

Graduation

MEDICAL SCHOOL
BUCKINGHAM

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THE UNIVERSITY OF
BUCKINGHAM

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR TO GRADUATING STUDENTS

Attaining a degree from The University of Buckingham is a real achievement; something of which to be proud. It also represents an important milestone in your lives.

Those of you who are to receive degrees today have enjoyed the benefit of a very high standard of teaching; and you have studied assiduously. You have also had the great advantage of membership of a multicultural body of students, coming from many different parts of the world. Being able to draw on each other's diverse experiences and traditions, while studying here, is a special and unusual privilege.

We know, from the achievements of those who have gone on from here before you, that many of you who are graduating today will go out and attain success. As you look back on your time here, we trust that you will act as ambassadors for this University, so that others can see from your example what an excellent place Buckingham is. Furthermore, I hope that you will stay in touch with us here for many years to come.

I congratulate you, and wish you all good fortune in your chosen careers and in all your endeavours.

The Hon. Lady Keswick, Chancellor of The University of Buckingham

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

The first students arrived at Buckingham in 1976 when the idea of setting up an independent university, free from government subsidy became a reality. From the start Buckingham was different. It pioneered the two-year degree – abolishing the traditional long vacation and saving students valuable time and money. But while Buckingham was 'modern' in some respects, it was 'traditional' in others. The tutorial system allowed students to receive more individual attention than in many other universities. It refurbished attractive old buildings in the ancient market town of Buckingham. The choice of Buckingham, suggested by the late Ralph Yablon, proved inspired. New buildings have been designed with great sensitivity and our debt to their architect, the late Don Holister, was acknowledged with the reward of an honorary degree.

Buckingham expanded and proved its claim to academic excellence – acknowledged in the grant of a Royal Charter in 1983. Initially Buckingham offered courses in Law, Languages, Politics, Economics and Life Sciences. However, over the years more degree programmes were added – in History, English Literature, Accounting, Management, Art History, Psychology, Information Systems and most recently in Education and Medicine. One important feature has been the provision of EFL support for students from other countries. Graduate and research work has also flourished.

The University has been moulded by a succession of outstanding Principals and Vice-Chancellors – first Professor Max (later Lord) Beloff, followed by Professor Sir Alan Peacock, Dr Michael Barrett, Sir Richard Luce (now Lord Luce), Professor Robert Taylor and Professor Terence Kealey. All have made major contributions to The University's development. They have been fortunate in the assistance that they have received from our four Chancellors, Lord Hailsham, Baroness Thatcher, Sir Martin Jacomb and Lord Tanlaw. Yet the real basis of Buckingham's success has been its staff and, above all, its students. Those who graduate this year follow in a distinguished line. They and their successors will carry the reputation of The University to even higher levels.

THE FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Friends of The University of Buckingham were formed in November 1976 under the Presidency of Mr Ralph Yablon (the Ralph Yablon Company Limited donated the money required to purchase the Hunter Street site). The idea was to support the work of The University College at Buckingham with its funds being used for its charitable purposes. One of its most important objectives is to have in the town and neighbourhood an organisation that encourages good relations between The University and those who live in the vicinity.

The Friends' aims include welcoming new students to the town and contributing to student welfare throughout their stay at The University, with financial support, prizes and support for student projects. Alumni are encouraged to support and engage with the Friends to help them in their work with the current student body.

For further details to either support, or become, a member of the Friends, please contact:

Email: friends@buckingham.ac.uk Tel: +44 (0)1280 814080

Welcome

Dear Graduating Students,

Today is a very special occasion for you, your family members and friends. It is also a significant event in the history of the University of Buckingham.

Four and a half years ago, the University of Buckingham Medical School opened its doors for the first time and welcomed you, a small cohort of pioneering students who were willing to place their trust, and their futures, into a new Medical School.

Throughout the years that followed, the Medical School worked in partnership with Milton Keynes University Hospital, South Warwickshire Foundation Trust, St Andrews Healthcare, Buckingham Healthcare, the Railings and a number of General Practices within the region. Together, we strived to provide a diverse clinical experience supported by a sound academic underpinning in order to graduate rounded, empathic doctors.

Initially people were skeptical about the creation of a new Medical School at Buckingham; but you have proved them wrong. Last month, following an extensive period of quality assurance by the General Medical Council (GMC) the University of Buckingham Medical School became a fully accredited medical school, as recognised by its inclusion in the Medical Act, becoming the first not-for-profit independent Medical School in the United Kingdom. You, and all the students at the Medical School, contributed to this amazing

achievement. Throughout the GMC review process we have demonstrated excellence and exceeded the standards. We have established that it can be done and we have transformed the way medical education is delivered in the UK.

Today the Medical School and the University recognises the achievements of you, our first cohort of students, and celebrates the accreditation of the Medical School by the General Medical Council.

