



Edge Hill
University

Graduation Ceremonies

2021



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from your graduation day in here**

Congratulations

– a message from Vice-Chancellor John Cater



Dr John Cater
Vice-Chancellor

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate all of our Edge Hill students who are graduating today.

It's wonderful to be able to celebrate your achievements - not only have you overcome the challenges of studying throughout a global pandemic, but each one of you is here today through your own commitment and dedication. You have shown courage and resilience to face the challenges of university learning in unprecedented times. You have worked hard for your qualification and I hope you enjoy this special moment of recognition.

My colleagues and I hope that your time at Edge Hill has given you the education that you need, together with the skills, experience and confidence to go on to fulfil your ambitions. We know that you are grateful to those who have encouraged and supported you along the way, both professionally and personally, as are we. We are all incredibly proud of what you have achieved and how you have contributed to the success of the University during your time here.

As a University that is one of the largest providers of health education and teacher training provision, and one that offers a diverse mix of programmes across the arts and sciences, I've no doubt that you will make a significant contribution to society and the wider economy. We look forward to hearing about the next step in your journey.

Remember, you will always be a part of our Edge Hill family and I hope that you stay connected with us here and join our valued alumni community.

Congratulations again, best wishes – and do keep in touch.

EHU For Life

Welcome to our community of more than 85,000 Edge Hill alumni

We hope you're as proud of your connection to Edge Hill as we are of your success

We are committed to keeping you plugged into all the goings on at Edge Hill so you can stay part of our community no matter where you are in the world. As we think it's important to keep in touch, we'll contact you through a monthly e-newsletter to tell you about opportunities, activities and events that may be of interest to you. You can also find out what we're up to through our website and our social media channels. Make sure you tell us if your contact details need updating so that we don't lose touch: alumni@edgehill.ac.uk



We are committed to supporting your future

As a valued member of our alumni network, you can take advantage of a range of services designed to help you.

Career support

Our Careers Portal allows you to access hundreds of jobs and you can make an appointment with our Careers Advisers for support with job searches, application forms and interviews. You have our full support for three years after you graduate:

www.edgehill.ac.uk/careers

Connecting

Our Connect platform gives you a space to network with fellow alumni, receive support with your personal development and access career boosting opportunities:

www.edgehillconnect.co.uk

Library access

Enjoy free lifetime access to our library and make the most of academic journals from leading publishers to support career enhancement, further study or to help with job applications. You can access these resources from the comfort of your own home by using our online Edge Hill library catalogue:

www.edgehill.ac.uk/ls/library/

Sports Centre discount

You qualify for discounted membership at the University's £30m Sports Centre complex. This includes access to an 80-station fitness suite with in-built entertainment technology, swimming pool, sauna, steam room, sports hall, 3G sports pitches and a dance studio. Find out more at:

www.edgehill.ac.uk/alumni/can-support/

Events, reunions and networks

It's always a pleasure to hear about where life has taken you after Edge Hill, so we organise a range of alumni reunions and events, both virtual and physical, to give you the opportunity to reminisce and connect with old friends. We can offer support and advice with organising reunions and keeping in touch with your university friends after graduation. For more information visit: www.edgehill.ac.uk/events

Self-employment support

If you decide to go it alone and set up your own business, we have teamed up with The Prince's Trust to offer you the training, mentoring, funding and resources you need to help you get started via:

www.edgehill.ac.uk/careers/self-employment

Shape the future of education

You will be contacted by the Government as part of a national survey 15 months after completing your studies. The Graduate Outcomes survey aims to capture information about the activities and perspectives of graduates, and your responses will help us to evaluate and promote our courses and gives current and future students an insight into career destinations and development. You can support us by emailing changes or updates to your contact details to: alumni@edgehill.ac.uk

Inspire students

Sharing your experiences, informally mentoring students, recommending our students to your employer – all of these can help inspire future generations of Edge Hill students and give you the chance to make a difference. If you would like to give back through the gift of your time, contact the Alumni team for further information at: alumni@edgehill.ac.uk

Donations

While we place no expectation on you, each year our graduates help current students realise their ambitions by contributing to the Alumni Fund, which supports the Alumni Excellence Scholarship programme and the University's hardship fund. For more information visit:

www.edgehill.ac.uk/alumni/alumni-fund/

Special moments during your time at Edge Hill

Here is a snapshot of the highlights that you will remember from your final study year with Edge Hill, whether you're from the class of 2020 or 2021. You can find out about more of our successes on the news section of our website: www.edgehill.ac.uk/news



Edge Hill crowned University of the Year 2020 in the *Educate North Awards*, in recognition of its continued commitment to deliver an exceptional student experience, during a special online ceremony in April 2021. Vice-Chancellor Dr John Cater picked up the esteemed lifetime achievement accolade in recognition of his vision of education as a force for good.

