



Prince Edward

10 March 1964

Early life and education



- Prince Edward Antony Richard Louis was born at Buckingham Palace, on 10 March 1964, the third son and fourth and last child of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. As with his older siblings, a governess was appointed to look after the Prince and was responsible for his early education at Buckingham Palace. Edward was then sent to Gibbs School

Career



- Prince Edward made two very public attempts to pursue a career but, after failing at both, returned to his life as full-time member of the royal family. On leaving university, Prince Edward joined the Royal Marines as an officer cadet, having been sponsored by the Marines with £12,000 towards his tuition at Cambridge University on condition of future service.

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- The Prince met Sophie Rhys-Jones, then a public relations executive with her own firm, in 1994. Their wedding took place on 19 June 1999 in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.



Official duties

- The Earl of Wessex has assumed many royal duties from his father, the Duke of Edinburgh, who has been reducing some commitments due to his age. Prince Edward succeeded Prince Philip as President of the Commonwealth Games Federation (Vice-Patron since 2006) and opened the 1990 Commonwealth Games in New Zealand and the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Malaysia. He has also taken over the Duke's role in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, attending Gold Award ceremonies around the world.

