

GRADUATION JULY 2025



I warmly welcome you all – graduands, family members and loved ones – to this special day at The University of Manchester.

CONGRATULATIONS

This degree ceremony is a moment to celebrate and honour all that you've accomplished.

Today we not only celebrate the degree that you are about to receive, but also the experiences and challenges that have shaped your journey here at Manchester. By choosing to study with us, you embraced the opportunity to explore everything we have to offer – discovery, collaboration and learning, as you pushed yourself beyond your comfort zone. Nothing worth doing is ever easy, but your pursuit of new knowledge, skills and perspectives will serve you well for years to come.

You are surrounded today by those who believe in you – your family, friends, teachers and the wider University community. We all want to see you succeed.

As you embark on the next stage in your life, you will forever remain part of the Manchester community. You join one of the largest alumni networks in the world, ensuring that no matter where you are, you will almost always find a fellow Manchester graduate.

We want to continue to provide you with opportunities to learn and grow – whether by pursuing further studies with us, or by helping to shape the future of the generations who follow you.

It is our privilege to celebrate your graduation with you today. I hope the memory of this momentous occasion remains with you always. Please keep in touch. I wish you every success in the exciting journey that lies ahead.

Professor Duncan Ivison
President and Vice-Chancellor

Did you know?

We have the largest alumni community of any campusbased university in the UK, with more than 550,000 former students across 190 countries.



When you joined the University, you became part of a community that works hard to make the world a better place.

YOU'LL ALWAYS BELONG HERE

While you may have chosen Manchester for its courses and renowned academics, you quickly discovered that your university experience was about so much more. You realised you belonged here.

You learned to exceed the expected and to go above and beyond what's needed. And you did so during some of the most challenging times in recent history. Today is a chance to celebrate your achievements as we recognise the hard work and determination you've shown throughout your time with us.

As I reflect on the accomplishments that brought you here, I am reminded of the important role that community plays in our lives. The Manchester community has been a great source of inspiration and encouragement for me, and this ceremony is the perfect example of this – a day for friends, families and peers to come together, celebrate your incredible achievements and make lasting memories.

As you prepare to leave us, know that you will always belong here. You're joining an alumni community that spans the globe – and they all carry a part of Manchester with them. I hope the University has prepared you well for your next chapter, whether that's starting your career, getting set for further study or planning new adventures. As you go out into the world, you'll meet plenty of members of our Manchester family, and I encourage you to stay in touch with our valuable alumni network and remain connected with our campus.

I wish you every success for the future. Our world needs progressive, conscientious and compassionate people like you. I am sure you will continue to make us proud.

Did you know?

Our Chancellor appeared on Desert Island Discs and named Jump Around by House of Pain as one of his favourite songs.

Nazir Afzal OBE, Chancellor



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CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY

Take a trip back through time with snapshots from our past.





The entrance hall of Sackville Street Building





Statue of Enriqueta Rylands, widow of John Rylands



Students taking an exam in the Whitworth Hall, 1939



The Old Quad was completed in 1902



Ernest Rutherford and Hans Geiger in their lab at Manchester, 1908



Students' Union, 1944



The Christie Library, 1950s



The Old Quad, 1972



Tom Kilburn and Freddie Williams with 'the Baby' computer



The Whitworth Hall



It was opened by HRH the Prince of Wales (later King George V) in 1902. The Hall's organ was gifted by Enriqueta Rylands, founder of the John Rylands Library.





The University of Manchester

Nobel laureates Andre Geim and Kostya Novosolov



University laboratory, 1940s

A student in the Samuel Alexander Building's Philip Haworth Library



Taxidermist Harry Brazenor installing a whale skeleton, 1898

Students of the Global Development Institute, 1958



Sackville Street Building



Christie's memorial window

on the building's main staircase



Manchester Museum



















Looms in Sackville Street Building



Electrical engineer Beatrice Shilling OBE,1929



Graduation day, 1950



velist Anthony Burgess studied English at the University



Bridge link featured in original plans for the Christie



The excavation of the boulder that sits outside the Beyer Building





Catherine Chisholm CBE, our first female medical graduate, 1904

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HIGHLIGHTS

2024-25

Black Leadership Programme goes from strength to strength

We celebrated our first Manchester 10/10 Black Leadership Programme graduates. Created to empower Black heritage students to build confidence, resilience and leadership skills, the programme was designed in partnership with students.

