



July 2026 Graduation

School of
Animal, Rural and
Environmental Sciences



Nottingham Trent
University

History of NTU

- 1843** The Nottingham Government School of Design opens.
- 1881** University College Nottingham is established on Shakespeare Street. The premises eventually become the Arkwright building.
- 1908** DH Lawrence receives his teaching certificate after studying in the Arkwright building.
- 1970** The merger of several colleges creates Trent Polytechnic, which is later renamed and rebranded as Nottingham Polytechnic in 1989.
- 1992** Nottingham Polytechnic is granted university status. Professor Ray Cowell is appointed the first Vice-Chancellor of the new Nottingham Trent University (NTU).
- 2003** Professor Neil Gorman becomes NTU's second Vice-Chancellor.
- 2008** Sir Michael Parkinson is appointed NTU's first Chancellor.
- 2011** Sir David Attenborough officially opens the regenerated Newton and Arkwright buildings on the City Campus.
- 2014** Professor Edward Peck becomes the University's third Vice-Chancellor. NTU voted University of the Year and wins the Postgraduate award at the Whatuni Student Choice Awards.
Kevin Cahill CBE is appointed NTU's second Chancellor.
- 2015** NTU receives its first Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education. It is the highest national honour for a UK university.
- 2017** Sir John Peace becomes NTU's third Chancellor.
NTU wins UK University of the Year at the Times Higher Education Awards.
- 2018** NTU is named Modern University of the Year in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018 for the first time (receiving the award once more in 2023).
NTU celebrates the 175th anniversary of its founding as the Nottingham Government School of Design.
- 2019** NTU is named University of the Year at The Guardian University Awards 2019. NTU wins University of the Year at the UK Social Mobility Awards.
- 2020** NTU in Mansfield opened its doors in September 2020 with 193 new students studying 12 courses.
- 2021** NTU receives the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education for the second time since 2016.
- 2022** The Health and Allied Professions Centre opens at Clifton Campus – a specialist learning space for nursing and paramedical students.
- 2023** NTU voted University of the Year and wins the Postgraduate award at the Whatuni Student Choice Awards.
The Princess of Wales visits our Clifton Campus to mark World Mental Health Day.
The University is again awarded Gold (after receiving it for the first time in 2017) in the government's Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) for delivering consistently outstanding teaching, learning and outcomes for students.
NTU opens London campus offering a focused portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses designed for the creative and digital industries.
- 2024** The Postgraduate Centre opens, featuring state-of-the-art technology and modern teaching and social spaces.
The Design & Digital Arts building officially opens, placing Nottingham as a UK hub for film, television, animation, UX design, games design, graphic design and more.
We congratulate our first NTU London graduates.
- 2025** Professor Dave Petley becomes the University's fourth Vice-Chancellor, and President.
- 2026** NTU named by the Daily Mail University Guide 2026 as Sports University of the Year.

Welcome



On behalf of everyone at Nottingham Trent University, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this special occasion.

Graduation is one of the most significant moments in the NTU calendar. To our graduands – congratulations. Today is a celebration of your hard work, commitment and achievement. It reflects years of learning, challenge, creativity and discovery. Every lecture attended, every assignment completed, every discussion engaged in, and every obstacle overcome has brought you to this proud moment.

Above all, today is a celebration of your success and an opportunity to recognise the support of those who have been part of your journey – your family, friends and the wider university community.

During your time at NTU, you have been part of a university community defined by collaboration, creativity and a strong sense of purpose. Across our campuses, we are committed to ensuring that education is not only about knowledge, but also about preparing students to think critically, act confidently and engage with a changing world.

That commitment is reflected in the breadth of your experience here – from teaching and learning that challenges and inspires, to opportunities that connect academic study with real-world application, practice and impact.

Across the university, this can be seen in work such as our research that advances medical training through realistic simulation, helping clinicians prepare for life-saving procedures in high-pressure environments. It is also reflected in innovations in health and technology, including wearable textiles that monitor wellbeing and inclusive tools designed to improve access to healthcare.

It is present in research that supports environmental resilience and biodiversity, helping communities respond to a changing climate, and in creative and social research that deepens understanding of how people live, communicate and interact with the world around them.

As you graduate today, you do so not only with a degree, but with the confidence, skills and mindset to take your next steps beyond the university.

Wherever your future takes you, you remain part of the NTU community. Our alumni network spans the world, and we encourage you to stay connected, to draw on that network and to continue to engage with the university in the years ahead.

Congratulations once again – and enjoy your graduation celebration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Petley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Professor Dave Petley

Vice-Chancellor and President, Nottingham Trent University

Chancellor's welcome



As Chancellor, it is my honour to join in celebrating the achievements of our graduands on this special day.

Graduation is a defining milestone in the life of both the individual and the university. It marks the culmination of sustained effort, ambition and personal growth, and the beginning of a new chapter beyond NTU.

To our graduands – congratulations. Today recognises not only your academic success, but also the dedication and perseverance that have brought you to this point. It is a moment to reflect with pride on all that you have achieved, and to acknowledge those who have supported you along the way.

Nottingham Trent University is an institution I am proud to serve, and one that continues to demonstrate the impact of a modern civic university. Its commitment to social mobility, innovation, inclusion and sustainability reflects values that are increasingly important in the world beyond higher education.

