

Maria

Salon Owner & Artistic Director

City & Guilds Hairdressing

GNVQ Level 3 Hairdressing

Certificate in education

D32, D33, D34 A1 Update Assessors Qualifications

Maria is originally from London, This is where she mastered her trade in hairdressing. She began working as a stylist at Alan International where her love for the art began, then went on to work for world renowned hairstylist Stephan Way where she not only became a stylist but also an educator. Going on to work for Headmasters a worldwide salon in Wimbledon and Ham. When Maria moved to Cornwall in 2000 she became the south west regional training advisor for Cheynes training.

Maria is a busy artistic director in the salon, she also co- ordinates all salon training programmes and has trained many apprentices who graduated from Chocolate including most of the current team. Maria has a lifelong passion for hair and helping her team reach their full potential.

“Our team is like a family to me and coming to work for me is like going to a party every day”.

Maria is an Irish girl who grew up in west London. She enjoyed London life to the max until moving to Cornwall, with her three gorgeous boys now all grown up and left the nest. Maria thoroughly enjoys the country life and has kept several horses, dogs, cats and at one time had 23 pigs. Maria met her husband in 2009 and is very happily remarried, between them they have 8 children ranging in age between 8 – 21. They enjoy the gorgeous local beaches and country side as well as a broad social circle and night life.

Guilty Pleasure – Chocolate

Favourite Food – Melted Chocolate

Hobbies – Horse riding, dog walking, partying, sunbathing, holidays

Most embarrassing salon moment – Falling asleep whenever she gets her hair done.