

Humphrey Appleby

Right Honourable Gentleman



About me

Sir Humphrey Appleby
A Right honourable gentleman
of UK Civil Service.
"I am just a humble servant of
the people"

Family

have a son at Winchester and
a daughter at Bedales;
Lady Appleby is a sensible
woman who made cakes for
church socials and enjoyed
walking the family bulldog;

Maxim

"While one does not seek the
office, one has pledged
oneself to the service of one's
country, and if friends
persuaded one that was the
best way to serve, one might
have to accept the
responsibility."

Interests

Reading (mainly biographies)
Listening to classical music
Walking in the Lake District
Sailing in Lymington

SHORT RESUMÉ

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1950–1956

Regional Contracts Officer

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL · Scottish Office 📍

After National Service in the Army Education Corps, Sir Humphrey entered the Civil Service and served in the War Office. Then he was seconded to the Scottish Office as Assistant Principal, and at the same time, as Regional Contracts Officer. There is no doubt that he was a successful and extraordinary servant of the people.



1964–1982

Permanent Secretary

CHIEF EXECUTIVE · Department of Administrative Affairs 📍

In 1964, Sir Humphrey was brought into the newly formed Department of Administrative Affairs, where he worked until his appointment as Cabinet Secretary. During his tenure, Sir Humphrey made great contribution to ensuring stability and order in the department.



1982–1985

Cabinet Secretary

HEAD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE · Cabinet 📍

In 1982, Sir Humphrey was appointed as Cabinet Secretary after the retirement of Sir Arnold Robinson. He not only helped Prime Minister Jim Hacker rule the country, but also trained Prime Minister's private secretary, Bernard Woolley.



DEGREES

1940

Scholars

A+ · Winchester College 🏛️



1944

Literae Humaniores

B.A. · Baillie College, Oxford 🏛️



1945

Literae Humaniores

M.A. · Baillie College, Oxford 🏛️



CAPACITY

Clerical work



Debate



Metaphor



Sociability



Math



MEDALS OF HONOUR

GCB

Knight Grand Cross

KBE

Knight Commander

MVO

Member of the Royal
Victorian Order

LANGUAGES

English

C2

mother tongue

Latin

C2



Geek

C2



SOME INTERESTING FORMULAS ABOUT SIR HUMPHREY

$$\text{Humphrey's Morality} = e^{-x} (x = \text{Humphrey's Age})$$

$$\text{Civil Service's Power} = \sum_{i=0}^{\text{Humphrey's tenure}} e^i$$

$$\text{History for Humphrey} = \text{The heartless} \rightarrow \infty; \text{The mindless} \rightarrow 0$$

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¹Here are just a few of the important positions Sir Humphrey has held since he entered the UK Civil Service after National Service in the Army Education Corps.