Over recent years, NTU has continued to strengthen its role as a university that makes a difference – in its teaching, its research and its partnerships across business, public services and the wider community. This includes work that improves healthcare and medical practice, advances environmental understanding and resilience, and supports innovation in technology and industry. It is also evident in research and creative work that helps us better understand society and the challenges it faces.

This work ensures that graduates leave not only with knowledge, but with the confidence and capability to contribute to society in meaningful ways.

As you graduate today, you join a global community of NTU alumni, connected by shared experience and shared values. Wherever your future takes you, you remain part of this university's continuing story.

The world you are entering is one of change and opportunity. Your role within it matters – as professionals, as citizens, and as individuals with the ability to shape positive outcomes in whatever field you choose.

Congratulations once again, Class of 2026. I wish you every success in the future, and I hope that you enjoy today's celebration with your family, friends and fellow graduates.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'John Peace'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Sir John Peace
Chancellor



Graduation
Photography
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What's next?



Welcome to the NTU Alumni Community

Congratulations! You've made it to Graduation Day.

You're now officially a part of the NTU Alumni Community – welcome! This means you've joined a global network of over 250,000 graduates from all over the world, and you'll be able to access exclusive benefits like award-winning employability support and discounted postgraduate study.

We want to celebrate all of your successes, today and in the future, so we'd love for you to keep in touch and tell us whenever you move on personally or professionally. Find out how you can stay connected at ntu.ac.uk/alumni.

Ready for more?

Your NTU experience doesn't have to end at Graduation. Postgraduate study is a great way to build specialist knowledge and develop the skills that can help fast-track your career.



We'd love for you to stay with us. That's why we offer our alumni 20% off most of our postgraduate courses, and with over 40 subject areas to choose from, we're certain you'll find the perfect fit.

Visit ntu.ac.uk/gofurther to find out more.

Keep us in the loop

In around 15 months' time, you'll be invited to complete the Graduate Outcomes Survey. We'll want to hear about what you're up to – whether that's working, studying or anything else. Your responses will help inspire and shape the future of NTU's next generation of students. Visit ntu.ac.uk/gos for more information.

In the meantime, scan the QR code now to let us know what your plans are in our Next Steps Survey.



**GRADUATE
OUTCOMES**
SURVEY



Your future awaits

Once you've hung up your gown and thrown your mortarboard, only one question remains: what's next?

As an NTU graduate, you can get support from our Employability team for up to three years and access our online career resources for life. What's more, as part of our Employability Promise, we'll match you to a short, paid internship if you're not in graduate-level employment or further study in 12 months' time*. Find out more at ntu.ac.uk/employabilitypromise.

Life after university can be daunting, but we're here to support you whatever your next steps may be. Today isn't the end – it's just the beginning of the exciting future ahead of you.



*Terms and conditions apply. Visit the website for more information.





Order of Proceedings

At the start of the proceedings, the academic procession will enter the hall.

Guests and graduands are asked to stand until after the procession has taken its place.

A member of the University Leadership Team will open proceedings.

A representative from the Academic School will introduce the graduands to the Presiding Officer for the conferment of their awards.

During the ceremony, awards may be presented to Honorary Graduates, Outstanding Alumni or Vice-Chancellor's Excellence winners.

A student representative will propose the student vote of thanks.

The Presiding Officer will close the proceedings.

The Macebearer will lead the academic procession out of the hall.

Guests and graduates are asked to remain seated until the academic procession has left University Hall.

Graduates will exit following the academic procession.

Guests will follow.

School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences

Monday 27 July 2026, 11.45 am

Executive Dean: Professor Dawn Scott PhD BSc

Doctor of Philosophy
Sulochana Rassadari
Gunasena

**Master of Research
Endangered Species
Recovery and Conservation
(Full-Time)**
Ellelouise Bates **
Samuel Clayton **
Eleanor M Salisbury **

**Master of Science
Endangered Species
Recovery and Conservation
(Full-Time)**
Marissa Brandon
Rory McCloskey
Shauna Meredith

**Postgraduate Diploma
Endangered Species
Recovery and Conservation
(Full-Time)**
Tamsin F McFarlane-Young

**Postgraduate Certificate
Endangered Species
Recovery and Conservation
(Full-Time)**
Bethany J Cordon
Courtney Grayson

**Master of Science
Endangered Species
Recovery and Conservation
(Part-Time)**
Carolanne G Bishop

**Master of Science Smart
Agriculture
(Full-Time)**
Chase Lilly

**BSc (Honours) Agriculture
(Full-Time)**
William Baker
Jack Baxter
Alice A Collen
Jennifer L Ercolini
Samuel J Evans *
Marie C Falconbridge
Jacob Gent
JayVano K Higgs *
Samuel Hull
ThomasW Hull
Ethan W Kearsley
George Sensecall *
Sean E Thorpe
Joshua J Veysey
Megan A Willows

**BSc (Honours) Agriculture
(Sandwich)**
Isaac Buzuwe

**BSc (Honours) Ecology and
Conservation
(Full-Time)**
Jack Ellsmore
Kalem Eyre *
George Harper
Zachariah Shaffrey
Flinn J Taylor
Callum L Tottles
Harrison L West

