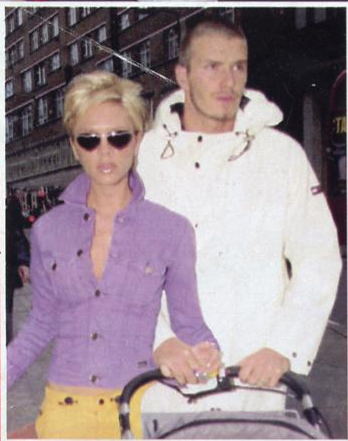


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## PRINCE HARRY'S CONFIRMATION

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AND SO MUCH HAS CHANGED



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**The son Princess Diana once described as "a real joker" has also inherited his mother's joie de vivre, as well as her love of sport**

In a break with tradition that says much about the changing face of the monarchy, Prince Harry was confirmed alongside 30 of his school friends rather than in the privacy of one of the royal chapels.

The ceremony was held in the chapel at Eton College built by his ancestor and namesake King Henry VI, less than a mile away from St George's Chapel, Windsor, where William was confirmed in March 1997.

On that occasion, the Queen and Queen Mother headed the guest list. At Eton, the only other royals present were Harry's father, Prince Charles, and his brother, Prince William. His grandparents, the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, are on tour in Australia, while his great-grandmother, the Queen Mother, was distributing shamrock to the Irish Guards in London. Harry's uncle and godfather, the Duke of York, was also away, carrying out engagements in the Caribbean.

Described by one guest as "very jolly", the one-hour service was conducted by the Right Rev Robert Hardy, Bishop of Lincoln, who is the chapel's 'visitor' and supervises the Confirmation ceremony which is held each spring half-term at Eton. A Buckingham





**Harry gets his daredevil approach to life from his father. He will be the one to carry on Prince Charles' 'action man' exploits**

Palace spokesman said: "It was a lovely day – the weather was beautiful and everyone was in a very happy mood. It was a very pleasant and warm occasion."

Harry's father and brother sat together with the families of the other boys and were joined by the Prince's godparents – Lady Sarah Chatto, portrait painter Bryan Organ, Princess Diana's former flatmate and school chum Carolyn Bartholomew, and family friends Lady Vestey and Gerald Ward. Besides his godparents, 15-year-old Harry had asked that his first nanny, Olga Powell, also be present. She was seated near his father's friends Hugh and Emilie van Cutsem.

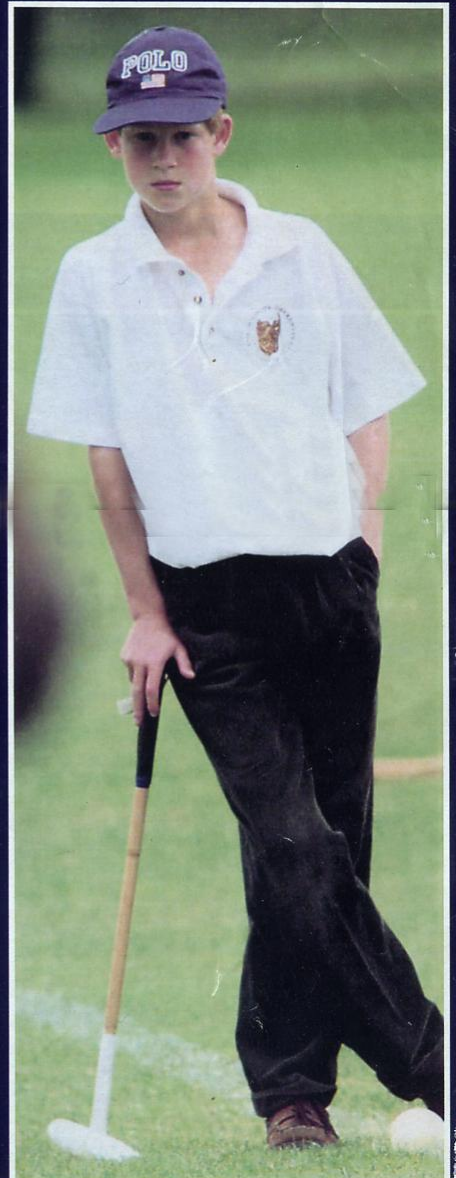
Earl Spencer – who, in an ▶



**Harry, like William, demonstrated his maturity to the nation in those traumatic days following Diana's death. Charles paid tribute to his sons, saying he was "unbelievably proud" of them**

barber to smear his hair in what he called "gunk". It is all a world away from previous royal Confirmations. The Queen was also 15 when she was confirmed at Windsor but, unlike Harry, she was obviously ill at ease. The Archbishop of Canterbury recalled that she was "not very communicative", and her grandmother Queen Mary wrote in her diary: "I saw a grave little face under a small white veil, and a slender figure in a plain white woollen frock."

Apart from Edward, who was two years younger, the Queen's children were confirmed at Windsor at the age of 16. Charles' Confirmation highlights the father/son divide that the Prince of Wales has tried so hard to overcome. At the Prince's service, held in April 1965, Archbishop Ramsey was distracted by the Duke of Edinburgh, who sat flicking through the Bible during the sermon.



The nation's hearts went out to Harry on the day of his mother's funeral. With a composure astonishing for his age, he joined his brother, father, uncle and grandfather following Diana's coffin during the procession to Westminster Abbey. In pensive mood (right) on a Sunday at Cirencester

emotional address at the funeral of his sister Diana, Princess of Wales, had pledged to take some role in his nephews' upbringing – sat two seats away from Charles during the ceremony but did not stay for the official photographs at Harry's schoolhouse or the tea party afterwards. The two men, who have remained distant since Diana's death, would no doubt have paused to reflect on the Right Rev Robert Hardy's comment in a private pep-talk after the Confirmation that the behaviour and "lifestyles" of all the families present would be a better example to those confirmed than the mere words of a cleric.

The official photograph is another interesting departure from royal tradition. While Harry's godparents stand rather rigid and wear polite smiles, the two Princes look happy and relaxed although dressed in school uniform. William, content for once not to take centre stage, relaxes back into his chair with his hands informally clasped and a huge grin on his face. Harry, keen as always to keep up with the 17-year-old brother he adores, adopts a similar pose. And his tousled hair is a far cry from the look adopted by the young Charles, who was forced by the Palace