FAREWELL TO FITZ

JUNE 2020
Graduates of 2020,

Wow! What a strange ending to your time at Fitz. Please remember, your years in Cambridge are not defined by the last few months.

It has been a pleasure to meet you, and we are very sorry to see you go. Please do come back and visit whenever you can. We would always love to see you.

For now, good luck with the next step in your life! It might feel a bit scary now, but stay strong, and have confidence in your own abilities.

With all best wishes,

The Fitzwilliam Fellowship & staff
It's sad that we didn't get to enjoy your last term with you... although I won't miss those odd times at the end of term when you may well have over indulged and needed help getting back to your rooms!! It has been a pleasure seeing you all over your time at Fitz. Don't worry if you don't walk into your dream job straight away... you have plenty of time for that (especially in these weird times). Hopefully we will see you all again soon... and remember to call in at the lodge and say hi whenever you are passing by. x

JUNITA, PORTERS

Thank you, from the bottom of the largely calcified organ known as my heart, to the many 2020 graduands who have formed part of the tapestry of Fitz musical life: a cappella singers, directors, choral singers, opera singers, jazz players, chamber musicians, orchestral players, solo instrumentalists, actor-musicians, accompanists, organ scholars, conductors, composers, singer-songwriters, musical theatre singers, stage managers, techies, salon reciters, open-mic artists, supporters. You are myriad and superb, and I'll miss you enormously. The next Music Reunion won't be long - and if someone'll put some cheese on the jukebox I'll get my dancing shoes on. Thank you for the music!

CAT, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

You are the reason that we come to work each day. You are the reputation and the future history of Fitzwilliam College. This year has been really tough and challenging for you. This has made your achievements all the more special and you should be so proud. I am in awe how you have applied yourselves. Well done.

JULIAN EDDY, MAINTENANCE

Not quite the end to the year that you expected but certainly unique, so you can remember that you were a graduate of the historical 2020.

ANON
Congratulations to all and know that all are terribly missed by someone if not by many on a daily basis as they touch our lives whilst together at Fitz. Hope of a positive successful future to all in whatever comes next.

SARAH, HOUSEKEEPING

Congratulations on gaining your degrees. Normally, I would have the privilege of leading the procession to Senate House. Like you, I am disappointed this will not be happening this year. However, don't let this diminished the culmination of the hard work you have put in over the last three years. I wish all of you the very best and look forward to seeing you again in the future. Congratulations and well done all!

STUART DOUGLAS, HEAD PORTER

In a College like this it's the people who make a librarian's job rewarding, worthwhile and fun. At the moment my job is none of those things. Your library is currently way too quiet.

I've been missing you for weeks now and it's just got a whole lot worse. I realise now that I won't see you to say ...CONGRATULATIONS... WELL DONE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK! or to ask WHAT EXCITING PLANS DO YOU HAVE FOR NEXT WEEK? or FOR THE SUMMER? or FOR THE FUTURE? or even to remind you to return your library books!!! So I am looking forward to the next time we meet - we'll have so much news to catch up with.

Wishing you all ALL THE VERY BEST for your next steps, leaps and bounds. Well done - good luck - take care - keep safe. Chris xx

CHRIS ROBERTSLEWIS, LIBRARIAN

Wishing you all the best and many congratulations on your graduation. We look forward to seeing you again soon to properly celebrate your achievements.

ALICE BEVINGTON, MASTER'S OFFICE
I am so sorry you've missed your final term here and I really hope that you know we have missed you all very much too. I've only been at the College for just over a year but when I reflect on this time last year it totally beggars belief how things are at the moment. This is a very strange time but I am proud of you all for working so hard and achieving so much. Wishing you the very best of luck for your future.

ANON

I am, as I'm sure you all are, very sorry that you have missed your final term in Fitz! This year has definitely been very different from the last twenty years that I have worked at here - never could I have imagined an Easter Term with no-one around, with no exams taking place in College, with the only noise coming from the birds. These are unprecedented times and I hope you still remember Fitz fondly and know that we have missed you. I wish you all the best for your future plans and I am sure we will see you again sometime soon.

CLAIRE CLAYDON, TUTORIAL

This has been a rollercoaster of the year. Well done for making it through to the end, through all the academic difficulties, and despite missing out on some of the Cambridge experience. Congratulations, and we hope to see you again!

PROFESSOR SIMON GATHERCOLE, FACULTY OF DIVINITY

Warm congratulations to all Fitz students graduating this summer, best wishes and prayers.

GRAHAM DAVIES, LIFE FELLOW AND FORMER DOS IN THEOLOGY
Well done! Don’t let a really rubbish few months obscure your AMAZING achievement in graduating from Cambridge. You should be very proud of yourselves. In a few years, when you look back on your time at Fitz, all you'll remember is moments from before, good and bad – laughing with friends, all-nighters in the library, inspiring lectures, horrendous supervisions... It's the May Weeks past, not the absence this year, that will mean the most.

Thank you for being a great bunch of people, and be sure to stay in touch with the College, and more importantly, all your Fitz friends. Good luck on the next step and for all the adventures, big and small, that life is going to bring you.

MILLIE PAPWORTH, DEVELOPMENT

Dear Undergraduate graduands,

Congratulations on your graduation!

Some of us in the Admissions Office have known you since the point of application, and are immensely proud of everything you have achieved while at Fitz. Thank you so much for all you have done to make this a warm and friendly place during your time here. We would also like to specially thank those of you who have helped in our Outreach work, as well as during interviews and Open Days over the past few years. None of this could happen without our wonderful students. We wish you all the best in all your future endeavors, and hope that you will stay in touch.

All best wishes

The Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach team