

NOTES ON HIGHER AWARDS

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Sir David Attenborough OM CH CVO CBE

Broadcaster and Natural Historian

Sir David Attenborough is recognised for his exceptional and sustained international contribution to broadcasting, natural history and the environment. Having started his career at the BBC in 1951, Sir David is best known for writing and presenting a series of landmark natural history documentaries that constitute a comprehensive survey of animal and plant life on Earth. Through his documentaries and continued support for many wildlife charities, Sir David has been one of the leading advocates for environmental issues with truly global influence.

Sir Tim Barrow KCMG LVO MBE

Political Director, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and UK Ambassador to the European Union

Sir Tim Barrow is recognised for his exceptional contribution to British interests overseas, over the duration of his career, including helping co-ordinate the UK's exit from the European Union. Sir Tim is one of our most experienced diplomats. He previously served as Her Majesty's Ambassador in Moscow from 2011 to 2015, and prior to that as Ambassador to Ukraine. He was appointed Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the European Union in 2017, and in 2020 became the UK's first Ambassador to the European Union, playing a crucial role in representing UK interests as a Member State and in negotiating the terms of the UK's exit. This award is a fitting recognition of his outstanding service to the UK's interests during this immensely complex and important process and over the course of his 30 year diplomatic career.

Sir Julian King KCVO CMG

Lately European Commissioner for the Security Union

Sir Julian King is recognised for an outstanding contribution to European security. Building on a long and distinguished diplomatic career, he took on the position of EU Commissioner for Security in 2016. In this role, he made an exceptional contribution to improving security capabilities across the European continent at a time of great political change in the UK's relationship with the European Union. His exceptional service, as the UK's final Commissioner to the EU, has brought great credit to the UK.

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Sarah MacIntosh CMG

UK Permanent representative to NATO

Sarah MacIntosh is recognised for an exceptional contribution in support of the UK's foreign, defence and security policy. Appointed the UK's Permanent Representative to NATO in 2016, she has led the UK's approach to NATO through a number of specific challenges including a harder global security environment and resurgent threats from Russia. Throughout this time, she has effectively used NATO as a platform to deliver results for the UK. Before her time at NATO, Sarah MacIntosh was Director General for Defence and Intelligence at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office where she delivered outstanding results in a challenging role at the heart of the UK's security.

### **KNIGHT BACHELOR**

#### **Andrew Mackenzie**

Lately Chief Executive Officer, BHP Group

Andrew Mackenzie is recognised for a long and distinguished career in major UK-Australian companies and for a sustained contribution to British interests. He worked in senior roles at BP and Rio Tinto, before becoming Chief Executive Officer of Anglo-Australian mining company BHP from 2013 to 2019. As well as being a leading expert in applied earth sciences, Andrew Mackenzie has made a significant contribution to British business and the British community in Australia

#### **Donald Runnicles OBE**

General Music Director of Deutsche Oper Berlin

Donald Runnicles is recognised for his outstanding contribution to music. He has been General Music Director of Deutsche Oper Berlin, Germany's second largest opera house, since 2009. Under his leadership, it has regained its position as a leading opera house in Germany and across Europe. Before taking up his current role, he was Music Director of the San Francisco Opera from 1992 to 2009. Furthermore he served for seven years as the Chief Conductor of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, as well as leading some of the world's most renowned orchestras. Throughout his career, Donald Runnicles has promoted British musical excellence internationally to the benefit of the UK.