**BSc (Honours) Ecology and
Conservation
(Sandwich)**
Jennifer S Alford
Joe C Brabben
Lucy A Horton *
Kieran D Moore

**BSc (Honours)
Environmental Science
(Full-Time)**
Aaron Chohan
Lucas P Harrison
Tom Hoyles
Daisy H Jones
Donnel Maguneyi
Linh H Nguyen
Mary O’Gorman
Alister Paul
Brandon A Samlalsingh-Costa
Lucy A Taylor

**BSc (Honours)
Environmental Science
(Sandwich)**
Isaac Slack
Christian Steele *

**BSc (Honours) Geography
(Full-Time)**
Ayodele K Alabi
Samet Ayik
William Barber
Scarlett Broadley *
Max Clemons
Bethany A Flint *
Laura L Hallam
Kian M Hammans

James H Harris
 Amy L Inns
 Katie A Jamieson
 Rebecca J Knighton-Butcher
 Mehak R Kumar
 Charlotte S Maxwell
 Isabelle A Penney
 Charlie G Roddis
 Daniel Sharp
 Jack D Smithers
 James Stevens
 Thomas Stokes
 Owen Williams
 Olivia G Wynne

**Certificate of Higher
 Education Geography
 (Full-Time)**

Alexander Deane

**BSc (Honours) Geography
 (Sandwich)**

Maara Gathimba
 Kalina B Gill
 Katia R Smith

**BSc (Honours) Veterinary
 Nursing
 (Part-Time)**

Annabel F Auty
 Isobel G Housham
 Katie McConnell
 Ashleigh Murphy *
 Rebecca C Newborough
 Olivia D Rogers
 Beth Stephenson *
 Eleanor R Wallace
 Luke Woodhams *

**BSc (Honours) Veterinary
 Nursing Science
 (Full-Time)**

Isabel Barlow
 Amy Cowle *
 Kira A Lott
 Gracie J Nash
 Marta Pedro *
 Abigail V Thompson
 Juan L Tineo Cova
 Rhea K Virdee

**BSc (Honours) Wildlife
 Conservation
 (Full-Time)**

Georgia Abbott
 Christopher Almos
 Hazel F Armstrong
 Jasmine M Bryan
 Lola Daly
 Kate D Farnell *
 Phoebe Last
 Katy Mann
 Megan Martin
 Maxwell Waite

**BSc (Honours) Wildlife
 Conservation
 (Sandwich)**

Lily R Dickerson
 Aliyah J Earl
 Connor H Edwards
 Maiya Evans *
 Isabelle G Glew
 Elisha Graham *
 Chloe H Grocock
 Matthew Jones
 Niamh Kelly
 Benjamin A Morris
 Vikka Nicholson
 Charles P O'Hagan
 Edward Parker
 Eddie Reads
 Mollie R Shackleton
 Alexandra K Taylor
 Rhiannon H Woodward

**FdSc Veterinary Nursing
 (Full-Time)**

Elise N Armstrong
 Isabelle Bailey **
 Paige Bennett
 Jessica M Boswell-Smith
 Lauren Carter
 Jessica Clarke
 Ellena Cleworth
 Amy L Coates **
 Tylisha D Coe
 Talia F Cohen
 Ellie Cole
 Mariam Cole **
 Lucy J Crossland **

Katia N Da Silva Moura **
 Mogbekeleoluwa I Dirisu
 Ace Edwards
 Rebecca Ellis
 Charlotte M Evans **
 Bethany Frow
 Emma Goad **
 Sophie Hales
 Poppy Hancocks
 Emily Illsley
 Shannon A Lamb
 Wiktor Leonowicz
 Natalie Liams-Wood **
 Julia R Lingard-Ward
 Olivia Lockwood
 Libby Longbottom
 Antonia Malin
 Ariana C Mateescu
 Sadie McCubbin
 Grace McLaughlin
 Olivia Meehan **
 Evie Moorley **
 Shanaya Nurse
 Caitlin L Pearson
 Imogen A Reed
 Hazel Reeves-Moore
 Lucy Richardson
 Manuella Rivera Ramirez
 Melissa Rook
 Eylul Salt **
 Emily Sanders
 Tia D Slater **
 Isabelle Smedley
 Millie Smith
 Bethany R Trimbee
 Olivia Trow
 Lucy Walker
 Amber J White
 Ellie White
 Jessica Williams **
 Maisy Williams **

School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences

Monday 27 July 2026, 2 pm

Executive Dean: Professor Dawn Scott PhD BSc

Doctor of Philosophy

Soojin Oh
Jonathan William James
Fletcher

Master of Research Equine Health and Welfare (Full-Time)

Hannah Hockram **

Master of Science Equine Performance Health and Welfare (Full-Time)

Paris Fenna Owen Soest

BSc (Honours) Animal Biology (Full-Time)

Beth L Alderman *
Sara Allocca
Ayesha Anderson *
Emily Rose Angus
Lana Bletterman
Isabelle L Brinklow
Lucy E Cameron
Tessa M Cooke
Laila J Day
Evie Eeles
Eloise Elton
Nicole Carol Freer *
Amelia Hicks *
Aaliyah B Khan
Nia Marcel-Samuel
Su-Lin M Mulgrew
Lauren K O'Rourke
Isabelle Oakley
Elizabeth Sands
Alicia L Smith
Yara Tarbuck

BSc (Honours) Animal Biology (Sandwich)

Lewis M Cooper
Devora M Kaszuba
Kaitlin A Savage

BSc (Honours) Equine Behaviour Health and Welfare (Full-Time)

