

Wedding 'belle' is first-class

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Emma Douglas (22), from Aboyne, graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Management with Marketing from Robert Gordon University's Aberdeen Business School at 10.30am on Thursday 14 July after launching her dream business venture.

The hard-working student has had a very busy year, carefully prioritising her business and university tasks to successfully write her thesis, study and pass exams, and plan and co-ordinate two weddings as part of her new business, Timeless White Wedding and Celebration Planning, which she launched in July last year.

The company, which was recently nominated in the 'Promising New Business' category at the Grampian Awards for Business Enterprise 2011, aims to help couples across Scotland plan unique, personal and show-stopping weddings.

Emma says: "This has undoubtedly been the most hectic year of my life, founding the company was a big risk for me but I thrive on working under pressure. I have been determined to establish and develop a reliable, friendly and polished service for customers."

A highlight of Emma's time at university was the interactive tutorial sessions and relationships with her tutors. She continues:

"The support I received from my tutors was amazing. They not only offered their guidance during course work and assessments but also related their industry experience to help me set up my business.

"I'm currently planning five weddings and hope to have a stand at the Your Wedding Exhibition in January. I'm really looking forward to moving forward with the next weddings on the calendar, and seeing my efforts rewarded by bringing a couple's special day to life."

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