

# Graduation and Awards 2017



Each year we invite graduating students from our Higher Education and Professional Qualifications at Guildford College and Merrist Wood College to a prestigious Graduation and Awards Ceremony. The event is a celebration of our students' achievements and provides an opportunity for parents and friends to share in this success.

**Our 2017 ceremony was held on Friday 8 December at G Live in Guildford.**

## Our Guest of Honour was...

**Steve Backshall** - one of TV's best-known wildlife presenters, naturalists, writers, public speakers and adventurers.

Steve has been passionate about the wild world ever since he could crawl. Growing up, he counted the animals that lived around him as his best pals – from the asthmatic donkey to the grass snakes in the manure heap!

A regular on the television scene, Steve has worked with many big names, including National Geographic, BBC, Discovery, Sky, Channel 5 and many more. Steve has circumnavigated the globe time and again, venturing into the Sinai desert, completing the Israeli paratroopers selection course, catching anacondas, vipers and cobras, studying martial arts in Japan, and whilst living in the jungle he wrangled snakes and even ended up in a Colombian jail (through no fault of his own)!



To find out more about our ceremony, please visit our [information page](#).

**Please note:** if you are doing a course validated by our university partners Greenwich and Kingston or professional bodies such as the Association of Accounting Technicians or Chartered Institute of Building, you may also be invited to attend their graduation ceremony. You can choose to attend either, both or neither ceremony.