



Awards Ceremonies Graduating Class of 2025

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Congratulations from the University's Chancellor

As Chancellor, I congratulate you most warmly on securing your place at today's ceremony.

Studying at university level is not easy, with many challenges on the way, and your success has been achieved through determination and hard work. The applause today of your family, friends, fellow graduands and the Cardiff Met staff all salute that achievement, and the beginning of the next stage of your life. I hope that you will find that next stage exciting and fulfilling, both personally and professionally.

We live in what is in some ways an increasingly complex and troubled world, but there are still countless opportunities for you to make your mark and to build a happy and successful future.

The skills, resilience and friendships you have developed at Cardiff Met will all help you to reach your goals, whatever they may be.

So very well done; thank you for choosing to study at Cardiff Met; and we are very proud of what you have achieved.

But today is not a goodbye; on the contrary, we look forward to a lifelong relationship with you, as one of this University's alumni. Enjoy your day; and keep in touch, and let us know about your future successes too!

Stephen Wordsworth CMG LVO



Pro-Chancellor & Honorary President

As Lord Mayor of Cardiff, it is my privilege to hold the office of Pro-Chancellor & Honorary President at Cardiff Metropolitan University.



It has been a great honour to have my own inauguration take place to mark the start of your week of Graduation ceremonies – a special occasion indeed in a wonderful venue.

Students at Cardiff Met have benefitted from the very best teaching which will prepare you for stepping into the world of work with knowledge and skills in your area of study. As you move on from university, I hope you will find success and fulfilment in your chosen career path.

As Pro-Chancellor & Honorary President of Cardiff Metropolitan University, I would like to convey my congratulations to everyone on their achievements and as Lord Mayor, send best wishes from the City and County of Cardiff for your futures.

**The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
of Cardiff, Councillor Adrian Robson**

Welcome from the University's Chair of the Board of Governors

I'd like to congratulate you all on completing your degrees and the award you will be receiving today.

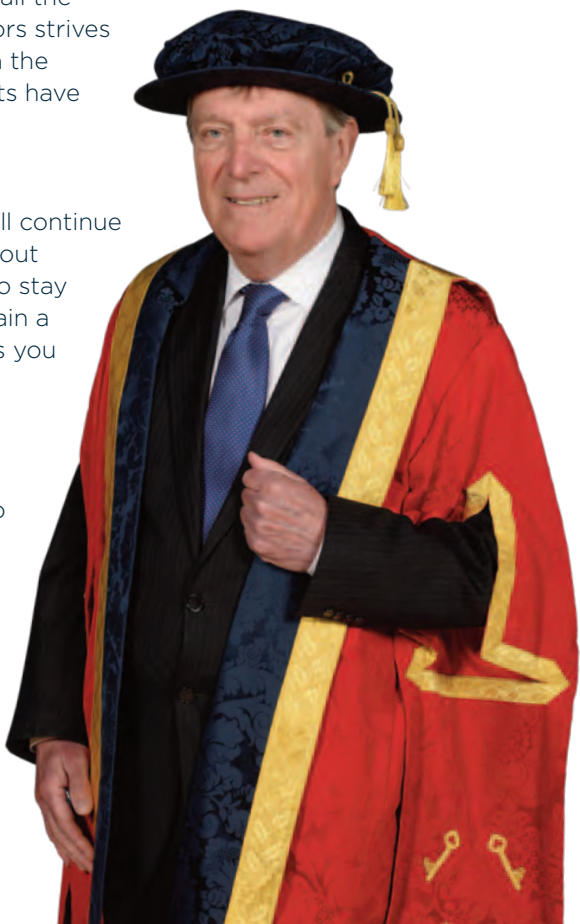
Celebrate your success and the hard work you have put in during your degree to get to this point. Now you can look ahead with confidence that the knowledge and skills you've gained during your time at Cardiff Metropolitan University will equip you for the future.

Working with the Vice-Chancellor and all the University's staff, the Board of Governors strives to maintain excellent relationships with the student body to ensure that all students have the best possible experience at Cardiff Metropolitan University.