"One of my highlights has been the wonderful people I've met on this journey. We've grown and laughed together, becoming a community that has achieved so much in a short time," said Oluchi Ijeh, who was named the programme's Most Engaged Student.





Manchester Museum named European Museum of the Year 2025

Situated in the heart of our Oxford Road campus, the Museum was praised for "reimagining its mission, acknowledging and addressing its complex history by redefining the role of its collections and public programmes".

Museum curators worked with local and diasporic communities to bring new perspectives to collections and challenge traditional narratives.

Did you know? We can lay claim to

We can lay claim to 26 Nobel laureates among our current and former staff and students.

Nuclear academic selected as member of UK Young Academy

Dr Hasan Maridi, whose research focuses on nuclear reactions, was among 42 emerging leaders from across the UK who will have the opportunity to take action on both local and global issues through interdisciplinary projects while working across sectors.

Hasan is committed to making physics accessible to a wider audience, and told the UK Young Academy he wants to inspire the next generation of nuclear physicists.



University remains UK number 1 for social and environmental impact

Manchester was named top in both the UK and Europe, and second in the world, for meaningful contributions towards the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals in the 2025 Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings. Our University is the only institution in the world to rank in the top ten for social and environmental impact in every year of the THE Impact Rankings.





Students address local social inequalities

We established the Justice Hub, providing free legal advice and guidance on a wide range of issues, and enabling students from the School of Social Sciences to join forces with a shared aim of serving the community.

Students at the Justice Hub have the opportunity to gain real-world experience by exploring various arms of the law, including miscarriages of justice, corporate law, consumer rights and family cases.

Greater Manchester students lead the way to a sustainable future

The Green Careers Mission event, pioneered by Greater Manchester's Civic University Agreement partners, brought together students from a variety of disciplines and levels to tackle real-world challenges set by industry partners.

Reflecting on the event, one student said: "It's incredible how all the diverse perspectives from all our universities made our insights sharper and more actionable. I'm proud to be part of such a powerful collaborative initiative for a greener future."





200 trees for 200 years

To mark our bicentenary in 2024, volunteers across the University planted 200 trees in partnership with City of Trees. The new trees are part of our commitment to make our region even better – and greener – one tree at a time.

"It's fantastic for the University to be actively supporting such an important green initiative, while creating a lasting legacy for our bicentenary," said former Deputy President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Luke Georghiou. "The oak trees we planted today should see at least another bicentenary."

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AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S DOCTORAL SCHOLARS

The President's Doctoral Scholars Award is the highest accolade that can be bestowed upon members of our postgraduate research community. It's awarded to approximately 3% of our research students who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership potential.

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

Rasha Alkholy Michael Dubec Olatz Niembro Vivanco

Faculty of Humanities

Aroni Barkat Madeleine Gray Laura Arnott

Faculty of Science and Engineering

Iuliu Cezar Ardelean James Cheste Mohammed Jamali Farzaneh Nazari Yasmin Noori-Jenaghard Ricardo Palomino Piepenborn Dragan Trajchev

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The University's prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement is awarded to the top students in each graduating year based solely on academic performance. It consists of a certificate and £1,000 prize.

The prestigious award reflects the exceptional performance of the individual graduates during their time at The University of Manchester.

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

Danielle Bland Natasha Dobson Emily Fujii Kyriakidou Lan Lam Sophie Mitchell Emma Osbourne Ellen Margaret Richard Marwan Tahoun Humaira Tariq

Faculty of Humanities

Romano-Rosencrantz Fernando Benjamin Bezzi Coddetta Dorothy Brock Leah Nina Came Celine Felicitas Giese Nicholas Quincy Hopper Charlotte Lucia Hughes Lou Marie France Janssen Charlotte Balaz Kethero Samuel Lailey Ruohan Luo

Martinez Morales Ryan Ng Jun Jie Howard Rooke Zakarie Rosenfeld Davit Shahbazyan Amadea Victoria Strassnig Montgomery Charlton Woodhouse Zirui Xue Jienan Yu

