

# Gordon Stainforth – Examinations passed

[\* Hardest exams. See footnote comments with each]

July 1963 Common Entrance Examination<sup>1</sup> Common Examinations for Entrance to Public Schools

## Ordinary Level

July	1965	History <sup>2</sup>		Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination
July	1965	Geography		Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination
July	1965	Latin <sup>3</sup>		Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination
July	1965	Elementary Mathematics		Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination
Dec	1965	English Language		Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination
Dec	1965	English Literature		Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination
Dec	1965	French <sup>4</sup>		Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination

March 1967 Use of English Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination

## Advanced Level

July	1967	History <sup>5</sup>	C	Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination
July	1967	Geography	D	Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination
July	1967	Economic & Political Studies	D	Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination
July	1967	General Paper*	B	Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination
July	1968	Geography	C2	Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination
July	1968	Art	A	Oxford & Cambridge General Cert Examination
July	1968	Geology	B	General Cert of Education Examination University of London

\* 'Although the General Paper is normally taken by candidates offering Advanced level subjects, it is classified as an Ordinary level subject, and passes are graded only A, B, E.'

## Degree – BA (Honours)

July 1972 Philosophy<sup>6</sup> First University of Wales (University College Cardiff)

## Higher Degree – MA (RCA)

July 1975 Film & Television<sup>7</sup> MA(RCA) Royal College of Art, School of Film & Television

## Photography – LBIPP & ARPS

March	1989	Licentiate	British Institute of Professional Photography
April	1989	Associateship <sup>8</sup>	Royal Photographic Society

<sup>1</sup> At that age (13), the toughest and scariest exam I ever took. So much depended on it.

<sup>2</sup> Just a very hard paper, because you had to know so many facts, understand so much, before you could even begin to answer.

<sup>3</sup> Extraordinarily advanced for 'O' Level, frankly.

<sup>4</sup> I was always very bad at languages.

<sup>5</sup> See footnote 2. Same comments apply. Before my degree, this was definitely the hardest exam I ever took.

Note that, in 1965-72, **only 2%** of Philosophy graduates at Cardiff University were awarded First Class degrees.

<sup>6</sup> The hardest and most advanced exam I ever took, by a very long way.

<sup>7</sup> The course wasn't difficult, but the RCA was very difficult to get into, with a very gruelling three-day exam.

<sup>8</sup> Because I was taking mountain landscapes, this involved physically very hard and demanding work, over several years.