You've been valued as students and will continue to be valued by the University throughout your life. We'd always encourage you to stay in touch with the University and maintain a relationship with us, wherever life takes you next.

As your professional career flourishes, don't forget about the causes you believe in and the changes you want to advocate for in life. Only with this can we effectively create impact and a world that our future selves, our families and our communities want to live in.

John Taylor CBE





Welcome from the University's President & Vice-Chancellor

As President and Vice-Chancellor, I am delighted to welcome you, your families and friends to your Cardiff Metropolitan University Graduation Ceremony.

Your graduation is the culmination of all your hard work, resilience and commitment to achieving success. My university colleagues and I are extremely proud of what you have accomplished.

We are delighted that Cardiff Metropolitan University has been part of your journey to success, and we are looking forward to taking time with you today to mark, through this Graduation Ceremony, the significant attainment that is the award of your degree.

This is no doubt a major milestone, but it is just one part of a learning journey that will continue throughout your lives. The skills, knowledge and experiences you have had at Cardiff Met will be critical in helping you navigate the challenges ahead, but also in embracing a world of opportunity.

As you move from graduand to graduate today, we warmly welcome you to our global community of Cardiff Metropolitan University Alumni.

Our former students have always been our greatest ambassadors. We hope that, as you move on, you will be able to share with those you meet the experiences of what it is like to study here, inspiring them to begin their own journey with us.

On behalf of everyone at Cardiff Metropolitan University, I extend my very sincere congratulations to you and wish you every success for the future.

Professor Rachael Langford
BA MA PhD FRSA

Procession

The Academic Procession is made up of those listed below and will enter in the following order:

Chief Marshal

Members of Academic Staff

President of the Students' Union

S Parameswaran Namboothiri

Chaplain

A Bahadur-Kutkut

Dean of Cardiff School of Art & Design

Dr B Gordon BSc (Hons) MSc PGCE
PhD FHEA

Acting Dean of Cardiff School of Education & Social Policy

Dr C Hannigan-Davies Bed, MSc PhD
SFHEA MBCS CITP MAPM

Acting Dean of Cardiff School of Sport & Health Sciences

Dr H Wiltshire, BSc, PhD, SFHEA

Dean of Cardiff School of Technologies

Professor J T Platts BEng MSc PhD
CEng FIET MInstMC

Dean of Cardiff School of Management & Pro Vice-Chancellor Business, Global and Civic Engagement

Professor D J Brooksbank BSc MSc
PhD PGCE FHEA CCMI FRSA FLSW

Dean of Teaching & Learning

Professor J Longville BA PGCE MSc

Pro Vice-Chancellor Research & Innovation

Professor S Hanton BA MSc PhD
FAASP

University Secretary

R Davies MSc

Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost

Professor K Thirlaway BSc PhD PFHEA
HCPC

President & Vice-Chancellor

Professor R Langford BA MA PhD
FRSA

Pro-Chancellor & Honorary President of Cardiff Metropolitan University The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Cardiff

Councillor A Robson

Chair of Governors

J Taylor CBE

Chancellor

S Wordsworth CMG LVO



Order of Ceremony

Entry Procession

Formal opening of the ceremony

President & Vice-Chancellor's address

Presentation of the graduands

Admittance of the graduands to their degree

The final address

Formal closing of the ceremony

Exit Procession

Presentation of Awards

Graduands will be presented by the Dean of the appropriate School or the designated nominee. Students who have elected to receive their initial degrees in praesentia will be presented according to their award nomenclature, by the Presenter who will say: *"President & Vice-Chancellor (or nominee), I present to you students who have been awarded..."*

The Presiding Executive admits graduands with the words: *"Through the authority vested in me by Cardiff Metropolitan University, I admit you to your awards and to all the privileges of those awards."*

Award of an Honorary Fellowship

Catryn Ramasut

Catryn Ramasut is a strategic leader and entrepreneurial media practitioner with over 25 years of experience transforming creative industries and arts organisations. A Cardiff-born, Welsh-speaking woman of mixed heritage, she brings a distinctive perspective to Wales's evolving cultural landscape.

