

Pro-Chancellor

David Hines served as an independent University Board Member for eight years, sitting on both the Finance and Resources, and Audit and Risk Committees. He has provided support and expertise to BU, helping to realise iconic new buildings including the Student Centre and Fusion Building.

David attended boarding school in Oxford. He quickly learned to thrive independently, being a free-spirited child who could be somewhat rebellious at school, often challenging rules and not accepting the status quo - qualities he feels have served him well as a business leader and Board Member. David loved playing rugby, cricket and football, and his time as captain of the teams gave him his first enjoyable taste of leadership.

He notes that he preferred practical-based subjects to academia at school, and he chose a Managerial and Administrative Studies Business Degree at Aston University, as it was one of the first UK courses which included a placement year. He met his future wife, Marina, whilst on placement at Royal Brierley Crystal, where at the tender age of 20, he was put in charge of the engraving division for fine crystal glass. After graduating, David followed Marina to Australia, where he found work marketing and selling British china and crystal products for a leading importer in Sydney.

On returning to the UK 18 months later, David successfully secured a job with a property company in Bristol, despite arriving four hours late for his interview owing to a broken down train! He rose to Board level in his 17 years with Andrews & Partners, before joining Savills in 2000 as a senior Director. He was responsible for their UK residential development business comprising 300 staff over 20 offices. In 2010 David realised his ambition to work for himself, and became Chief Executive of Quantum Group, a Dorset-Based company specialising in developing and operating state-of-the-art care homes and high quality, shared ownership urban retirement communities.

David is passionate about revolutionising how our elderly live; about delivering a legacy of high-quality architecture and about developing the human capital within his businesses. He believes the human spirit can achieve amazing outcomes - often from small beginnings - with good leadership, vision and drive.

My Lord and Chancellor, I have the honour to present David Hines, and I ask you to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Education, honoris causa.