

The Honorary Graduand: Wing Commander Andrew Green

The Orator: Dr John Lanham

Andrew Green is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Engineering.

Andy Green has what he describes as the World's Best day job, as a Fighter Pilot in the Royal Air Force. He was sponsored through Oxford University by the Royal Air Force, where he gained a love of flying, a First in Mathematics and the chance to row for the University. Three years later, qualified as a Fighter Pilot, he flew the F4 Phantom in West Germany at the end of the Cold War. He has also seen operational service with the Royal Air Force in Bosnia, Iraq and the Falklands, flying the Tornado F3. Since then he has spent a year in Australia at Staff College, supported UK operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya, as well as working in the Royal Air Force Headquarters, supporting operations around the globe, and wishing he was still flying.

Andy also has the World's Best holiday job, working as part of a Land Speed Record team. In 1997 he drove Thrust SSC to the current World Land Speed Record of 763 mph. He is now working with a world-class engineering team on Project BLOODHOUND, helping to design and build the world's first car capable of exceeding 1000 mph. Andy is the driver for the BLOODHOUND SuperSonic Car, which is the most advanced straight-line racing car in history. Built in Bristol, the Car has been created using expertise from all over the UK, including key support from the University of the West of England. Project BLOODHOUND is also running a huge national education programme, sharing its cutting-edge 'Engineering Adventure' with young students across the country, and indeed across the world. This iconic engineering programme is set to inspire a generation, bringing science and technology to life in the most exciting way possible.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of Andy Green's contribution to engineering and educational engagement.