

Vice-Chancellor's Welcome

Congratulations!

Growth & Transformation

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every student's life and today we are
delighted to celebrate your achievements
here at Bangor University!

Your university experience has taken you on a journey of growth and transformation. I would like to pay special tribute to you for your commitment and dedication to learning.

Graduation is the most important date in the higher education calendar. As Vice-Chancellor, I take great pleasure in attending these ceremonies, witnessing your success and celebrating the transformative power of a university education. We are delighted to be able to share the celebration for all our graduands with families, friends and supporters.

Whatever your chosen path, your University wishes you well for the future, and does so in the knowledge that Bangor has helped you to expand your mind and develop your skills, providing you with the knowledge, experience and networks to assist you as you navigate the next stages of your life.

Please remember that your connection to Bangor University will last a lifetime. You are now part of our thriving international alumni community and we will strive to continue to support you, wherever you are in the world.

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I wish you every success in achieving your goals.

Professor Edmund Burke
Vice-Chancellor

1949

On 28 April 1949, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, then HRH Princess Elizabeth, was conferred the degree of Doctor of Music by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, the newly-celebrated Chancellor of the University.

1952

The establishment of SVB (Student Volunteering Bangor), the volunteering branch of the Students' Union.

1960s

The University shared in the general expansion of higher education in the UK following the Robbins Report, with several new departments and new buildings.

1967

The Beatles visited The Normal College for a lecture on Transcendental Meditation by the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. The visit proved to be a pivotal date in the history of the group, as it is here that the news broke of the death of their manager, Brian Epstein.

1970s

A Unique Perspective



It was built between 1907-11 by Henry T. Hare, who was chosen following an architectural competition run by the University, following acquisition of the

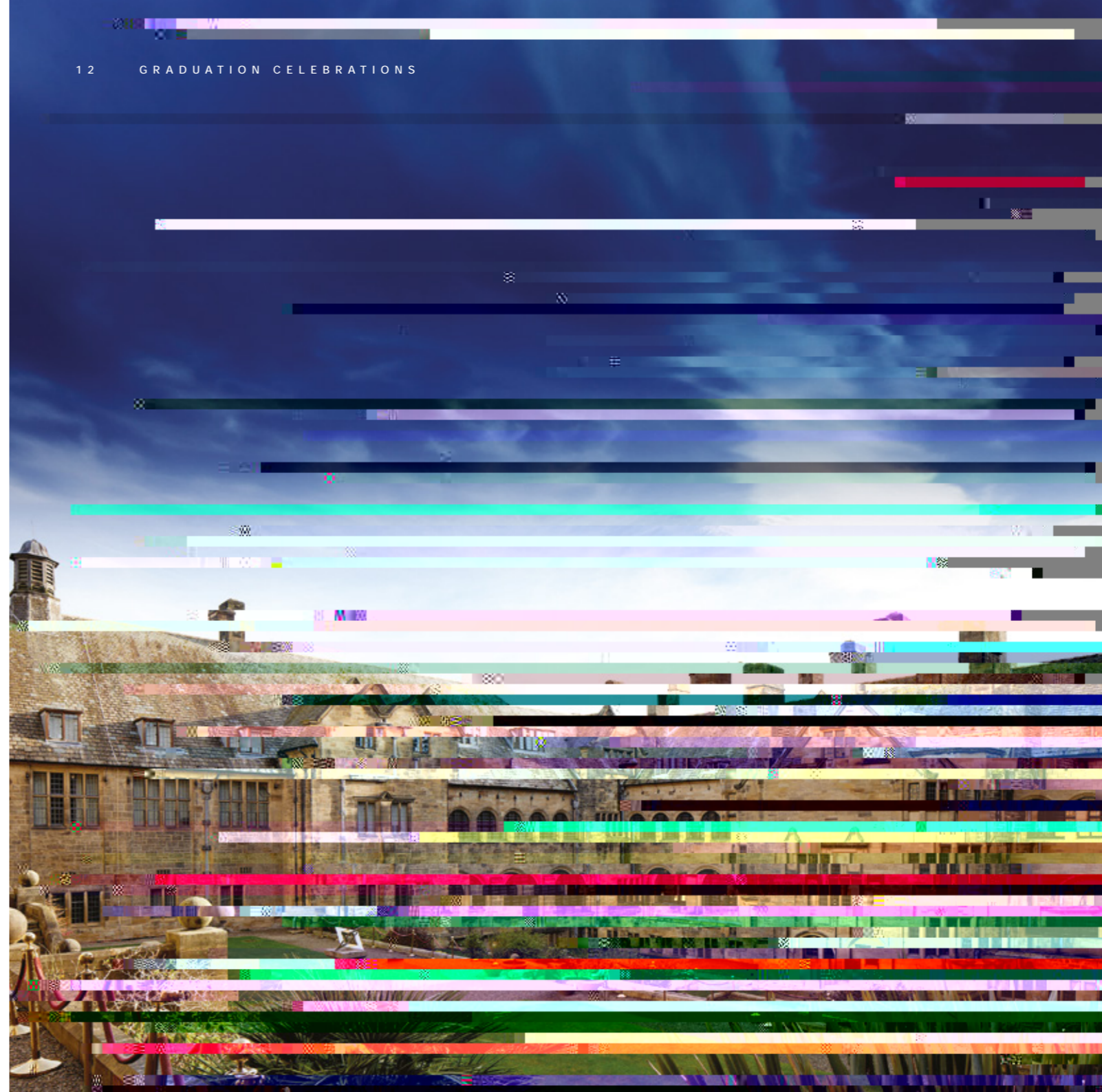


The Chancellor is the University's ceremonial head and one of its most prominent ambassadors. They work with the Vice-Chancellor and other senior

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Sir Robin is a Bangor graduate and a strong advocate of the bilingual nature of the University. He was appointed to the role in November 2022.