As Co-Founder and Managing Director of award-winning ie ie productions, Catryn produced acclaimed films including 'American Interior' and 'Rockfield: The Studio on the Farm', alongside critically recognised television content like 'Black & Welsh'. Most recently, she co-produced 'Brides', which premiered at the 2025 Sundance Film Festival, showcasing Welsh talent on the international stage.

Catryn represents Wales on the Department for Culture, Media & Sport's Creative Industries Council and served as the inaugural Chair of Welsh Government's Creative Wales. She is a former long-standing board member of Chapter Arts Centre and has recently been appointed as a Non-Executive Director for the Welsh language broadcaster S4C. In her current role as Director of Arts at Arts Council of Wales, she provides strategic leadership across the sector, championing accessibility and creative excellence.



A passionate advocate for cultural diversity and inclusion, Catryn has demonstrated her ability to provide strategic direction that fosters growth, while opening up opportunities for underrepresented voices in the creative industries. Committed to strengthening Wales's arts sector, she combines cultural sensitivity with strategic innovation to shape a forward-thinking vision that nurtures creativity and showcases Welsh talent both nationally and internationally.

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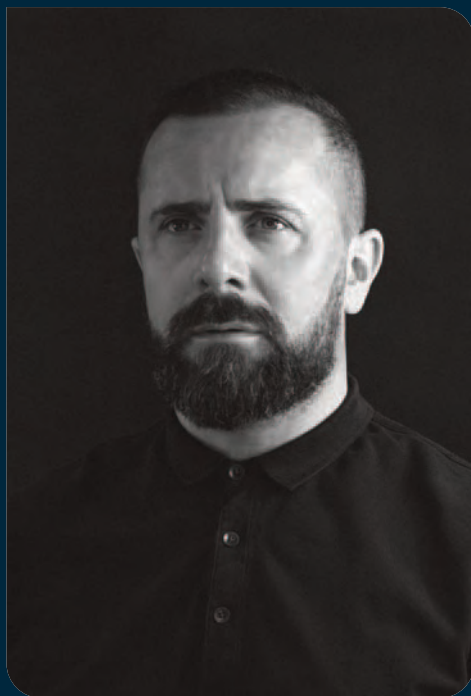
Matthew Jones

Matt Jones is a multi award-winning entrepreneur from Wales who overcame a challenging start in life. Originally from Newport, Matt left school at 14 without any GCSEs and found himself living in a bedsit funded by Social Services.

Matt is now founder and CEO of Rebel Lion Advertising and Marketing, based in Cardiff with offices in London, Manchester and New York City – working with high profile clients including the Football Association of Wales, Britvic, London Palladium and Marshall Arts Entertainment. The company achieved a seven-figure turnover in its second year.

Having held senior positions in the UK advertising industry, Matt founded his first creative advertising agency, S3 Advertising, in 2011. This grew into a multi-million pound national business which was sold through a management buyout in October 2019.

In 2021, Matt's entrepreneurial flair also saw him appear on the BBC's *Dragons' Den*, where he secured investment for and raised the profile of his skincare brand, MESOA. His appearance on the show also gave him the opportunity to discuss male mental health, having struggled himself over the years.



Matt has won multiple national awards, including the prestigious Great British Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the Creative Industry in 2017, 2018 and 2019, plus industry awards issued by The Drum and the RAR Digital Awards.

Now living with his family in the Vale of Glamorgan, Matt enjoys supporting causes which align with his values; including a year volunteering for the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association as director of communications and a partnership between his brand, MESOA Skincare, and Broectors, helping to break the stigma around men's mental health.



Award of an Honorary Fellowship

Elizabeth Johnson

Elizabeth Johnson is a Paralympian, media commentator and successful businesswoman.

Elizabeth, who is a British swimmer, has won gold medals at the Paralympic Games, International Paralympic Committee (IPC) World Championships and European Championships.

Since retiring as an athlete, Elizabeth has gone on to have a successful career as a media commentator – working as a presenter for the 2024 Paris Paralympics and a sport commentator for the BBC and Channel 4.

