

The Honorary Graduand: John Michael Prior

The Orator: Professor Jane Harrington

John Prior is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Education.

John Prior is a Bristol businessman and has held many senior positions in businesses across the South West including setting up the South Gloucestershire based company Alexandra Workwear.

John is particularly passionate about young enterprise in the region. He has been involved with the Prince's Trust Business Programme for many years and is now Chair of The Trust's Council in the South West, in addition to being a founder member of the South West Leadership Group.

In addition to all the work he does for The Prince's Trust, John is also Chairman of the Bristol Drugs Project, a member of the board for the South West Housing Association and a Trustee of The Matthew of Bristol Trust. He is also still involved in the family beef farm at his home in Somerset.

He is married to Mary, also an Honorary Graduate of the University of the West of England, and they have two children and four grandchildren.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of John Prior's contribution to youth enterprise.