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Music

Before the ceremony commences there will be a programme of music, ending with the processional music, which signals the start of the ceremony.

Processional:

John Stanley – 'Trumpet Voluntary'

The procession

The Congregation is asked to stand as the procession enters the hall. This marks the formal start of the ceremony.

Introduction

The ceremony opens with a recitation by a student of the University of an extract from a poem, 'Y Coleg ar y Bryn' ('The College on the Hill') by the late Gwyn Thomas. The extract will be read in Welsh and English. Gwyn Thomas, who died in 2016, was a former Professor of Welsh at the University and National Poet of Wales from 2006 to 2008.

The poem was commissioned by His Majesty King Charles III, then HRH The Prince of Wales, to mark the centenary in 2007 of the laying of the foundation stone of the Main University Building.

The resolution

The Presenter, a senior academic, reads the resolution in Welsh and English granting authority to the Vice-Chancellor to award degrees, and also presents each group of students for their appropriate degrees and diplomas with the words (in Welsh):

Honourable Vice-Chancellor, I present to you these students who have gained the degree of (...title of degree...) in (...name of the subject or subjects of study...)

Presentation of students

An Introducer, usually the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the relevant department or his/her deputy, introduces students to the Vice-Chancellor by reading out their full names. Each student individually crosses the stage to be greeted by the Vice-Chancellor and the Chancellor (or his deputy).

Admission of students to degree

The Vice-Chancellor formally admits groups of students to their degrees by proclaiming (in Welsh):

I admit you to the degree of (...title of degree...) and to all privileges of that degree.

The Chancellor (or his deputy) greets the graduates (in Welsh):

Congratulations on receiving your degree today.

The formula is then repeated for each group of students. Those named in the appropriate groups in the programme will be presented for their degrees in absentia.

Interlude

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It's not goodbye!

Congratulations, you're a graduate!

You are now joining our diverse community of alumni who are excelling in their chosen careers with the skills and support they have received at Bangor.

'Alumni Bangor' is the University's association for former students. We don't want to lose touch with you after graduation. By maintaining lifelong links with past students, we are committed to promoting your achievements and facilitating contact between friends and departments, and supporting new networks.

Our graduate community transcends barriers of generation and geography with alumni worldwide meeting and helping each other – in many cases without ever having met during their student life. You are now a member of this invaluable network!

To ensure that you're part of our growing alumni network, make sure we have your current contact details by completing our online update form and opting-in to alumni communications.

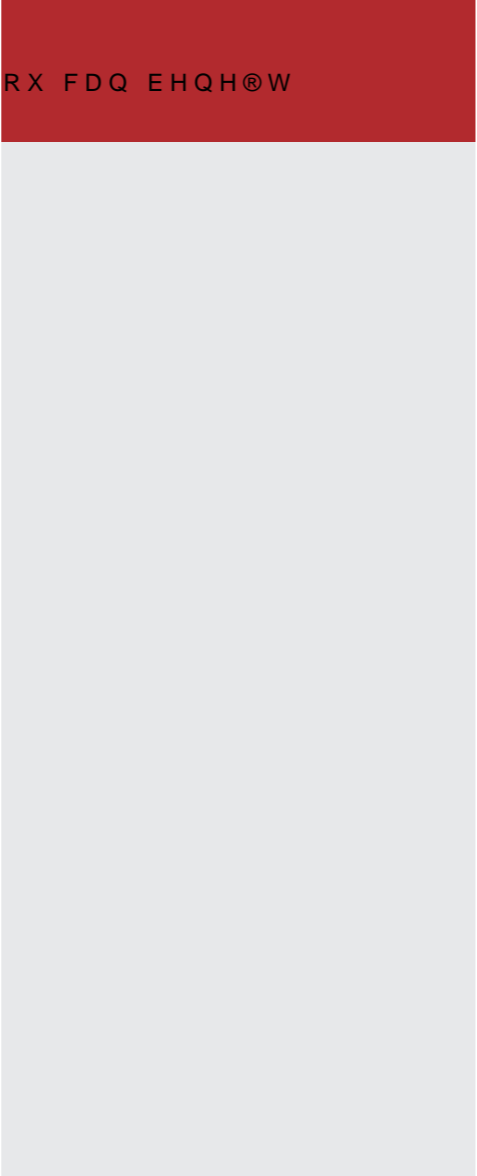
Your alumni community

From a range of services, including:

- Alumni E-News: we send out monthly e-newsletters to keep you up-to-date with the latest news from the University, including details on reunions and events and information about the research and activities taking place in our Schools and Colleges.
- Ongoing careers advice and support.
- Library access: alumni can continue to access the University's excellent libraries with an Alumni Library Card.
- Information about alumni networks and groups, including groups on social media such as LinkedIn and Facebook.

Where will your journey take you? Stay in touch with our alumni community and share your own story.

bangor.ac.uk/alumni



'Opportunities at Bangor helped secure my role in an international company.'

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TRAINEE SOLICITOR AT DAC BEACHCROFT LLP

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Did you know that as an alumnus of Bangor University, you can use the University's Careers and Employability Service for three years after you graduate?

Access to careers advice and information can be just as important to you after graduation as when you were a student.

Graduation is an exciting and important milestone for every one of us - the period after graduation is full of change, yet it can also be challenging.

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