Elizabeth is also a board member for Disability Sport Wales, and an athlete mentor for the Youth Sport Trust and Dame Kelly Holmes Trust.

Originally from Newport, Elizabeth is now managing director and client ambassador of The Ability People - a specialist employment company which aims to encourage employment for people with disabilities. She co-founded the organisation in 2018 after discovering that the UK disability employment gap stood at 30%. Since then, her work has supported leading



businesses, including the AA, HSBC and Heathrow Airport, in creating more accessible and equitable workplaces.

Alongside her work in media commentary and charity initiatives, Elizabeth is a speaker at corporate events. Living with cerebral palsy, she shares her inspirational personal journey, offering insight into how the challenges she has faced have shaped her resilience and drive.

Prior to founding The Ability People, which led to Elizabeth being named one of the BBC's 100 Women in 2018, Elizabeth was also an executive producer for Whisper, a leading media company based in Cardiff.

Monday 14 July 2025 10.00am

Cardiff School of Art & Design

- The congregation is requested to stand during the Academic Procession.
- Professor Rachael Langford, President & Vice-Chancellor, will address the audience for the formal opening of the ceremony.
- Dr Bethan Gordon, Dean of Cardiff School of Art & Design, will present the Graduands.
- Students will now be called individually to cross the stage.
- Professor Rachael Langford, President & Vice-Chancellor, will admit the Graduands.
- John Taylor CBE, Chair of the Board of Governors will make the final address.
- Following the formal closing of the ceremony, the congregation is requested to stand during the Academic Procession.

Monday 14 July 2025 1.30pm

Cardiff School of Technologies and Cardiff School of Management

- The congregation is requested to stand during the Academic Procession.
- Professor Katie Thirlaway, Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost, will address the audience for the formal opening of the ceremony.
- Professor Jon Platts, Dean of Cardiff School of Technologies and Professor David Brooksbank, Dean of Cardiff School of Management & Pro Vice-Chancellor Business, Global and Civic Engagement, will present the Graduands.
- Students will now be called individually to cross the stage.
- Professor Katie Thirlaway, Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost, will admit the Graduands.
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A close-up photograph of a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a black graduation gown over a pink top. She is laughing heartily, with her mouth wide open and eyes closed. The background is blurred, showing other people in a crowd.

