1965

RECEIVED DOCTORATE FROM CAMBRIDGE His PhD was in Applied Mathematics & Theoretical Physics.

1974 PUBLISHED WORK ON HAWKING RADIATION His proposal combines general relativity with quantum

theory, unifying the theories of the large and the small.

1979

APPOINTED AS THE LUCASIAN PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS AT CAMBRIDGE He was awarded the chair in recognition of his ground-breaking work on black holes. It was previously held by Sir Isaac Newton.

1982

HONORED WITH THE AWARD OF A CBE A Commander of the Order of the British Empire is

given to those who have made a positive impact with their work.

2007

FOUNDED THE CENTRE FOR THEORETICAL COSMOLOGY Based at the University of Cambridge, it was set up to

"advance the scientific understanding of our universe, taking forward the vision of its founder."

2009

AWARDED US PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA He received this highest civilian award in the US for his

"persistence and dedication [which] has unlocked new

pathways of discovery and inspired everyday citizens."

2013

WON BREAKTHROUGH PRIZE IN FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS He treasured this award because it validated his lifelong discoveries holes and for "deep contributions to quantum gravity and quantum aspects of the early universe."

> "So, remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious, and however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do, and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."

STEPHEN HAWKING