May 2021



Edge Hill launched its Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic student advisory panel as part of its ongoing commitment to collaborate with students to inform the delivery of its Access and Participation Plan. The University also launched its new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion strategy.

January 2021



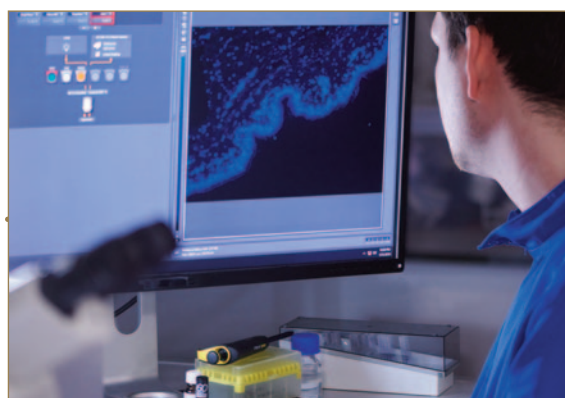
Big Read author and award-winning broadcast journalist Emily Maitlis paid a virtual visit to Edge Hill to talk about her new book *Airhead*.

May 2021



Television and radio host Roman Kemp fronted Edge Hill's flagship Mental Health Awareness Week event to share a candid first-hand account of his own mental health journey. The event highlighted Edge Hill's own research, which is making a difference in the field of mental health.

April 2021



Researchers at Edge Hill awarded a £100,000 start-up grant to investigate how artificial intelligence (AI) could be used to improve early diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

December 2020



Young people in care and vulnerable families supported at Christmas by Edge Hill University, which supplied food parcels to ensure no-one went hungry over the festive period.

November 2020



The University joined the Lord Lieutenant and business leaders from Lancashire in a virtual visit from His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, to showcase how the region has pulled together during the Covid-19 pandemic.

September 2020



Edge Hill's new Medical School launched to train aspiring doctors. The centre is one of only three new free-standing medical schools in the country and the only one in the North West.

April 2020



More than 750 Nursing, Midwifery, Operating Department Practitioners and Paramedic Practice students volunteered to work in the NHS during the COVID-19 crisis. The selfless students helped the NHS to save lives in hospitals across the North West and beyond.

October 2020



The University's grounds and green spaces awarded the *Green Flag Award* for the ninth year in a row for their beauty and benefit to the environment.

July 2020



Edge Hill voted best in the North West by students in the *WhatUni Student Choice Awards*.

March 2020



When the first national lockdown was announced in 2020, the Faculty of Education launched *Links to Learning*, a virtual learning hub with the best online resources to support schools and families during the pandemic.

Not ready to leave us?

If you loved your time studying at Edge Hill, it doesn't have to end yet.

Postgraduate study expands your knowledge of your chosen subject and gives you additional transferable skills and experiences that are highly sought after by employers. As an Edge Hill graduate, you will qualify for either a 20 or 50 per cent reduction in fees for taught postgraduate programmes:

www.edgehill.ac.uk/study/postgraduate

We offer a range of taught Masters degrees, as well as Postgraduate Certificates and Postgraduate Diplomas, across a wide variety of subject areas.

A postgraduate taught course is ideal if you are looking to:

- Progress from undergraduate study;
- Explore a new subject of interest;
- Prepare for a research degree;
- Acquire new and specialised skills;
- Enhance your career opportunities.

Edge Hill is also home to a thriving and dynamic research culture. We offer a range of full-time and part-time research degrees that are run centrally through the Graduate School, which coordinates the training, supervision and support of research students.

To request a postgraduate prospectus, please visit:

www.edgehill.ac.uk/study/requestprospectus





You're now part of our history

1885



Liverpool businessmen and philanthropists establish Edge Hill, England's first non-denominational teaching training college on Durning Road, Liverpool.

1931



Following the First World War, there are little funds available for the Durning Road site to be re-developed. Edge Hill is handed over to the Lancashire Education Committee for a new building to be provided in Ormskirk.

1939



The outbreak of the Second World War means that staff and students are evacuated to Bingley College in Yorkshire, while the Ormskirk campus is requisitioned as a military hospital.

1900s



Suffragette Ethel Annakin (central) studies at Edge Hill from 1900 to 1902. She later went on to become a Governor of the newly established BBC and partner of the first Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Snowden.

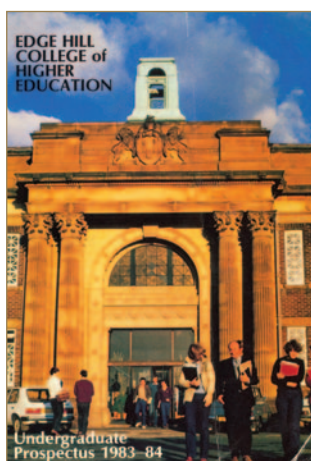
1959



Edge Hill welcomes its first cohort of male students, who arrived on campus in October 1959.