As you are presented for conferment of your degree, the University shares with you a great sense of pride in the award you have worked so hard to attain. We have had the privilege of seeing you develop and mature throughout your time at Buckingham. Have confidence in the knowledge and professional competencies you have gained during your time here and know you are ready to take on your next challenge in becoming an effective practitioner.

Graduation does not mark the end of your relationship with the University but the start of a lifelong connection with us and with your peers. Whatever you do in the future, wherever you are in the world, you will always be a part of the University and of Buckingham Medical School. We welcome you into our University Alumni.

We wish you every success for the future and hope that you have a truly memorable day.

The Medical School

Our Honorary Graduands

MS HELEN TAYLOR THOMPSON, OBE

Helen Taylor Thompson signed the Official Secrets Act aged 19 and was part of what was known as then Prime Minister Winston Churchill's "secret army"; she sent coded messages to spies in occupied France during World War II.

In 1952 Ms Taylor Thompson was elected to the board of the Mildmay Mission Hospital and afterwards sat on a number of Government NHS committees. She later fought the closure of the Mildmay Hospital and became its chair in 1988, when it reopened as the first hospice in Europe for people living with AIDS. Several years later she founded the Mildmay Centre in Uganda, where today over 100,000 people suffering with AIDS are still cared for.

In 1995 Ms Taylor Thompson, alongside Adele Blakebrough and Lord Andrew Mawson, organised the Great Banquet - which saw 33,000 people in London sit down with people from every background to a meal. This event saw the beginnings of CAN (The Helen Taylor Thompson Foundation), a network of social entrepreneurs who shared a commitment to tackle social problems through business.

Ms Taylor Thompson founded Thare Machi Education (TME) in 2000 and remains their Chair. TME use interactive DVDs in local languages to provide basic life-saving information to some of the world's poorest people - especially women and children. TME lessons have been seen by millions of people in countries throughout Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and South America.

In 1990, Ms Taylor Thompson was awarded the MBE and in 2005 the OBE for service to health and welfare in the UK and Africa.

MR DAVID NOTT, OBE

David Nott was born in Carmarthen in 1956 and lived with his grandparents at Trelech, near Carmarthen. He then lived in the Midlands and Rochdale from where he attended Hulme Grammar School. His father, Malcolm George Nott, was an orthopaedic and trauma surgeon and encouraged his son to follow him into a medical career. He also inspired his son's war work by taking him to see the 1984 film *The Killing Fields*.

Mr Nott was not successful at school initially but, after resitting his A-levels, he studied medicine at the Universities of St. Andrews and Manchester, graduating in 1981.

As a child, often left on his own, Mr Nott was fascinated with building model aircraft and later learned to fly, gaining both a private pilot licence and a commercial pilot licence.

Our Honorary Graduates

During his medical training in Manchester and Liverpool, he was attracted to surgery. He took a special interest in vascular surgery after watching a Liverpool surgeon, Peter Harris, save someone by operating on their ruptured aortic aneurysm. He combined this with general surgery, practising at London hospitals including Charing Cross, Chelsea and Westminster, St Mary's and the Royal Marsden. As a vascular surgeon, he specialises in keyhole techniques, especially for repairs of abdominal aortic aneurysms, and distal arterial bypasses. In 1999, he was the first surgeon in the world to perform a femoral-popliteal bypass using only laparoscopic techniques.

He began working in disaster and war zones in 1993, when he saw footage of the war in Sarajevo. He has worked in disaster and war zones for several weeks each year since then, working as a volunteer surgeon for agencies such as Médecins Sans Frontières, Syria Relief and the Red Cross. He has also served in a similar capacity for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, where he held the rank of Wing Commander.

DR TERENCE KEALEY

Terence Kealey is a clinical biochemist who was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham from 2001 until 2014. During his time as Vice-Chancellor, student numbers rose from just over 600 to around 2,000 and he

was instrumental and fully supportive in the setting up of both the Medical School and the School of Education.

As a clinical biochemist, Dr Kealey studied human experimental dermatology. He published around 45 original peer-reviewed papers and around 35 scientific reviews, also peer-reviewed. His work attracted funding from government, charities and business.

While doing this research, Dr Kealey learned how distorting government money could be to the scientific enterprise. In 1996 he published his first book *The Economic Laws of Scientific Research* where he argued that, contrary to the conventional wisdom, governments need not fund science. His second book, *Sex, Science and Profits* (2008) argues that science is not a public good but, rather, is organised in invisible colleges, thereby making government funding irrelevant. Both works are recognised as vital contributions to the study of science and public policy.

Dr Kealey trained initially in medicine at Bart's Hospital Medical School, London. He studied for his doctorate at Oxford University, where he worked first as a Medical Research Council Training Fellow and then as a Wellcome Senior Research Fellow in Clinical Science.

