

## BIOGRAPHY

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A pioneer, entrepreneur and commercially minded Innovator in the world of state and independent education delivering outstanding success by driving a quality and results orientated vision.

Awarded a Knighthood in the 2012 Queen's Golden Jubilee Birthday Honours for Services to Further Education and the Academy Movement.

Listed in DeBretts Who's Who. Previously DFE advisor and apprenticeship champion.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2005 - Interim Principal led the turnaround of the Royal Forest of Dean College
- 2007 - Made history forming the first FE College Multi Academy Trust Group
- 2007 - Formed the first 14-19 Vocational Centre of Excellence
- 2011 - Awarded National Leader in Education (NLE) status
- 2013 - Runner up Education investor "most outstanding individual's" award.
- 2013 - Led several outstanding and good ISI/Ofsted inspections
- 2013 - CEO of highest performing College in UK with a 94% success rate.
- 2013 - Increased revenue from c18m to c£60m with c£20m reserves.
- 2013 - Appointed CEO of GEMS Private Education Group creating new Vision & Strategy
- 2014 - Won Education Investor "Best Education Operator" award.
- 2014 - Designed GEMS \$1m Global teacher award.
- 2016 - Founded Highgate Hill House Independent school in Devon ([www.hhhschool.co.uk](http://www.hhhschool.co.uk))
- 2017 - Secured good Ofsted inspection across all areas in HHH school
- 2018 - Highgate Hill House School runner up for two independent school National Awards
- 2019 - Highgate school finalist for Education Investor award.
- 2020 - Highgate school at capacity with c£2 million revenue

#### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Jan 2016 - current: Director of Strategy, Growth, Quality and Partnerships

In 2016 he formed a new (5 - 16 years) independent school on the borders of Devon and Cornwall. His vision was to create a school that is unique and delivers the very best learning opportunities in the most effective and efficient way. The school is now at pupil capacity with revenue of c£2 million.

July 2013 - 2014: Appointed CEO GEMS Education (UK & Europe)

#### EDUCATION

2014 Certified Business Consultant - Institute of Independent Business (IIB)

2002 CEO Leadership Award - FEDA/AoC

1994 MA Education Management and IT - University of Reading

1985 Certificate in Education (Cert Ed) - Huddersfield University

1984 Range of Engineering Certificates/Diplomas

#### Bachinham Palace



*Prince Charles anoints Peter Birkett a Knight.*