

# Boris Johnson's road to power

■ **Jun 19, 1964:** **Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson** born in Manhattan, New York, to **Stanley Johnson** and **Charlotte Fawcett**

■ **Education:** Studies at Eton College, England, reads Classics at Balliol College, Oxford. President of **Oxford Union** – role held by many top British politicians



■ **2008-16:** Two terms as Mayor of London. Presides over highly successful **London 2012** Olympic Games

■ **May 2015:** Elected MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip

■ **2016:** Backs **Vote Leave** in EU membership referendum. Appointed Foreign Secretary by Prime Minister **Theresa May**

■ **1987-90:** Three-year marriage to **Allegra Mostyn-Owen**

■ **1988:** Works as graduate trainee at **The Times**, fired after being caught inventing a quotation

■ **1989-94:** Brussels correspondent for **Daily Telegraph** -- his Europhobic journalism fuels narrative of meddling EU bureaucrats

■ **1993-2018:** Marries **Marina Wheeler**. They have four children

■ **1994-99:** Assistant editor and chief political columnist at Telegraph

■ **1998-2006:** Appearances on BBC's satirical **Have I Got News for You** endear Johnson to UK public

■ **1999-2005:** Edits **The Spectator** magazine

■ **2001-08:** Serves as MP for Conservative seat of Henley, Shadow Minister for the Arts

■ **2003:** Votes in support of ruling Labour Party decision to join U.S.-led invasion of Iraq – later describes decision as “a colossal mistake”

■ **May 2018:** Backs Iran nuclear accord despite U.S. withdrawal

■ **Jun:** Resigns as Foreign Secretary in protest over Prime Minister's Brexit negotiating style

■ **Aug:** Widely criticised for saying Muslim women wearing burkas “look like letter boxes”

■ **Jul 2019:** Johnson elected party leader – appointed PM following May's resignation

■ **Dec 12:** General election gives Conservatives majority of 80 seats

■ **Mar 23, 2020:** Johnson issues “stay at home” order throughout UK to limit spread of coronavirus pandemic

■ **Mar 27:** Johnson reveals he has tested positive for COVID-19 illness

■ **Apr 5:** Prime Minister Johnson is moved to London's St Thomas' Hospital after symptoms “worsen”

■ **Apr 6:** Moved to intensive care unit. Downing Street says he is being given oxygen