Han Zhang

Faculty of Science and Engineering

Hayyan Bhaukaurally **Shay Boual** William Butters Elif Zeynep Erten Lourenco Gomez Faisal Lawan Blake Jeffrey Pehrson Miquel Ferran Pujol Michail Vousvoukis Lien Tao Yuon

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The University's Distinguished Achievement Awards are presented to students who have made an exceptional impact on the life of the University, including by contributing significantly to the development of the curriculum, enhancing other students' experience at university, or coupling excellent academic achievement with valuable extracurricular activity.

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Science and Engineering

Nadin Kamal Hawwash

Roan Goulden

Yuchen Liu

STELLIFY AWARD WINNERS

The Stellify Award is the University's most prestigious extracurricular accolade. It is presented to undergraduate students who have successfully engaged with the University's Ethical Grand Challenges, undertaken 25 hours (or more) of community volunteering and fulfilled two leadership roles.

The award is also presented to postgraduate students who have successfully engaged with the University's Ethical Grand Challenges, undertaken 10 hours (or more) of community volunteering and fulfilled one Champions for Change role

In 2025 the students who achieved the Stellify Award are:

Hawra'A Khodair Abbas Abid Rodyne Ahmed Hammad Aly Abouzeid Matias Ademai Avushi Agarwal Bashayer Ahmed Abdulla Albannay Alblooshi Hannah Allen Aram Abdulaziz F Alsayegh Amaan Amjad Armeen Anas Teleireoluwa Anna Apara **Emily Ashton** Alice Kathryn Barnes Alabhyaa Bhambri **Emily Bittner** Zoe Amber Glitter Blackett Alysha Bliss Laura Butlin Sydney Cattell Sharvari Chaudhari Denise Ching Yee Cheah Hannah Yee Yan Cheng Jihyeon Cheon Rekha Chhetri Shivani Atul Chohan Humayrah Chowdhury Tsz Fung Chui Isabella Clark Sophie Cunnell Jacqueline Kiah Develter Subbulakshmi Dharmaraj Claudia Edwards Dayini Sofea Binti El-Azleen Shayda Esmaeili Jebbehdar Hanifah Fatima Nia Feakes Diego Fernando Garcia Gleb Gmyzov

Alice Guan Shiuli Gupta Mariam Usama Hada Harshini Hariram Nadin Kamal Hawwash Amelia Alexandra Elizabeth Hickman Milly Hill Seyedeh Razieh Hosseini Alexandra Hough Anya Hurst-Liu Afsana Hussain Hassan Hussain Maliha Abdulkadir Ibrahim Idow Asia Fay Jeffries Ho Yoon Jeong Punarnava Jha Khione Jiang Annabel Johnson Phoebe Jones Lydia Kalaitzidaki Manushri Karwa Sumayyah Khalid Safia Khan Khubaib Ahmed Khan Khushi Khare Shreya Kharel Saniya Khosla Laura Emma Knowles Zara Kurdo Patricia Anne Bagabaldo Lapitan Rachel Lee Carissa Lee Zi Yi Tsz Ling Leung Alicia Liang Feng Fangyi Liao Yeoryung Lim

Ria Malhotra

Heaba Mansour Agil Matin Mia Caterina Mcfadyen Catriona Louise Thompson Mcvey Andriana Michalopoulou Erica Oghenevwede Mojevwe Ma Regina Mitzi Morales Maria Julia Muchon Unaisah Muhammad Nimra Muzaffar Muzaffar Daniel Naenen Uran Cristabel Ntakop Ndzi Niamh O'Connor Yikai Ong Aryan Shitul Panchmatia Aabhya Brijesh Parnami Maryam Qadir Akhtar Meena Rabi Izvan Raihana Binti Remee Mia Emily Richardson Nurhazwani Binti Ros Anip Saif Ullah Saeed Shamiha Shafqat Ayesha Shahid Maha Shahzada Safa Shareef Tarunima Sharma Shania Renee Smith Nusaybah Tarmohamed Divina Terinate Aswathy Prakash Thekkepurakkal Prakashan ChunHo Ting Tsik Laam To