Rebecca T Bird
Lilly Davies *
Xiaotong Lu
Harrison Sainsbury
Emma Taylor
Amelia Watson

BSc (Honours) Equine Behaviour Health and Welfare (Sandwich)

Rebecca L Blackmore
Naomi A Stichbury

BSc (Honours) Equine Sports Science (Full-Time)

Rebekah Arthey *
Abbey A Butterworth *
Isabelle A Morrissey
Lucy Noble *
Daisy M Parker
Alexandra Townsend Howes *
Christy Twomey
Ella M White
Georgia E Young *

BSc (Honours) Equine Sports Science (Sandwich)

Sophie E Bass *
Isabelle N Grayston *
Anna L Veasey *

BSc (Honours) Food Science and Technology (Block Release)

Bilal Ahmad
Indrajith Samaranyake

BSc (Honours) Food Science and Technology (Full-Time)

Aileen G Barcinal
Erin Byrne
Benjamin Deegan
Eloise J Gilroy
Ellen M Henry *
Kate Kyeremateng *
Byron J Mansfield
Lucy Marriott
Jed Marsden *
Christopher J McKay
Alison E Oakley
Molly Roberts
Fleur A Wagstaff

Diploma of Higher Education Food Science and Technology (Full-Time)

Joseph Screen

BSc (Honours) Food Science and Technology (Part-Time)

Rosie Barnes *
N'dNa Bartlette *
Shona Booth
Nathan Briddon
Amelia Burton
Alyssa M Butterfield *
Julie M Davies
Luca Fagnoli
Hamda Guleed *
James J Herman
Hannah R Leaman *
Ellie Reynolds
Neringa Senutaite-Kersiene
Joanna Tuthill *
Zeba Zaman *

BSc (Honours) Food Science and Technology (Sandwich)

Harry Barnfather
Jessica B Hayman
Summer Hibberd
Lucy E Jackson
Laiba Randhawa *

BSc (Honours) Zoo Biology (Full-Time)

Imogen A Aldred-Lee
Ella Ashley
Loredana-Maria Avram *
Matilda Babbs
Grace Clare
Maisie G Davison
Lia Easton
Ethan Evans
Anthony C Gellert
Jadon J Ham-Ying
Florence M Harvey
Ellis M Johnson
Amy Kent
Alexander G Knight
Alicia Lee
Olivia M Meddes
Jemma L Morgan
Sarah E Pilbeam
Jayden D Roache
Caitlin E Rookyard

Carys G Tate
Zuzanna Trajdecka
Katie L Tyers
Elisha D Wallington *
Mia Walters
Joe R Warner
Alisha L Waterfall
Harry Webb *
Oliver J Wigglesworth

BSc (Honours) Zoo Biology (Sandwich)

Zoe Ashurst
Kennedy Battison
Emma Bell
Molly R Bonser
Tamara L Coughlan *
Bethany Cutting
Fiona Davison *
Katie Donnelly
Imogen Green *
Mia Hardy
Carys B Herbert
Jessica Keevash
Lexie Nelson
Daniel Raynor
Madeline A Redfern
Katie L Shipley
Louise Spratt *
Ellie Thompson *
Katherine Vincent *
Olivia R Williams *
Grace T Wisden

BSc (Honours) Zoology (Full-Time)

Christian Allen
Jay Bettinson
Ceianne Brown
Imogen Evans
Amna Hamid
Phoebe S Knighton
Kiah C Lares
Dominic McGarry
Lily Michaelis
Lee Mitcham
Dariusz M Robinson
Phoebe Simpson
Hoi CWu

Diploma of Higher Education Zoology (Full-Time)

Anthony Hales
Sam Newberry

BSc (Honours) Zoology (Sandwich)

Ethan J Birch
Theo Ellison
Jonathan Forward
Sophie L Gilbert *
Charlotte Goodchild
Jed F Naylor
Ellie-Mae Paine
Freya Richardson *
Laura Shelton

FdSc Artisan Food Production (Full-Time)

Brandon-Lee Alker
William Ash
Faye Baker **
Samuel Budd
Evangeline I Chatterton **
Charlotte Sutcliffe **
Ellie-May Greenbank
Evie L Hames **
Matthew J Hart
Tye Horsler
Daniel D Kell
Elliot A Loynd
Sophie Proud
Joseph J Sansom
Amelia Smith
Anna Szawara
Christian Wilcox **

Higher Degrees

School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences

The following have been awarded the title of Doctor of Philosophy

Improving Crop Tolerance to Drought Stress Through Biostimulants and Advancing our Understanding of their Molecular Mechanism	Sulochana Rassadari Gunasena
Vitamin B12 and Iron Fortification in Lettuces Grown in Hydroponic/Aeroponic Cultivation using Nanoparticle Technologies	Soojin Oh
Exploring the Impact of Anthropogenic Food on the Body Condition of Red Foxes (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>) and Eurasian Badgers (<i>Meles meles</i>)	Jonathan William James Fletcher



Honorary Graduates



Dorothy Atkinson

Dorothy Atkinson is an acclaimed actress whose distinguished career spans film, television, theatre, and radio. Born and brought up in Nottinghamshire, she has built an extensive body of work recognised for its versatility, depth and consistent excellence across more than three decades in the performing arts.

