

From Pop star to Professor

Brian Cox



Physicist, astronomer and TV Presenter, Brian Cox is passionate about teaching his subject so that we can all understand our universe more easily.

Age	Life Event
0	Born in Oldham, North of England, 1968.
3	Became interested in rockets, the moon landings and the stars at night.
12	Wanted to become a physicist and astronomer after reading Carl Sagan's Cosmos.
16–22	Discovered music and so failed his exams. Joined the rock band, DARE, playing keyboards.
23–24	Left DARE. Went to Manchester University to study physics. At the same time joined another band, D:ream.
24	D:ream were nominated for MTV Europe music award and had a hit song, Things Can Only Get Better. Cox also continued his studies.
29	Left the band and completed his Doctor of Philosophy degree in particle physics.



29– now	Started work at the CERN research centre near Geneva, Switzerland, on the Large Hadron Collider – called the biggest scientific experiment ever.
35	Married Gia Milinovich, a US TV science presenter. Gia already had a son, Moki. Six years later their son, George, was born.
37– now	Started working as a TV presenter, making science programmes for the BBC. Has made over 40 programmes, including Wonders of the Solar System, A Night with the Stars and In Search of Science.
38	Won the Lord Kelvin award for his science work. Has won many more awards since then, including an OBE from the Queen in 2010.
46– now	Has been making a BBC TV series about the universe – Human Universe, The Entire Universe, Life of a Universe.
now	Recently has been touring Europe and Australia with Brian Cox Live – a series of lectures on Space and Time.