*Convocation
for the
Conferment of Degrees*

INAUGURAL MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATION

SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2019

2.00PM

**THE CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL
BUCKINGHAM**

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Ceremony

During the assembly the music will be played by

Mr Robert Tucker

Organist to the University of Buckingham and
Director of Music, Royal Latin School, Buckingham

The entry of the procession is to *The Medical School Fanfare* by Mr Robert Tucker, Organist to the University of Buckingham, and the exit to *The Chancellor's March* by Professor Sir Alan Peacock (1922-2014).
Sir Alan was the first Vice-Chancellor of the University.

At 2pm, the Congregation standing,
the Academic Procession will enter by the Tower Door

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Registrar

Academic Staff

Honorary Graduands

Honorary Graduates

Pro Vice-Chancellor

Deputy Chair of Council

Chair of Council

Vice-Chancellor

All being seated, the Convocation will be called to order

The Vice-Chancellor Sir Anthony Seldon FRSA FRHistS
will make a welcoming address

Professor Karol Sikora FRCP, FFPM will then present to the Vice-Chancellor
for the admission to the Degree of Doctor of Medicine of the University *honouris causa*

Ms Helen Taylor Thompson, OBE

Mr David Nott, OBE

Dr Terence Kealey

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School of Medicine

Dean: Professor Karol Sikora MA, MB BCHIR, PhD

MBCHB MEDICINE

Presented by

Professor Karol Sikora
MA, MB BCHIR, PhD

BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY WITH HONOURS

Matthew Beck
Justin Collis
Ata Mohajer-Bastami
Anisah Anah Rahman
Ashling Urshee Ramdin
Fathima Rawther
Gina Sherpa
Alexandra Gillian Anne Stewart
Surajdeep Singh Ubhi

BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY

Suhaib Ahmad
Itohan Sarah Aimuan
Ayodotun Adeola Akande
Nihmotallah Olabisi Balogun
Sasha Bhatta
Sophie Nadege Bondje
Ting Wai Hazel Chon
Zahra Daya
Adelaide Abena Abrafi Duku
Vivien Ekeocha
Dominic Eze
Ifeoluwa Adunola Gbeleyi
Hewa Gallage Selani Dharshana
Gooneratne
Jessica Griffin
Kathryn Hollis
Farzad Hosseini
Zayna Imtiaz
Raaid Ismail
Anam Javed
Hohsuk Jeong
Riyah Jiwan
Dilroshini Eranya Karunaratne
Sajanpaul Singh Khara

Tsun Yu Kwan
Grace Nahire Lamprey
Nalini Joy Lazarus
Ai-Lien My Le
Tien Van Le
Ho Yeon Lee
Richard David Lin
Amy Marchant
Maria Maximous
Maria Elena Milioto
Aran Nathan Nanthakumar
Andrew Mark Neves
Antoin Amaechi Okonmah
Olushola Oluwarotimi Olorunleke
Mohsen Raffi
Gowshan Rajeswaran
Malitha Thushan Samarage
Myriam Segovia Almiron
Prashanth Sainath Sellathurai
Shanthi Amala Sellathurai
Hamza Adnan Shafiq
Vishal Shah
Bhairavi Srikumar
Ritu Trivedi
Mukund Vandekar

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Phase Two

The University of Buckingham Medical School is proud to award the following prizes to the students who have demonstrated excellence.

THE STEWART PETERSEN PRIZE

The Stewart Petersen Prize is awarded annually to the student who has performed best overall in the MB ChB Course, demonstrating the greatest degree of all round excellence

Justin Collis

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN PHASE II

This Prize is awarded to the student(s) who attains the highest academic performance overall in the MB ChB written papers taken in Phase II of the course

Ashling Urshee Ramdin

CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN PHASE II

This Prize is awarded to the student(s) who attains the highest academic performance overall in the MB ChB clinical examinations in Phase II of the course

Anisah Rahman

EPORTFOLIO EXCELLENCE

This Prize is awarded to the student who has consistently demonstrated the Professional Values outlined by the General Medical Council through portfolio learning (shared)

Gina Sherpa and Anam Javed

THE SPIRIT OF BUCKINGHAM MEDICAL SCHOOL

This Prize is awarded by the final year students to their peer(s) who they feel embodies the spirit of the Buckingham Medical School. An individual who the students consider to have made an all-round contribution, demonstrated the highest professional values and team working skills. An individual who has had the most positive impact both within and outside the UBMS community

Richard Lin

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THE COMMUNITY AWARD

This Prize is awarded to the student(s) in recognition of each student's particular efforts to make a difference to the well-being of the broad community of the parish of Buckingham (shared)

Andrew Neves, Justin Collis and Matthew Beck

in recognition of their role in establishing the Community First
Responders in Buckingham

Phase One

CAWTHORNE CUP FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN PHASE I

This Prize has been awarded to the student(s) who attains the highest academic performance overall in both the written questions and OSCE stations from the non-qualifying assessments in Phase 1 (shared)

Ashling Ramdin and Surajdeep Ubhi

PHASE I STUDENT SELECTED COMPONENT

This Prize has been awarded to the student(s) who attains the highest academic performance overall in their Student Selected Components from both the taught and library projects

Anam Javad

NARRATIVE MEDICINE

This Prize has been awarded to the student(s) who attains the highest academic performance overall in their Narrative Medicine essay as reviewed by a specialist panel

Zayna Imtiaz

FIFTY FOR FIFTY – YOUR UNIVERSITY. YOUR FUTURE.