Sonam Tobgay

Kai Cheuk Tsang

Lily Turnbull

Khushi Varshney

Samriddhi Verma Rebecca Wall Rosie Wallis Rachel Elizabeth West Kei Ching Wong Kristie Wong Charis Wyncoll Jiayi Xia Po Hin Yam Kahori Yamauchi Sunnie Yeats Arabela Huggett Youlten Heather Young Yamuna Yuvaraj Maryam Abbas Samiha Rahman Afrin Roshaney Aftab Khushi Agrawal Meraaj Akhtar Attia Akhtar Sultana Mohammed Yasir Abdul Redha Al Lawati Aisha Ali Sumayyah Arfan Siddhi Arora Rouha Baber Ananya Badgayan Haadia Omar Bahemia Ishita Bansal Rachit Bansal Tannima Begum Jorin Bench Annalise Bennett **Emily Bennett** Danish Bin Zuhairi Intan Nur Izzah Binti Zainal Abidin Nur Syahirah Binti Zulkafli

Betsey Bircumshaw

Abigail Bowden

Eli Cabero Gouloussi Aliyah Chaudhry Kristen Chen Zheyu Chen Alexis Nichole Wenxin Chew Bakhtia Zaeem Chughtai Daisy Craven Harriet Emily Curl Phi Hoang Dao Ema Dawelbeitova Elizabeth Dawson Yan Qi Ding Denaya Adelea Rovani Doke **Eleanor Eckersley** Honey Fisher Aletria Juliska Gardiner Julia Justine Gaspari Siti Abdul Ghani Celine Felicitas Giese Rudrakshi Goswami Ava Griffiths Jiva Grover Nothemba Gulubane Marcia Jayne Hammond Andreas Ingebretsen Haver Louis James Hawkes Anai He Grace Evelyn Hilton Leqi Huang Arafat Jempeji Rishita Jhawar Annelie Josty Farzana Kabir Umama Kirti Kaushik Freya Keppel-Compton Charlotte Balaz Kethero Ching Hei Chloe Keung Noreen Ihsan Khan Prahhnoor Khurana Zhi Lin Lai Olivia Lau Keyi Le Cheuk Ki Sisley Leung Meng Li Daria Luftio Ruohan Luo Mahin Jahan Mahmud Elisha Catherine Male Tasnuva Masud

Tashinga Matewe

Maitreyee Mishra

Barbara Molicka

Emily-Mary Brady

Wiktoria Brzoskowska

Ayero Precious Moro Liza Maria Mosimann Rittika Mukherjee Megan Catherine Olivia Murphy Davit Naikyan **Grace Newby** Ka Yao Ngan Nur Amalia Binti Nur Azman **Destiny Odogiyan** Ademipo Hilary Onanuga Constanza Renata Pared-Horn Reuben Kishan Passi Carina Patel Kriti Patni Anna Pirie Rafidur Rahim Adrika Rahman Simrin Maryam Rahman Fariha Rahman Carman Diana Raoufian Sophie Rebairo Zainab Rehman Aidan Rhode Kaitlyn Roberts Sophie Rosher Panayiota Nayia Nayia Rossou Saanvi Sachdev Ananya Saggar Ikshith Sajith Stephanie Saju Chiara Salice Sarthak Sarawagi Margaret Scott Alice Seaman Anish Shah Yaxuan Shi Fathma Sirajuddin Alicia Smith Abigail Molly Stitson Lu Wei Tan Angel Shin Ee Tan Ria Thakur Athena Thomas Matilda Thorley Sodgerel Ulambayar Odgerel Ulambayar Jaime Ernesto Ulloa Gomez Cedrine Shedea Vashty Rose Vollum Weijie Wang Ruoxianzi Wang Yapeng Wei

