

## Prince William of Wales

**Prince William of Wales** (born 21 June 1982) is the **elder son of Charles, Prince of Wales, and Diana, Princess of Wales**, and second eldest grandson of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. He is **second in the line of succession**, behind his father, to the British throne. He was lucky to have a mother who desired that he, along with his younger brother, have "normal" experiences that other royal children had not had and also bought them things typical teenagers used like video games.



Following his parents' examples, William took interest in various causes from a relatively early age. The late Princess of Wales' work with **HIV/AIDS aid** and prevention, and the Prince of Wales' work with the **natural environment** and the inner-city disadvantaged, directed William into those areas. He also showed a desire to focus on the needy in Africa, sometimes working with his brother's charity, Sentebale. He himself is a **patron of many charities**.

William was educated at independent schools, starting at Jane Mynors' nursery school and the pre-preparatory Wetherby School, both in London. Then William sat for the entrance exam to **Eton College** and was admitted. After completing his studies at Eton, the Prince took a gap year, during which he took part in **British Army** training exercises in Belize. By 2001 William was back in the United Kingdom and had enrolled, under the name William Wales, at the **University of St Andrews**.



During his years in university, William participated in typical university life going to bars and socialising with his friends. Like his father before him, William's private life became the subject of tabloid speculation and gossip, especially around his relationship with **Kate Middleton**, who had been one of William's university flatmates and whom William began dating in 2003.



On 16 November 2010 it was announced that William and Middleton are to marry. On 23 November 2010, after much speculation, it was announced the **wedding will take place on 29 April 2011** in Westminster Abbey, London and will be a bank holiday in the UK. The engagement ring given to Middleton was the **18 carat sapphire engagement ring of Diana, Princess of Wales**.

The relationship between Prince William and Middleton was followed so closely that William had to make a specific request to the paparazzi that they keep their distance from Middleton and him. On 19 October 2010, on a trip to **Kenya**, the 28-year-old prince **proposed** to Middleton at Lewa game reserve, a favourite spot for Prince William.

