



The Honorary Graduand: Julia Gray

Julia Gray is to be awarded the Honorary Doctor of Education.

Julia was born and raised in Blackpool, Lancashire and attended Baines School and Sixth Form. The daughter of chefs she worked in hospitality in and around Blackpool in her formative years alongside studying, and whilst unable to own a horse, spent her free time from a very young age helping on local stable yards.

This resulted in her studying Equine Sports Science at De Montfort University, working professionally with show horses and eventually becoming a lecturer in Equine Studies. Julia was Head of Department by the time she was 25 and studied an MBA whilst working full time. After a period of time in a leadership role in a college in West Yorkshire, Julia is now the Principal and CEO at City of Bristol College where 14000 students study each year.