Enqi Wong

Chun Him Wong

Ziyi Yang Yutian Zhang Xiaowen Zhou Anam Fathima Ahmed Jude Allen Buthaina Mahmood Khalil Mohsin Altajir Preenal Asher Jamie Attwell Nabihah Babar Omar Ashraf Mohamed Mohamed Sayed Badawi Soham Bapat Max Beck-Jones Baisyl Biju George Bourne King Yan Jerald Chan Varanleen Singh Chani Maanay Chetan Chauhan **Ethan Robert Peter Coombs** Anna Corti Lauren Coumbe Rushil Dhanuka Matthew Benedict Djong Sean Dovle Bhuvanadevi Elanchelvan Hassan El-Maoula Dhrishaj Ashesh Garq Aishwarya Girish Kumar Tuan Chuong Goh Vaasu Goyal Alexander Ross Grieves Kavin Hasantha Gunasekara Divyanshu Gupta Lisa Halvorsen Sam James Hirst Isabelle Ho Max Holm-Radford Oliver Edward Horton Rennah Hozawa Michael Hrycek-Robinson Dineth Ramida Ilapperuma Etienne Jacquot Nehal lindal Vishal Kandasamy Sekar Amber Kayani

Aaliyah Lakeman

Sung Nga Lam Faisal Haruna Lawan Wen Yil ee Nurin Khairina Binti Muhamad Azrin Muhammad Wai Ki Mui Ribhav Ojha Sanya Panda Alex Park **Dhruv Pharasi** Su Lei Lei Phyo **Anouk Raguin** Zara Rahim Ahnaf Rahman Jai Kumaar Ratadia Sam Michael Rogers Sarah Saad Akanksha Saraswat Nilay Shah **Dhruv Sharma** Ananya Singh Pranav Siva **Eve Louise Sproats** Minahil Tariq Krithikaa Thamilselvan Milit Thattamparambil Ranjith So Wah Sophia Tsang Merve Turan Filip Urban Alexandra Usher Christine Voong Divya Li May Wong Mahmoud Kh Sh Elhaddadin Lucia Wright Sambbhav Khare Lukas Claus Wystemp Labeebah Khawaja Renjie Xie Miren Isabella Kirk Zoha Zahid Khushboo Kotahwala Alex Zhan Karolina Koutova

Masnuna Rahman Chowdhury

Maximilien Alexis Lambert Gabriel Miang Chuan Lau Samvit Sachidanand Mavinkurve Farizah Adilah Binti Mohd Nizam Rayyan Naeem Muhammad Zakirah Mutmainnah Binti Nur Irdina Binti Nawiruddin

Yuxiao Zhao

Throughout our 200-year history, Manchester has helped shape the world through knowledge, wisdom and humanity.



The Langworthy Chair, a position later held by five Nobel laureates, is created by the legacy of this donor to the University.



1979 Nobel Prize for Economics.

Sir Arthur Lewis Britain's first Black professor, Arthur Lewis wins the 1979



Prof Brian Cox OBE FRS

Graduating in Physics, Brian Cox starts a scientific career that has seen him become a household name through his work to popularise science.



2023 Ella Podmore MBE

Aged just 27, materials engineer Ella Podmore receives an MBE from the Prince of Wales for services to Engineering, Innovation and Diversity.



Dame Christabel Pankhurst DBE

Prior to her role in the suffragette movement, she graduates in law at a time when it was illegal for women to practise the profession.





1945 **Prof Alan Turing OBE FRS**

The famed wartime codebreaker joins the University, where he later gains a reputation as the father of modern computing.



Prof Alan Gilbert AO

Alan Gilbert is appointed President and Vice-Chancellor in 2004, later establishing Equity and Merit Scholarships and the Manchester Access



2019

Jesse Armstrong

Author and screenwriter Jesse Armstrong wins the first of his five Emmy awards for his satirical drama Succession. It receives widespread critical acclaim.



Sir Ernest Rutherford **OM FRS**

This pioneer of chemistry and physics, who would later 'split' the atom, becomes the University's first Nobel Prize winner in 1908.



1945

Ellen Wilkinson

Ellen Wilkinson is appointed as Britain's first female Minister for Education. As a student she won scholarships for every stage of her education.



Danielle George is awarded her PhD. Ten years later she receives an MBE for her services to promote public engagement in engineering



2017

Naa Acquah

Naa Acquah is named General Secretary of the Students' Union – the first Black woman to hold the position.