Winner

Cardiff School of Art & Design
Dean's Award 2025

Rudaina Murshed Chowdhury

Winner

Cardiff School of Technologies
Dean's Award 2025

Yana Lytvyn

Tuesday 15 July 2025 10.00am

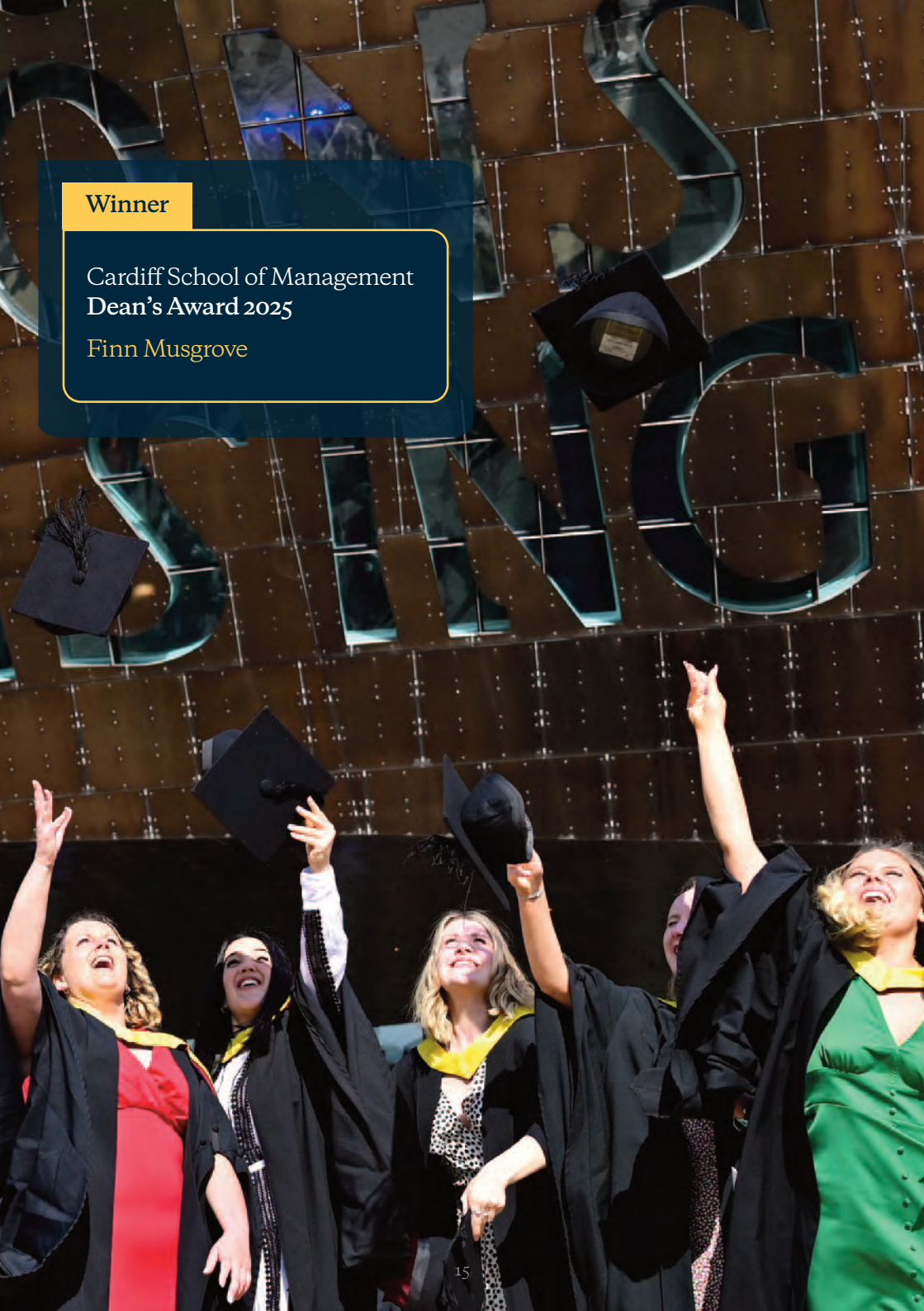
Cardiff School of Management

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- Professor Rachael Langford, President & Vice-Chancellor, will address the audience for the formal opening of the ceremony.
- Professor David Brooksbank, Dean of Cardiff School of Management & Pro Vice-Chancellor Business, Global and Civic Engagement, will present the Graduands.
- Students will now be called individually to cross the stage.
- Professor Rachael Langford, President & Vice-Chancellor, will admit the Graduands.
- Stephen Wordsworth CMG LVO, Chancellor will make the final address.
- Following the formal closing of the ceremony, the congregation is requested to stand during the Academic Procession.

Tuesday 15 July 2025 1.30pm

Cardiff School of Management

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- Professor Rachael Langford, President & Vice-Chancellor, will address the audience for the formal opening of the ceremony.
- Professor David Brooksbank, Dean of Cardiff School of Management & Pro Vice-Chancellor Business, Global and Civic Engagement, will present the Graduands.
- Students will now be called individually to cross the stage.
- Professor Rachael Langford, President & Vice-Chancellor, will admit the Graduands.
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A group of five graduates in black gowns and yellow stoles are celebrating, throwing their black mortarboards into the air. They are standing in front of a large, metallic, riveted wall with the word 'WIN' in large, stylized letters. The scene is bright and festive.