Her screen work includes major roles in both British and international productions. Recent appearances include DCS Carol Shaw in the BBC series *Ludwig* starring David Mitchell, and Lady Coote in Netflix's *The Seven Dials Mystery*. She is widely recognised for her performance as Pauline in the BAFTA winning BBC comedy *Mum*, written and directed by Stefan Golaszewski.

Dorothy has frequently collaborated with director Mike Leigh, appearing in *Topsy-Turvy*, *All or Nothing*, *Peterloo* and receiving BIFA and National Film Award nominations for her role in *Mr Turner* alongside Timothy Spall. Her film credits also include *Saltburn* directed by Emerald Fennell and *The Electrical Life of Louis Wain* directed by Will Sharpe.

Her extensive television work includes *The Gold*, *Stonehouse*, *Harlots*, *Without Sin*, *Pennyworth*, *The Long Shadow*, *Pistol*, *Inside No. 9*, and *Call the Midwife*.

In theatre, she began her career with Alan Ayckbourn at the Stephen Joseph Theatre and has since performed frequently with the National Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company, in the West End and on Broadway. She is also a familiar voice on BBC Radio 4 drama and as a narrator for documentaries. Dorothy trained at Clarendon College Nottingham and the Guildford School of Acting.

Honorary Graduates



Ornella Barra

Ornella Barra is one of the most influential leaders in global healthcare, pharmacy and retail. Born in Italy and now a citizen of Monaco, she graduated in Pharmacy from the University of Genoa and began her career as a practising pharmacist before acquiring her own pharmacy and founding pharmaceutical wholesaler Di Pharma in 1982.

Through a combination of entrepreneurial vision, strategic acquisitions and international expansion, Ornella helped build one of the world's leading healthcare and pharmacy businesses. Her leadership played a pivotal role in the creation of Alliance UniChem in 1998, the merger of Alliance UniChem and Boots in 2006 to form Alliance Boots, and the subsequent merger with Walgreens in 2014, creating Walgreens Boots Alliance, a global leader in healthcare, pharmacy and retail.

Following the formation of The Boots Group in 2025, Ornella was appointed Chief Executive Officer and, in 2026, became Chair of the Board of Directors. She also chairs the company's Environmental, Sustainability and Governance Committee.

Alongside her executive career, Ornella has held numerous international board and advisory positions and is a recognised advocate for healthcare innovation, leadership and education. She is an Honorary Professor at the University of Nottingham's School of Pharmacy and continues to contribute to the advancement of healthcare and business education worldwide.

Honorary Graduates



Robin Foale

Robin Foale is an experienced executive and non-executive director with a distinguished career spanning more than 25 years in banking, business leadership and governance. Beginning his career with Barclays after leaving school at 18, he progressed through a range of leadership roles before joining Santander UK, where he became Managing Director of Business Banking, leading 3,500 colleagues across 400 sites nationwide.

Passionate about supporting entrepreneurs, small businesses and regional economic growth, Robin has worked extensively with business owners throughout his career and has contributed to several national initiatives focused on the future of high streets and local economies.

Since stepping back from executive leadership, he has built a portfolio career focused on ethics, responsible leadership, social impact and higher education. He serves in a number of advisory and non-executive roles across the charity, education and business sectors, including as a Visiting Fellow at Nottingham Business School and an Executive Partner with the University of South Australia.

A strong advocate for lifelong learning, Robin began his own higher education journey mid-career while working in senior management, demonstrating the transformative power of education at every stage of life. He remains committed to developing future leaders and supporting organisations that create positive social and economic impact.

Honorary Graduates



Sian Hampton OBE

Sian Hampton served as Chief Executive Officer of Archway Learning Trust from 2017 to 2025, leading a vibrant and diverse educational community across Nottingham and Derby. Under her leadership, the Trust grew from a single school into a thriving family of eight secondary and three primary schools, educating over 9,000 pupils. Today, Archway employs more than 1,500 staff and has an annual turnover in excess of £74 million, with a strong commitment to inclusive education and opportunity for all learners.

Archway Learning Trust has historic roots dating back to 1706 at St Mary's Church, Nottingham, originally founded to support the education of disadvantaged children. That founding mission continues today, with 44% of pupils classified as disadvantaged and 30% speaking English as an additional language. The Trust also includes specialist SEND provision, Sixth Form centres, and a School-Centred Initial Teacher Training programme.

During her tenure, Sian Hampton led significant school improvement, including transforming schools from Inadequate and Requires Improvement to Good, overseeing major capital development projects, and expanding the Trust through new schools and academies. Archway schools now include nationally recognised provision, with Bluecoat Wollaton Academy achieving World Class Schools status.

Alongside her role as CEO, she has held national leadership positions including National Leader of Education, RISE Advisor for the Department for Education, Ofsted Inspector, and Regional Advisory Board member. She has also chaired Schools Forum in Nottingham City and served on diocesan education boards.

In recognition of her contribution to education, Sian Hampton was awarded an OBE in 2025.

Honorary Graduates



Daniel Maher

Daniel Maher has 43 years of experience in the construction and public service sectors, building a distinguished career focused on regeneration, partnership working, and community impact. He is currently Managing Director of Nottinghamshire County Council's Alternative Service Delivery Models, Arc Partnership Ltd and Via East Midlands Ltd, Chief Operations Officer of SCAPE Group Ltd, and Chairman of Lungfish Architects Ltd.