Please join the growing number of people who are supporting the campaign to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the appointment of Max Beloff to lead the great idea that was to become The University of Buckingham we know today. The 50th Anniversary aims to raise £50 million.

Small-group-teaching, two-year degrees, breakthrough courses. Quality costs.

Some people need a little more support. Without state subsidy, we have been able to share the benefit. The ideals and vision of this university are big.

Every gift, no matter how large or small, will count. We have four initial priorities:

1. To build upon the invisible kindness that enables the university to award £800K each and every year to support students in need or hardship
2. To enhance the student experience, by improving the sporting, social and pastoral support for students
3. To build the Law School for the 21st Century, building on the £5m gift towards the Tessa Keswick Building
4. To develop the Centre for Artificial Intelligence – building on a grant of £2m towards a ground breaking new home for computing and AI

Our Development team is on hand to discuss your particular area of interest and help direct your giving so it has maximum impact.

The campaign will build upon the £35 million raised in the last four years. **Together we can make sure that The University of Buckingham success story continues for another fifty years and beyond.**

For more information please contact development.office@buckingham.ac.uk

OUR ALUMNI

The University's Alumni network is invaluable for Buckingham's graduates. Providing business and social contacts throughout the world, its support and assistance to the University with marketing, careers advice and fundraising grows more significant each year. This has strengthened with the launch of the University of Buckingham Alumni Association in 2009, run for alumni, by alumni with the support of the Alumni Office and with branches and key representatives worldwide. Annual reunions are held in Buckingham and London, with occasional gatherings taking place in many other parts of the world.

Buckingham has one of the most active and well supported alumni associations in the world and our new graduates are encouraged to keep in close contact through the Alumni Team, which produces publications and events information and maintains a database of alumni. Please do connect with us on our alumni social media pages to keep up to date with news, events and stay in touch with friends. You can also use these sites to update us with any new contact or career details. They are: LinkedIn (Alumni Office Buckingham), Facebook (University of Buckingham Alumni) and Twitter (@buckinghamalum). As graduates you are also members of Convocation.

For more information please contact alumni@buckingham.ac.uk

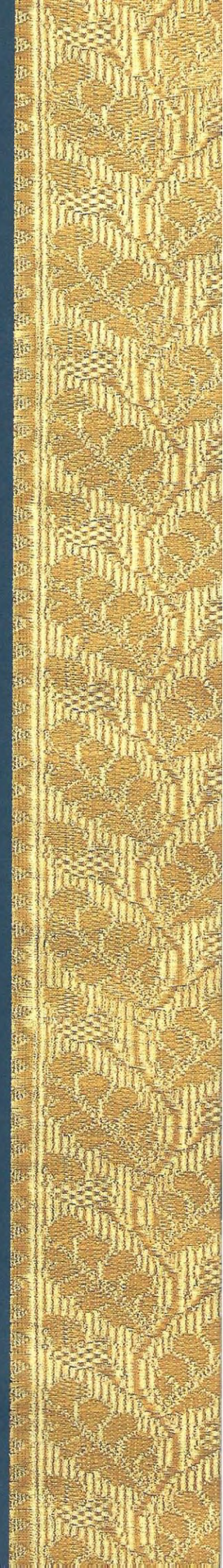
OUR GOWNS

The Vice-Chancellor's gown is of blue damask trimmed with gold oakleaf and took about a year to make, as the gold trimming and ornaments are all handstitched. Ede & Ravenscroft make our ceremonial gowns. They hold all three royal warrants as robe makers to HM Queen Elizabeth II, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and HRH the Prince of Wales.

The colours of the hoods on the graduands' gowns signify the academic discipline in which they have obtained their degree and are identified as follows: MA/MPhil are blue and white ribbon; MSc (Business) is blue with a lemon ribbon; LLM is blue with a red ribbon; MSc (Sciences) is blue with a maroon ribbon; BA is blue and white with a pink ribbon; LLB is blue and white with a red ribbon; BSc is blue and white with a maroon ribbon and BSc (Econ) is blue and white with a lemon ribbon. The Honorary Graduand and DPhil gowns are maroon with dark blue silk trim on the front, around the back yoke and the sleeves.

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