

The Honorary Graduand: Carol Vorderman MBE

Carol Vorderman MBE is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science.

Carol Vorderman was born in 1960 and grew up in a single-parent family in poverty in North Wales, alongside her sister, brother and beloved mum, Jean.

Despite the challenges as a free school meals child in a comprehensive school she excelled academically, becoming the first person from North Wales to gain admission to the University of Cambridge at just 17 years old.

From a young age, Carol demonstrated a passion for mathematics, a talent that would later secure her a role on Countdown in 1982. This breakthrough cemented her position as one of the most successful and popular female presenters in British TV history.

Today, Carol continues to make her mark, hosting on TV and radio, including most recently ITV's Pride of Britain Awards for the 25th year running.

She is known for her political activism and recently published, 'Now What? On a Mission to Fix Broken Britain,'. In recognition of her contributions to broadcasting, Carol was awarded an MBE in 2000.