

# 10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT BORIS JOHNSON

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MAYOR of London Boris Johnson outshone Prime Minister David Cameron yet again at the Conservative Party conference last week. The bumbling toff stole the PM's thunder with a barnstorming speech that had Tories cheering in the aisles. Cameron tried to put on a brave face – but it's known that Boris's popularity within the party and his ability to connect with the public rankles.

The pair were at Eton together and were both members of the Bullingdon Club at Oxford University, along with Chancellor George "Gideon" Osborne. Cameron's irritation probably stems from the belief that behind Boris's easy-going façade lies a steely ambition to one day get his hands on the keys to No 10. And Boris, 48, could well be on his way after managing to make ex-PM Tony Blair's Olympics look like his own. Here are 10 things you may not know about him:

- 1 His full name is Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson.
- 2 He likes posh women. His wife, Marina, is a barrister.

Before Marina he was married for six years to Allegra Mostyn-Owen. He also had a four-year affair with writer Petronella Wyatt.

3 Boris's four kids have exceedingly posh names – Lara Lettice, Milo Arthur, Cassia Peaches and Theodore Apollo.

4 Despite sounding like he has a sack of plums in his mouth, he was born in New York City and holds dual British and American citizenship.

5 Last year he earned £339,625 on top of his £143,911 mayoral salary through books, TV work and a newspaper column for which he gets £250,000 a year alone.

6 When asked about that staggering quarter of a million quid for two columns a week, he dismissed the sum as “chickenfeed”.

7 Boris says he “despises and loathes” racism but has been criticised for using the terms “piccaninnies” and “watermelon smiles” when talking about people abroad.

8 He can't blame anyone else for his trademark mop of unruly white-blond hair – he cuts it himself.

9 Boris donates at least £75,000 a year of his earnings to charities.

10 At Oxford University he studied Literae Humaniores. No one else on earth knows what that actually means.