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# Invitation

From the Principal, The Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst, to

## The Queen's Foundation Celebration Event

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025

I am writing to you as a current Queen's student to invite you to join in the celebration of the end of the academic year at our Foundation Celebration Event on Saturday 7th June 2025. Colleagues and I all very much hope that you will be able to be present. This is an important day when we mark the achievements of our wide diversity of students across all programmes, and give thanks for our shared life together as a Foundation.

As usual, the day will be in two parts. In the morning there will be a service of thanksgiving, then following lunch there will be the presentation of certificates to those leaving, and at which we will have a special guest speaker and other invited guests.

Leaving students in particular are invited to share the end of your time at Queen's, with family and friends, staff-members and other guests. Leaving students are invited to bring up to five guests to attend. There may be other spaces available later, but for the moment we need to apply this limit. Continuing students are warmly invited to attend too, though whether there will be spaces for guests is not yet known. We shall contact you again if places do become available.

You are welcome to arrive any time from 10:30 in preparation for the service of Celebration. Refreshments will be available through to 11:15. We ask you to be seated ready for the service by 11:20. Please see the attached programme for full details of the timetable and other important information.

As requested by previous years' leavers, we are delighted to offer professional "Family photos" for students who wish to keep quality personal memories of the day alongside the official group photos. You will be able to book your photo when signing up for the event, as well as indicating any special dietary or access requirements.

I would be grateful if you could book your place for the event via [Eventbrite Sign Up link](#) by **Friday 25th April**.

Please do reply in a timely fashion so that we can release spaces for others if you are not able to attend.

- ◆ Leaving students: please only book in at this stage people you know will definitely be attending. This will give us a better picture of how many places there may then be for further guests. You will receive a reminder about the deadline for booking and then a further invitation to book extra places should these become available.
- ◆ The thanksgiving service and Queen's leavers' certificate ceremony will be livestreamed to students and guests. If you are due to receive a Queen's leavers' certificate but wish to opt out of the livestream, please contact Kate Knight (knightk@queens.ac.uk).
- ◆ One final note: we shall, of course, need staff and continuing students to act as stewards on the day – to distribute orders of service and information sheets, to show people to their seats etc. If you are happy to volunteer to play such a role then, in addition to booking in for your meal, please do send an email message to Kate Knight (knightk@queens.ac.uk) to let her know that you're 'happy to help'. Many thanks.

I do hope you will be able to join us for what is sure to be a memorable occasion.

With my best wishes and looking forward to sharing with you in this special day.

Anne

The Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst

Principal