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Dear graduand

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your loved ones to our graduation ceremonies at Carlisle Cathedral.

Ahead of your graduation ceremony, we want to share with you details of an exciting multi-million-pound project currently taking place in Carlisle city centre that you will notice when you are in the area.

Our partner Cumberland Council is advancing the regeneration of Market Square and Greenmarket, supported by central government funding.

This project is revitalising the 6,000-square-metre area in front of the Old Town Hall, a short distance from Carlisle Cathedral and close to the Crown & Mitre Hotel – our locations for your ceremony and celebratory reception.

Scheduled for completion later this summer, the Market Square and Greenmarket areas are being transformed into a vibrant, multifunctional space for residents and visitors, ideal for community activities and events.

Works are advanced, with hoarding signs around them displaying images of how the area will look in the future.

Extensive work is taking place but is not affecting travel into and around Carlisle.

If you are travelling to the ceremony by car, you are encouraged to look at One Network - <https://one.network/>

This system is linked to sat nav and you can add postcodes to find out what is happening nationally, not just in Cumbria.

Details of Cumberland Council car parks can be found at [Find a car park near you | Cumberland Council](#).

The Market Square and Greenmarket Regeneration Project is part of a larger initiative to regenerate Carlisle.

Another of these important projects for Carlisle, Cumbria and the wider Borderlands region is our exciting £78m Citadels campus.

Thank you for your patience as we work with our partners to make Carlisle the place to be!

Partners, businesses and local residents are looking forward to welcoming you to the city and celebrating your achievements.

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For further details about the Carlisle city centre regeneration projects -  
<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/regeneration-project/carlisle-city-centre-projects/market-square-and-greenmarket>

It is a very exciting time for our university.

We have established the Pears Cumbria School of Medicine in a unique partnership with Imperial College London. It will welcome its first cohort of students in August.

Shortly afterwards, we will open our brand new campus in the heart of Barrow-in-Furness, a key location in the nation's defence and security infrastructure.

Learn more about these key projects and our Towards 2030 strategic vision – including our Citadels campus plan - at <https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/t2030/>

Best wishes

Ceremonies Team