



*Royston Junior
Goodall and
Leyoh Amion*

WHERE:

Ceremony and reception at
Combermere Abbey,
Whitchurch, Cheshire

PHOTOGRAPHER:

Adam Capper Photography

Heart to heart

*Junior and Leyoh's wedding at Combermere Abbey
was celebrated simultaneously in Africa*

SPECIAL MOMENT

My father, Roland, who is an African tribal leader originally from a small village called Monga in Cote D'Ivoire performed a traditional hand-fasting ritual. My father's village celebrated our marriage simultaneously and we received blessings of security, fertility and happiness which completed both our legal and spiritual commitments to each other ahead of heartfelt and truly memorable speeches.



Ready to walk down the aisle



“My dad asked me if I was 100% sure and the butterflies started as soon as I confirmed I was”





I had not envisioned my wedding day for years before and so had no dress or venue in mind. I did however want all

aspects to be a reflection of our personalities and tastes. Combermere Abbey was the first and only venue we visited and my wedding gown was the first and only one I tried on.

I didn't feel any nerves until everyone had been delivered to the venue and I was left with only my sister Adela who was my maid of honour and my father, waiting for the car to pick me up.

As I walked up the aisle I made sure I took a few seconds to savour the moment. The whole day goes so quickly, it's easy to miss all of the details as you are swept up in the activity and I wanted to remember as much as possible. We wrote our own vows for the civil ceremony.

I decided on a subtle and discreet colour theme which was harder to stick to than I had originally thought. The main inspiration was the stone colour of my dress, and also the Sahara rose which ranges from champagne to blush pink in tone.

The evening buffet was an outdoor barbecue and we had a jazz band for entertainment. The dance floor was never empty – one of my favourite memories is dancing with friends and family. We were lucky enough to have upcoming UK artist, Jacob Banks, perform an acoustic version of The Closer I Get To You as our first dance and followed this with the cutting of our delicious coconut, raspberry and vanilla wedding cake.



Personal touch

Instead of favours I wrote a personal message to each guest on the reverse of their name place cards. They found them throughout the day and were touched by the effort.



TOP tip

Do not worry about the weather, unless you plan an outdoor ceremony you are actually not outside for long at all and it won't rain non-stop. You'll be able to fit in pictures at some point.



WHO DID WHAT

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