

July graduation ceremonies: A message from the President and Vice-Chancellor

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Dear student

Due to the current coronavirus pandemic, I am very sorry to tell you that the University has decided that the graduation ceremonies scheduled for this July should be postponed. We will reschedule the ceremonies, but just yet cannot give details of dates. This delay is to protect the health and wellbeing of all our graduands and their families and also noting UK government restrictions.

We are looking at alternatives ways to mark your achievements both remotely in July and then, when time allows, in person as we recognise how important this celebration is to you and your families.

I realise that this news will be disappointing to many of you and I share that disappointment - graduation is to me the most important part of our academic year.

I hope that you will understand that we cannot guarantee that the ceremonies could go ahead, so we are giving you as much notice as possible to avoid disrupting the plans of you and your families.

Students who complete their degree requirements will, of course, still graduate - even though there won't be an immediate ceremony. You should all feel very proud of the hard work that has earned you your degree and we look forward to welcoming you into our global alumni community of half a million graduates.

We will make sure that your degree certificate will be posted to your home addresses. Please make sure that your address is correct and up to date on [your student record](#).

In the coming weeks we will be looking at alternative arrangements we can put in place to enable you to celebrate your achievement alongside your family, friends and classmates. We will be in touch in the next few weeks with details of these plans, which of course may depend on current restrictions on gatherings and travel.

At this stage, we expect our December graduation ceremonies will go ahead as scheduled. However, we will keep this under review and will provide more details nearer the time for students who would normally expect to graduate in December.

I am very proud of everyone who graduates from our University, and that is particularly true this summer. Thank you for rising to the challenges that this pandemic has placed upon us all.

Please also remember that your connection to Manchester is lifelong. Our global community of Manchester alumni is there to support you and share their knowledge and experience. We will be in touch in the coming months with details of how to make the most of your alumni community.

Please stay safe and well.

Nancy Rothwell

President and Vice-Chancellor