1982

Edge Hill's future as an independent college is in doubt when faced with proposals for a merger with Preston Polytechnic. The college survives and becomes a Centre of Excellence in Teaching Education.



1993



Dr John Cater is appointed Principal of Edge Hill. Now 28 years on, Dr Cater is the longest serving Vice-Chancellor in the UK.

2005



Edge Hill achieves University status, which was approved by the Privy Council in 2006.

2008



Edge Hill University welcomes its first Chancellor, Professor Tanya Byron.

2012



The most ambitious investment and redevelopment at the time takes place on the Ormskirk campus with the construction of The Hub.

2014



Edge Hill is crowned University of the Year by *Times Higher Education*.

2019



The University achieves Gold by the Teaching Excellence Framework.

2020



Winner of the *Educate North Awards* University of the Year

Our community, our connections



You’ve been an important part of our Edge Hill community throughout your studies, and you will always be a part of our extended community, which includes alumni far and wide, including our Honorary Doctors.

A number of Honorary Doctorates, one of higher education’s most significant accolades, are conferred at our graduation ceremonies each year. Edge Hill’s awards celebrate individuals who have roots in, or connections to, the region and have either: made an exceptional and outstanding contribution to the development of the University over a prolonged period; gained recognition for national or international excellence in an academic area relevant to the University; or made a significant contribution to the cultural, academic, educational, professional or economic arena.

American political activist, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, spoke at the University and was one of the first recipients of an honorary doctorate in 2008. Since that time Edge Hill has conferred more than 80 other awards, ranging from actress and comedian Jennifer Saunders, to some of Edge Hill’s own alumni including presenter Stuart Maconie and Dr Richard Benjamin. To find out more about Edge Hill’s honorary connections, visit: www.edgehill.ac.uk/graduation/honorary-awards.

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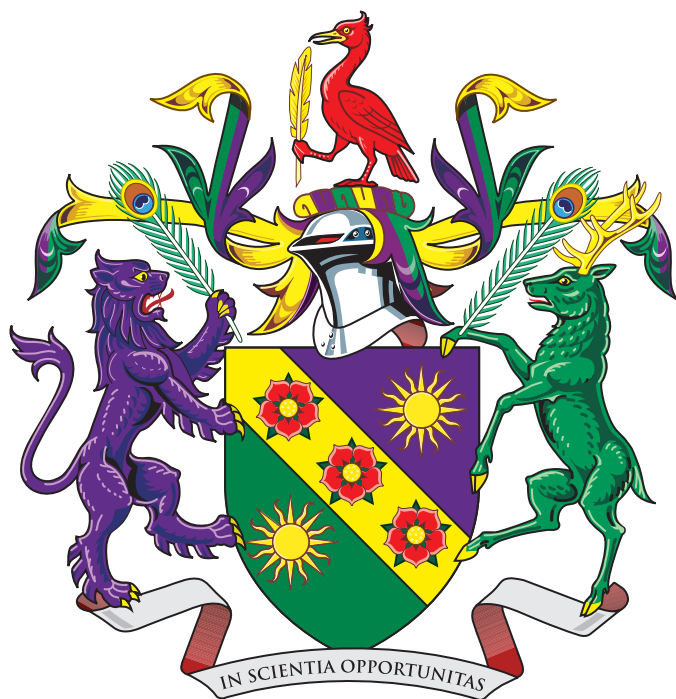
- A selection of previous honorary recipients
1. Reverend Jesse Jackson
2. Joe Ainsworth
3. Jennifer Saunders
4. John Culshaw
5. Frank Cottrell-Boyce
6. Michael Pennington

7. Dame Janet Suzman
8. Ranvir Singh
9. Jane Horrocks
10. Steve Cram
11. Baroness Cathy Ashton
12. Sir Robin Saxby

13. Lord Parekh
14. David Morrissey
15. Alexi Sayle
16. Nisha Katona
17. Marc Almond
18. David Yates



Our Heritage



‘In Scientia Opportunitas’

‘In Knowledge, Opportunity’

The University’s physical origins are represented by the red rose of Lancashire in the shield and the Liver bird in the crest – reflecting the institution’s historic ties to Liverpool.

The green and heliotrope (purple) are the colours of the suffragette movement and reflect the University’s commitment to the equality of women. Gold is associated with generosity and elevation of the mind.



The Mace is a symbol of the University’s authority to award degrees. Commissioned in 2007 from noted silversmith Clive Burr, it took six months to produce and is crafted from sterling silver with an 18-carat yellow gold dome at the head enamelled by Jane Short. A hand engraved inscription of the University’s motto runs around the silver edge.

Today is your time to shine

Capture your special moments and don’t forget to share your photos and memories using **#EHUGrad**. Don’t forget to tag us on social media using **@edgehill**.

You can also relive your day by signing up to **Connect** where we will be sharing photo albums and footage from graduation celebrations. Visit www.edgehillconnect.co.uk

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