

Freedom of Information Request 268/20-21

Response Date: 24/05/2021

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have an interest in how you have approached your graduation ceremonies during the Coronavirus pandemic. Please could you answer the following:

- 1) For your students who graduated in 2020, have they had an in-person graduation yet?
- 2) If no to question 1., are there plans to have an in-person graduation, when restrictions have been lifted? If so, will they be the same as previous cohorts (2019, 2018, etc.) and when are they currently planned for?
- 3) For your students who are due to graduate in 2021, will they have an in-person graduation? If no, what are your plans for these students?

RESPONSE

Questions 1 and 2

The University can confirm that students who graduated in 2020 have not yet had an in-person graduation. The University will be offering the opportunity for all students who graduated in 2020 to attend an in-person ceremony when it is safe to do so. The University does not as yet have a re-arranged schedule for these events but will do so as soon as practically possible.

Question 3

The University can confirm that students who will graduate in 2021 will not have an in-person graduation but, as above, the University will be offering the opportunity for all students who graduated in 2020 to attend an in-person ceremony when it is safe to do so.

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