Daniel began his career with Sheffield City Council in 1983 as a management trainee, developing expertise across construction, highways, facilities management, and environmental services. Specialising initially in human resources and training, he later became Head of Human Resources for the Council's Direct Service Organisations, where he pioneered some of the earliest social value initiatives in public sector construction contracts, linking investment in the built environment with employment, apprenticeships, and skills development.

He later held senior leadership roles with Kier Group before joining Arc Partnership Ltd in 2016, and later took on additional responsibility for Via East Midlands Ltd. Under his leadership, Arc and Via have delivered major investment and infrastructure projects across Nottinghamshire while championing local employment, supply chains, and community regeneration.

A strong advocate for education and skills development, Daniel has also developed close strategic partnerships with Nottingham Trent University, reflecting his long-standing commitment to creating opportunities for future generations.

Honorary Graduates



Kim Slater

Kim Slater is the number one *Sunday Times* bestselling author of more than twenty-five psychological crime thrillers, with over three million copies of her books sold worldwide. Writing as K L Slater, she has built an international readership through her gripping, suspense-filled novels, published by leading publishers including Penguin Michael Joseph, Bookouture and Audible.

Born and raised in Nottingham, Kim's route to literary success was anything but conventional. After years of balancing family life and a career as a freelance accountant, she returned to education as a mature student, enrolling on Nottingham Trent University's BA (Hons) English and Creative Writing degree at the age of 42. She graduated with a First Class degree before completing an MA in Creative Writing with Distinction.

During her studies, Kim developed the manuscript that became *Smart*, her first Young Adult novel, which was nominated for the prestigious Carnegie Medal. She went on to write four Carnegie-nominated Young Adult novels for Macmillan Children's Books under the name Kim Slater.

Today, Kim is recognised as one of the UK's most successful contemporary thriller writers. Her work often draws inspiration from Nottinghamshire and explores the extraordinary secrets hidden within ordinary lives. She lives with her husband in a small Nottinghamshire village.

Honorary Graduates



Paul Southby

Paul Southby was born and raised in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and was the first person in his family to attend university. He is a commercial dispute resolution partner at the law firm Roythornes LLP in Nottingham and is widely recognised for his significant contributions to the region's legal, cultural, and economic life.

Paul is a graduate of the University of Sheffield and completed his professional legal training at the College of Law in Chester. He began his legal career in London, training and practising in firms based in Lincoln's Inn and Fleet Street, before moving to Sheffield and later relocating to Nottingham in 1989. He has since held partnership roles in several national law firms and served as Regional Director of the CBI in the East Midlands during a period spanning the 2008 financial crisis through to shortly after the 2010 General Election.

Alongside his legal practice, Paul has played a major role in regional development and civic leadership. He is Chair of the Advisory Board at Nottingham Business School and Chair of Nottingham Partners, supporting inward investment through Invest in Nottingham. He also serves on the board of Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, which he previously chaired.

Paul has long supported the arts and environmental causes, including as Chair of Broadway Cinema in Nottingham's Lace Market and as a trustee of the Clean Rivers Trust. He served as High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire in 2022/23, the final appointment under the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Outstanding Alumni



Harry Atkinson

Harry Atkinson is an engineering professional, civic leader, and Nottingham Trent University alumnus whose achievements demonstrate the power of combining technical expertise, public service, and lifelong learning.

After leaving school, Harry began his career through an apprenticeship in the energy sector, gaining valuable practical experience while developing his technical skills. He later returned to education at Nottingham Trent University's Mansfield campus, successfully completing a Higher National Certificate and Higher

National Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. He is currently progressing towards a BSc degree, reflecting his commitment to continuous professional development.

Alongside his studies and career, Harry has shown an exceptional dedication to public service. In 2023, at the age of 23, he was elected as a councillor, before becoming Deputy Mayor and, in 2025, the youngest-ever Mayor of Erewash at just 26 years old.

As Mayor, Harry has championed community engagement, local businesses, skills development, and opportunities for young people. An active Scout leader, he is passionate about encouraging wider participation in civic life and demonstrating that leadership is accessible to people from all backgrounds.

Through his work in the energy sector and his civic leadership, Harry continues to promote the importance of education, skills, sustainability, and community service, serving as an inspiring role model for current and future generations.



Asher Erskine

Asher Erskine is an award-winning multidisciplinary designer with more than a decade of experience spanning brand, digital, and industrial design. He is currently Head of Design at E1 Series, the world's first all-electric raceboat championship, where he leads global creative strategy, brand development, and high-impact campaigns for one of the most innovative start-ups in international sport.

Since joining E1 in its early stages, Asher has played a pivotal role in shaping the organisation's global identity, building the internal design function from the ground up and overseeing creative delivery across international race locations including Monaco and Miami. His work has featured in Forbes, the BBC, Sky and Robb Report, and has included collaborations with high-profile team owners such as Tom Brady, Will Smith, Rafael Nadal and LeBron James.

An NTU Alumni Fellow, Asher is also an international speaker on design and innovation, sharing insights into creativity, leadership and emerging technologies. Alongside his design career, he is the author of the Worlds of Wisdom book series, stocked in leading bookstores worldwide.

His previous experience includes roles with PANGAIA, Dentsu, The Drum, AL_A, and the Milan-based luxury design studio Sawaya & Moroni during his placement year at NTU.

