. The Facts of Life was the first spin-off of an existing television show to become a hit, and it was one of the longest-running sitcoms of the 1980s, running for nine seasons.

The Facts of Life was a ratings success, and it helped cement the popularity ofDiff'rent Strokes. The show was known for its blend of drama and humor, and it focused on serious issues that teens have to face, such as teenage pregnancy, alcoholism, and substance abuse. The show also touched on lighter subjects, such as love, friendship, and school life.

The Facts of Life was a critically acclaimed show, and it was nominated for several awards during its run. It won several awards, including Best Dramatic Series at the People's Choice Awards in 1983 and 1985, and Best Dramatic Series at the Golden Globe Awards in 1985. The show also won several awards for its music, with the theme song "Facts of Life" being a hit on the music charts.

The Facts of Life was cancelled in 1988, after nine seasons, and it was replaced by the new sitcom In the House. The show ended its run with a special episode, The Facts of Life: Where Are They Now?, which aired on May 7, 1988.

The Facts of Life was a popular show, and it continues to be remembered as a classic sitcom. It remains a favorite of fans, and it is often credited with helping to lay the groundwork for future teen-oriented sitcoms.