

# PRINCE WILLIAM





# EARLY LIFE

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❖ Prince William was born at St Mary's Hospital, London on 21 June 1982. He was baptised in the Music Room of Buckingham Palace on 4 August 1982 by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie. He is the elder son of Charles, Prince of Wales, and Diana, Princess of Wales, and third eldest grandchild of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.





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# EDUCATION

❖ William was educated at independent schools, starting at Jane Mynors' nursery school and the pre-preparatory Wetherby School, both in London. William sat for the entrance exam to Eton College and was admitted. There he studied geography, biology and history of art. After completing his studies at Eton, the Prince took a gap year, during which he took part in British Army training exercises in Belize, worked within English dairy farms, visited Africa, and for ten weeks taught children in southern Chile.





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# ROYAL DUTIES

❖ At the age of 21, Prince William was appointed as a Counsellor of State. For his 21st birthday, William also accompanied his father on a royal tour of Wales, where they visited the Anglesey Food Fair and opened a centre for the homeless in Newport. It was said in Tina Brown's 2007 biography of Diana, Princess of Wales, that Prince William had, like his father, expressed a desire to become Governor-General of Australia, though fulfilment of the idea was considered doubtful by then-Prime Minister of Australia John Howard, who said: "We have for a long time embraced the idea that the person who occupies that post should be in every way an Australian citizen."



# SPORTS

- ❖ William plays polo for charitable causes and is a fan of football. In May 2006, he became President of England's Football Association.






## RELATIONSHIP WITH CATHERINE MIDDLETON

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❖ Like his father before him, William's private life became the subject of tabloid speculation, especially around his relationship with Catherine Middleton, who had been one of William's university flatmates and whom William began dating in 2003. The relationship between Prince William and Middleton was followed so closely that bookmakers took bets on the possibility of a royal wedding.





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# ENGAGEMENT AND WEDDING

❖ On 16 November 2010 it was announced by Clarence House that William and Catherine were to marry. The engagement ring given to Middleton was the 12-carat oval Ceylon sapphire and diamond engagement ring of Diana, Princess of Wales. The wedding took place on 29 April 2011 in Westminster Abbey, London. Estimates of the global audience for the wedding range from 300 million to two billion people, whilst 24.5 million watched the event live in the United Kingdom. A few hours before the wedding, it was announced that William had become Duke of Cambridge.







# INTERESTING MOMENT

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- ❖ It was reported that, at age seven, William said to his mother that he desired to be a police officer when he was older so that he might be able to protect her; a statement to which his brother responded: "Oh, no you can't. You've got to be King."