Outstanding Alumni



Dr Allan Njanji

Dr Allan Njanji is an award-nominated filmmaker, researcher, and campaign strategist whose work focuses on refugee rights, migration policy, and the role of lived experience in shaping social change.

Beginning his career in documentary filmmaking and video journalism, Allan has used storytelling to highlight issues of social justice and amplify the voices of displaced communities. His work has been widely recognised for raising awareness and contributing to public understanding of migration and refugee experiences.

A graduate of Nottingham Trent University, Allan holds a PhD in Refugee Studies and a Master's degree in Documentary Journalism. His academic research has explored refugee agency, voice, and self-representation, reflecting his commitment to ensuring that people with lived experience play a central role in shaping policy, research, and public discourse.

Alongside his research, Allan has held communications and leadership roles across the refugee sector, including positions with Notts TV, Nottingham Refugee Forum, and Nottingham Trent University. He currently serves as Regional Campaigns Manager at Asylum Matters, a national charity advocating for fair and compassionate asylum policy in the UK.

Recognised nationally and internationally for his contributions, Allan was named one of The Big Issue's 100 Changemakers of 2026 and has contributed to global discussions on migration, including speaking at the Humanitarian Congress Berlin. His work continues to bridge filmmaking, policy, research, and advocacy to promote more humane responses to migration.



Dominic Portman

Dominic Portman is an entrepreneur and technology innovator whose work focuses on the future of digital retail and online marketplaces. A graduate of Nottingham Trent University, he completed a First Class Honours degree in Psychology in 2012, combining his interest in human behaviour with a passion for enterprise that first developed through NTU's business incubator, The Hive.

While still a student, Dominic launched a part-time fancy dress business, gaining hands-on entrepreneurial experience that helped lay the foundations for his future career. After graduating, he went on to found Boulevard, a retail technology company that connects brands, distributors and digital marketplaces through an innovative platform and operating model.

Under Dominic's leadership, Boulevard has achieved annual sales of more than £9 million, secured over £3 million in institutional investment, and created employment opportunities for more than 300 people. The company continues to innovate, including through the development of a platform designed to connect emerging digital marketplaces with access to more than one million products.

Dominic's achievements have earned national recognition, including winning Scale-Up Entrepreneur of the Year for the Midlands at the 2023 Great British Entrepreneur Awards. He has also contributed to wider discussions on UK business, entrepreneurship and digital trade, including participation in business events at 10 Downing Street and hosting roundtable discussions at major UK political conferences.

Outstanding Alumni and Industry Fellows



Peter Binks

Peter Binks is a volunteer, carer advocate and psychology graduate whose work focuses on supporting others through education, community engagement and peer support. He is particularly known for helping to establish local support networks for carers and creating opportunities for people to share experiences and learn from one another.

As an active Nottingham Trent University alumnus, Peter has contributed more than 120 hours of volunteering, supporting students and graduates through mentoring, interview coaching, guest lectures, presentations and employability activities. He

has also co-facilitated Consent Is Everything workshops for four years and supported a range of health, wellbeing and awareness events. In recognition of his contribution, he received NTU's Gold Volunteering Award in 2023.

Peter graduated with an MSc in Psychology from Nottingham Trent University in 2021, achieving a Commendation. He has since contributed to psychology research projects and academic publications, reflecting his ongoing interest in understanding human behaviour and promoting wellbeing.

Before studying psychology, Peter enjoyed a career in information technology spanning more than 30 years. He worked across the financial services, insurance and utilities sectors before specialising in corporate IT training. His career, studies and voluntary work reflect a longstanding commitment to learning, service and helping others achieve their potential.



Simon Calvert

Simon Calvert is a Nottingham Trent University graduate and experienced commercial retail leader with more than 30 years' experience across digital retail, e-commerce and business strategy. Originally from Manchester and raised in Cheshire, Simon studied Social Sciences at NTU, where he developed the adaptability, resilience and strategic thinking that would shape his future career.

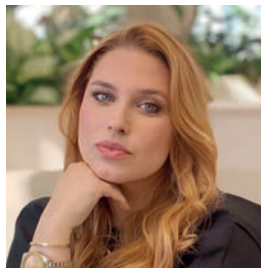
A keen sportsman and accomplished chess player, Simon has built an international career leading transformation and innovation across a wide range of retail sectors, including fashion, homewares, gifting

and furniture. His expertise spans strategy, merchandising, e-commerce, marketing, supply chain and retail operations, working with major PLCs, private equity businesses, founder-led companies and SMEs.

Simon is the Founder and Managing Director of Future Today Retail Consultancy Ltd, where he advises businesses on digital growth, customer engagement and the evolving role of artificial intelligence within retail.

Alongside his professional work, Simon has been a dedicated mentor within NTU's alumni mentoring programme for the past seven years, supporting students as they prepare for their future careers and continuing his strong connection with the university community.

Outstanding Alumni and Industry Fellows



Sophie Howarth

Sophie Howarth graduated from Nottingham Trent University in 2008 with a degree in Fashion Marketing and Communication and has since established herself as an internationally respected leader in retail design and visual merchandising. Now Prestige Retail Design Director at Coty, she has built an exceptional career creating innovative retail experiences for some of the world's most prestigious beauty and luxury brands, including L'Oréal, The Estée Lauder Companies, LVMH and Coty.

