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To: the class of 2012

As you may be aware, those of you who matriculated in 2012 and graduated over 2 years ago are now eligible to receive your MA degree. The degree can be taken in person or in absence, but I very much hope that you will take your MA at the Congregation in the Senate House on **Saturday 23 March 2019** and join the other members of 2012 for the first Reunion of your year group.

You can take the degree either in person or in absentia at any future congregation (for example on Saturday 18 May or Friday 19 July 2019), but most Trinity Hall graduates will take it at the ceremony on 23 March. You and your guests are invited to come back to College after the ceremony for tea and cake, and there will also be the official MA dinner in Hall for you and the other graduands. The congregation on the 23rd is the first reunion for the class of 2012 and I very much hope that you will be able to return to the College on that date.

If you are able to join us on the 23 March you can book all the elements for the day, including the degree (in absence or in person), tea and cake after the ceremony, dinner and accommodation online at <http://alumni.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/ma2019booking> or by contacting Liz Pentlow in the Alumni Office. Bookings need to be made **by Monday 4 March** as the University Proctors will not accept any late registrations for the ceremony.

On congregation day itself, it is essential that you are all properly attired and lined up (you may well remember the process from General Admission). The comprehensive Proctors' notice for academic dress is available on a separate sheet, but the most important features of the **academic dress code** are:

Option one: black suit (ie black dinner jacket), plain white shirt without pattern, white collar and white bow tie, black socks, black leather shoes (boots or sandals are not acceptable), the gown and hood of the **highest Cambridge degree** held (usually the BA; the MB and LLM degree are higher than the BA) and **bands**. You should not wear your undergraduate gown to the ceremony.

Option two: black dress or suit or black skirt with a white blouse. The dress or blouse should have long or three-quarter length sleeves. Shoes must be black (sandals, boots and backless shoes are not permitted) and hosiery should be plain and of a dark or natural colour. Heavy jewellery or excessive make-up should not be worn. Gown and hood as for option one. If you wear a headscarf (eg a hijab), it has to be white and plain, ie without pattern.

Please see the separate list of Cambridge shops where you can hire the relevant gowns, hoods and bands. The staff in these shops are familiar with the academic dress code and should be able to tell you exactly what gown and hood you will need. Bear in mind that hoods and gowns are rented out very quickly for the 'MA days' so make sure you book them in plenty of time.

The University Proctors are very strict about the dress code. If you are intending to wear special dress for particular religious or cultural reasons, you will need to submit a written application (via Liz Pentlow) for an individual dispensation from the Proctors. The degree will be presented to you with a Trinitarian, ie Christian, formula (“in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”) as you are kneeling – please let Liz know if you wish the Trinitarian formula to be omitted and/or if you do not wish to kneel.

For the Congregation itself there is a limit of two guests per graduand. You can request these tickets at the time of booking, and you can pick them up on the day of the Congregation at the Porters’ Lodge.

If you have any questions about the MA ceremony, please contact Liz on alumni@trinhall.cam.ac.uk. I look forward to seeing you on the 23 March.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeremy Morris". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the page.