STEP INTO YOUR **FUTURE WITH THE CAREERS SERVICE**

As you get ready to begin the next chapter of your life, remember that you don't have to figure it all out on your own. Our Careers Service is here to help you land your dream job.

Here's how some of our recent graduates have taken their next steps with our support:



Phoebe Feng Business Development Manager, Alpha CRC

"When I was job searching and thinking about my next step, it was always very reassuring to know that the Careers Service had my back. I recommend going to different alumni panel sessions and connecting with the speakers. You never know where your next big opportunity will come from."



Killian Billinge Graduate Drainage Engineer, Atkins Réalis

"I was so uncertain about my future after graduating; unsure whether to continue within further education or to set my sights on employment. The Careers Service provided an abundance of information to guide me towards the decision I made, and I could not be happier!"

As a graduate, you can still access the Careers Service for up to two years after you complete your course.

Get started with our checklist:

- Activate your Graduate CareerConnect account for vacancies, CV feedback, practice interviews and more.
- Follow us on Instagram @uomcareers.
- Join The University of Manchester's Recent Graduates LinkedIn group.
- Book a one-to-one appointment with a careers advisor.
- Complete the Graduate Outcomes Survey 15 months after finishing your course.

@uomcareers

manchester.ac.uk/careers



The Careers Service offers one-to-one appointments for all graduates. In the last academic year, they provided 1,311 careers appointments to support our recent graduates in taking their next steps.

Have vou heard of **Manchester Graduate** Talent?

We offer graduate-level roles in and around Manchester exclusively for University of Manchester students.



Charline Ñuflo Product Manager, Oxfam

"I used the Careers Service after I finished my master's. It helped me to improve my CV and to practice for my first interview in the UK, which at the time was a bit scary because everything was new for me as an international student. The mock interview session I booked helped me to gain more confidence and be able to secure the job."



Marketing and Recruitment Coordinator, The University of Manchester

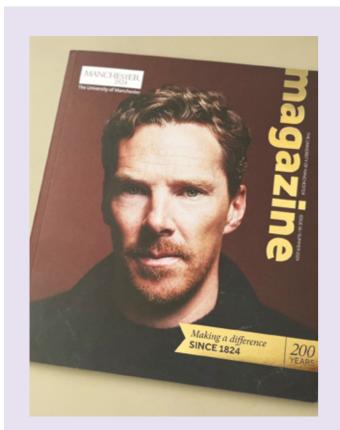
"Because the Careers Service is so specific to The University of Manchester, the advice I received felt a lot more personal than other sources of careers advice. They understood what it was like to be in my position, what my options were and what I could do with my degree. It's free, too!"

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STAY CONNECTED

Class of 2025, welcome to your alumni community!

We're here to help you preserve a lifelong connection with the University, and invite you to continue friendships, share experiences and inspire those who follow in your footsteps.



"My time at the University taught me a lot. It humbled me, it humoured me, it nourished me - and it will always have a place in my heart."

Benedict Cumberbatch

Actor and Alumnus, The University Magazine, Issue 16, Summer 2024

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- our emails, including our fortnightly newsletter;
- occasional information by post or telephone about how you can support our students and research;
- invites to University events.

ACADEMIC DRESS





Mortarboards

Doctoral Bonnets

Did you know?

The gowns worn for traditional graduation ceremonies originated in the 12th century as medieval scholars' garments. It's speculated that these long gowns were donned to keep scholars warm in drafty buildings and symbolise their status at the same time.



Certificates and Diplomas



Bachelor's (3-4) Years (including BA and BSc)





Undergraduate Master's (including MEng and MChem)

Bachelor's (5) Years (including MBChB)



Bachelor's Manchester School of Architecture



Master's (including MSc and MA)



Master of Philosophy (MPhil)



Manchester School of Architecture



Doctorates (including PhD, DPT, DBA)





Higher Doctorates (including DSc)







AlumniUoM

During the course of this event no alarm test or emergency evacuation practice has been planned. Therefore, if the alarm, which is a single-stage alarm, is activated it should be treated as a potential incident requiring evacuation.

Should the alarm sound, please remain calm and seated and follow the instructions given by stewarding staff.

The assembly point is on the front quadrangle, adjacent to the Whitworth Hall and opposite John Owens Building.

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