Growing up in Blackpool, Sophie was inspired by a family immersed in creativity, fashion and art, laying the foundations for a career driven by imagination and innovation. During her time at NTU, she embraced every opportunity, including a life-changing exchange at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, where she gained invaluable experience in fashion journalism and behind the scenes at New York Fashion Week.

Alongside her professional achievements, Sophie has remained deeply committed to supporting others. As an NTU Alumni Fellow, she mentors students, contributes to employer-led projects and champions graduate talent. She also volunteers with organisations including the Young Women's Trust and Cosmetic Executive Women, helping to inspire and develop the next generation of creative professionals.

Recognised for her creativity, resilience and generosity, Sophie continues to embody the values of Nottingham Trent University, making her a truly deserving recipient of the Outstanding Alumna Award.

Outstanding Alumni and Industry Fellows



Joe Mairura

Joe Mairura is Founder and CEO of Imara Development Programmes Limited, a consultancy providing coaching, training, and independent social work services. His professional and academic journey spans over four decades, underpinned by a deep commitment to mental health, social care, leadership development, and personal growth.

Joe holds qualifications from Makerere University, the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Nottingham Trent University, and De Montfort University (Leicester Business School), where he studied Education, Theology, Social Work, and Business Administration. This

multidisciplinary foundation has shaped his integrative, people-centred approach to practice and leadership. He is also an Alumni Fellow of Nottingham Trent University.

Over a 42-year career across health and social care, Joe has worked in the NHS, local government, the Department of Health, and the third sector. He has held senior leadership roles in both operational and strategic contexts, including as Chief Executive of a mental health

Charity – Touchstone-Leeds – where he led significant organisational growth and service development.

Joe has also contributed to national mental health policy and implementation, including Community Mental Health Teams and the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) programme, supporting system-wide improvements across the UK.

As a Maxwell Leadership Coach, certified DiSC practitioner, trainer, and public speaker, Joe continues to focus on coaching, mentoring, and capacity building. His work with Nottingham Trent University supports student development across business, social sciences, and wellbeing programmes.

Outstanding Alumni and Industry Fellows



Deladem Ohenewaa Mensah-Boateng

Deladem Ohenewaa Mensah-Boateng is a Ghanaian legal scholar and researcher specialising in restorative justice, criminal justice reform, and health law. She is currently a PhD candidate in Law at Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University, researching how pre-colonial and indigenous justice traditions in Ghana can inform modern restorative justice approaches within the criminal justice system.

She holds an LLM in Health Law and Ethics from Nottingham Trent University, awarded through the Commonwealth Shared Scholarship in 2021, and an LLB from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana.

Deladem is actively engaged in public service and community impact. She has worked with the National Justice Museum in Nottingham, facilitating programmes addressing knife crime through the Choices and Consequences initiative, and is a Community Health Advocate with The Essential Baby Company CIC. She also contributes to research initiatives focused on improving inclusion of Black and other minoritised groups in UK research.

An NTU Alumni Volunteer since 2022, she supports student recruitment, outreach, and mentoring in both Ghana and Nottingham.

Her work is driven by a commitment to justice reform, youth development, and restorative approaches rooted in accountability and community healing.

Outstanding Alumni and Industry Fellows



Sunita Passi

Sunita Passi is a wellbeing practitioner, educator and entrepreneur specialising in Ayurvedic medicine and holistic health. A graduate of Nottingham Trent University, where she completed an MA in Investigative Journalism, her career has evolved from journalism and broadcasting into health, education and practitioner training.

She is the founder of Tri-Dosha, a natural skincare and wellness brand, and leads a practitioner training academy supporting therapists to build sustainable wellbeing practices. Her work combines traditional Ayurvedic principles with modern approaches to

mental health, resilience and personal development.

Sunita is also the creator of The Passi Method®, a structured mind-body approach designed to support stress reduction, emotional wellbeing and lasting behavioural change. The method is delivered through practitioner training, workshops and individual sessions, and is increasingly being explored within wider wellbeing and prevention initiatives.

Alongside her work in holistic health, Sunita has worked as a journalist, BBC broadcaster, TEDx speaker and podcast host. She is an Alumni Fellow of Nottingham Trent University and remains actively engaged with the university community.

Based in Nottingham, Sunita continues to advocate for more balanced and conscious approaches to wellbeing, business and modern living.



Laura Temple

Laura Temple is a solicitor and legal aid specialist whose career has been dedicated to improving access to justice for vulnerable and disadvantaged communities. A graduate of Nottingham Law School, she studied Law with Criminology at Nottingham Trent University, completing a year-long placement with a local solicitors' practice that sparked her passion for legal aid work.

During her time at NTU, Laura was an active volunteer, serving as a course representative, student ambassador and participant in legal outreach initiatives. Her commitment to supporting others continued

after graduation while studying the Legal Practice Course, alongside working for Remedi, a charity supporting restorative justice programmes for young offenders.

Following qualification as a solicitor, Laura built extensive expertise in housing law, progressing from junior caseworker to Legal Aid Agency supervisor. She later played a leading role in establishing North Yorkshire Citizens Advice and Law Centre, helping to address the shortage of legal aid provision in the region. Working with colleagues and sector specialists, she helped create a new legal service from the ground up, securing legal aid contracts in housing and immigration.

Now Director of Legal and Specialist Services, Laura continues to champion access to justice and community-based legal support. In 2024, her team was shortlisted for a Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Award, recognising its outstanding contribution to the sector.

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