Winner

Cardiff School of Management
Dean's Award 2025

Finn Musgrove

Wednesday 16 July 2025 9.45am

Cardiff School of Sport & Health Sciences

- The congregation is requested to stand during the Academic Procession.
- Professor Sheldon Hanton, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation, will address the audience for the formal opening of the ceremony.
- Dr Huw Wiltshire, Acting Dean of Cardiff School of Sport & Health Sciences, will present the Graduands.
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- Professor Sheldon Hanton, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation, will admit the Graduands.
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Wednesday 16 July 2025 12.30pm

Cardiff School of Sport & Health Sciences

- The congregation is requested to stand during the Academic Procession.
- Professor Rachael Langford, President & Vice-Chancellor, will address the audience for the formal opening of the ceremony.
- Professor Katie Thirlaway, Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost, will present the Graduands.
- Students will now be called individually to cross the stage.
- Professor Rachael Langford, President & Vice-Chancellor, will admit the Graduands.
- Stephen Wordsworth CMG LVO, Chancellor will make the final address.
- Following the formal closing of the ceremony, the congregation is requested to stand during the Academic Procession.

Wednesday 16 July 2025 3.00pm

Cardiff School of Sport & Health Sciences

- The congregation is requested to stand during the Academic Procession.
- Professor Rachael Langford, President & Vice-Chancellor, will address the audience for the formal opening of the ceremony.
- Dr Huw Wiltshire, Acting Dean of Cardiff School of Sport & Health Sciences, will present the Graduands.
- Students will now be called individually to cross the stage.
- Professor Rachael Langford, President & Vice-Chancellor, will admit the Graduands.
- Stephen Wordsworth CMG LVO, Chancellor will make the final address.
- Following the formal closing of the ceremony, the congregation is requested to stand during the Academic Procession.

Winner

Cardiff School of
Sport & Health Sciences
Dean's Award 2025

Omer Hagomer

Winner

Cardiff School of
Sport & Health Sciences
Dean's Award 2025

Holli Mitchell

Thursday 17 July 2025 10.00am

Cardiff School of Education & Social Policy

- The congregation is requested to stand during the Academic Procession.
- Dr Bethan Gordon, Executive Dean of Cardiff School of Art & Design, will address the audience for the formal opening of the ceremony.
- Dr Cecilia Hannigan-Davies, Acting Dean of Cardiff School of Education & Social Policy, will present the Graduands.
- Students will now be called individually to cross the stage.
- Dr Bethan Gordon, Executive Dean of Cardiff School of Art & Design, will admit the Graduands.
- John Taylor CBE, Chair of the Board of Governors will make the final address.
- Following the formal closing of the ceremony, the congregation is requested to stand during the Academic Procession.

Thursday 17 July 2025 1.30pm

Cardiff School of Education & Social Policy

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Winner

Cardiff School of
Education & Social Policy
Dean's Award 2025

Dylan Caswell

Welcome to the Cardiff Met Graduate Community



Congratulations on completing your studies!
You are joining a global community of Cardiff Metropolitan University alumni.

To keep you up to date with all the latest Cardiff Met news and updates, you have been registered on our database. You also have access to a range of benefits, including:

- ✓ Alumni discount for eligible postgraduate programmes - check our website for up-to-date information
- ✓ Careers support after graduation
- ✓ Discounted gym and sports membership
- ✓ Access to learning centres on campus

Access your account: **alumni.cardiffmet.ac.uk**

You can also contact us on **alumni@cardiffmet.ac.uk**

We look forward to hearing about your future successes!

Register and keep your details up to date:
www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/alumni



Your next step

You could qualify for the Cardiff Met Alumni Discount. *Visit our website for full details.*



Congratulations from everyone at Cardiff Met on your graduation. It is a culmination of hard work and dedication, and a fantastic achievement that we hope you enjoy celebrating with friends, family and loved ones.

If you're thinking about what's next, then postgraduate or further research study may be something you've considered. By continuing your academic journey with us, you will be part of a growing postgraduate and research community with over 3,000 students from across the world. Our programmes will further develop your specialist subject knowledge, enhance your career prospects and provide a springboard for further study.

Find out out more at
www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/postgraduate

A full-body photograph of a male graduate wearing a black cap and gown over a light-colored suit and tie. He is smiling and holding a large maroon rectangular sign with the words "Cardiff Met" in white serif font above his head with both arms.

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