



Kate *before* the wedding on April 29 2011

Kate Middleton, the girl from Berkshire who is now Prince William's wife, was dubbed "Waity Katie" for her patience during her long courtship, but will now one day become Queen.

Born on January 9 1982, Catherine Elizabeth Middleton is the eldest child of businessman Michael and former air hostess Carole Middleton. The self-made millionaires live in a modern five-bedroom detached house near Newbury, Berkshire, and run a mail-order business called Party Pieces which sells toys and party paraphernalia.

Miss Middleton has two younger siblings, sister Pippa and brother James.

In May 1984, when Miss Middleton was 2, the family moved to Amman in Jordan, where her father worked for two-and-a-half years. She attended a nursery school in Amman from the age of three. In September 1986 the Middletons returned to England, and Miss Middleton started at St Andrew's - a private school in Pangbourne. She enjoyed "all aspects of school life", including academic subjects, music, drama and sport.

At the age of 13, she went to the £15,000-a-year Marlborough College in Wiltshire where she was a keen netball and hockey player. She was described as a "bright, popular and extremely capable pupil". She studied chemistry, biology and art at A-level.



Miss Middleton left Marlborough College in July 2000 and went on a gap year, studying at the British Institute in Florence and also crewed on Round the World Challenge boats in the Solent. Like Prince William, she went on a Raleigh International programme in Chile during her gap year.

She began reading history of art at St Andrews in Fife in 2001, as did her husband, although he later switched to geography. The pair became friends, then flatmates, and their relationship blossomed into a romance around Christmas 2003.

After leaving university, she was keen to forge ahead with her own career. First, Catherine worked for Party Pieces, a company owned and run by her parents. Her role within the family business included catalogue design and production, marketing and photography.

Alongside her work for the family business, in 2006, she joined fashion chain Jigsaw, as a part-time accessories buyer.

Catherine's hobbies include recreational sports such as hill walking, tennis, swimming, sailing, and the arts such as photography and painting.



As for her relationship with the prince, in April 2007, William and Miss Middleton briefly broke up, but reunited a few months later. And in November 2010, her long wait was over, when the prince popped the question during a holiday in Kenya, proposing with his late mother Diana, Princess of Wales's sapphire engagement ring. They married on April 29, 2011 at Westminster Abbey.

Now, based on what you've read, put together Kate's CV.



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Catherine *after* the wedding

Duchess of Cambridge to concentrate on being a housewife

The new Duchess of Cambridge will not undertake any solo royal commitments for the foreseeable future while she concentrates on her role as a new wife, it has been reported.

Despite a surge in interest for the Royal Family following last week's wedding, Princess Catherine is being introduced to her official role slowly to allow her time to adjust. It is expected that she will only attend public engagements alongside Prince William for the foreseeable future and instead will focus on a "supporting role" for her husband.

With the Duke busy with his role as an RAF Search and Rescue pilot, the couple only have a few official engagements pencilled in during the next couple of months.

However it is thought the royal couple may increase their official workload next year in what is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year.

Plans are also understood to be being drawn up to send the Duke to the Falkland Islands for a two month posting which will see the couple separated.



Once the Duke and Duchess return from their honeymoon, which is expected to take place sometime later this month, they will continue to live in their rented farmhouse in Anglesey, north Wales. Princess Catherine will concentrate on her role as an RAF Officer's wife and only has a small number of official engagements in her diary.

But Palace officials are keen to allow the new Duchess time to grow into her joint roles of wife and public figure. She is expected to attend one or two Polo events to watch her husband compete and will also attend the Trooping of the Colour next month and the Duke of Edinburgh's 90th birthday celebrations.

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