



## Prof West's message to students

Hello everyone. It's a real privilege for me to be joining you as the seventh Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nottingham. I'm really proud to be here and I'm really looking forward to the job.

As Vice-Chancellor of the University I'm responsible for ensuring the delivery of all of our goals and our strategy and ensuring the success of that strategy which is a high priority for us as our student educational experience and your experience on the campus as well.

I myself was the first in my family to go to university, and I really believe that the educational experience you get at a university like Nottingham is second to none. This University is known for its high educational attainment, for the employability of our graduates, and for a student experience that I'm sure you've already realised is fantastic.

As Vice-Chancellor I work very closely with your elected representatives, your Students' Union representatives. And I will be talking to them a lot over the next few weeks to see what it is that's in their mind and in your mind and what we need to work on in the University together

I'm really looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the next few weeks and I will be certainly seeing all of you at your graduation ceremony at the end of your time at the University here.

## Prof West's message to staff

Hello everyone, it's a great privilege and honour for me to be joining you as your 7th Vice-Chancellor at the University of Nottingham.

This university is globally leading, it has fantastic education and wonderful research and innovation, and the university benefits society in a whole variety of ways. I can't tell you how happy I am to be here.

I am an academic art historian myself, I was educated in the US and in Scotland. And I've worked in three Russell Group universities before coming here to Nottingham.

What you can expect from me as your Vice-Chancellor is a leader who is going to be inclusive and agile and modern. And I will listen to you and I want to hear your views, so please tell me what you think.

We're all going through in the Higher Education sector at the moment some very difficult times, change is happening very quickly, much more quickly than I've ever known in my lifetime. And I feel that we all need to consider that and be as resilient as we can. I'm confident that working with you that we can not only respond to the change but we can be a step ahead.

I will be setting up an email address and I will invite everyone in the university to send me their thoughts, their aspirations, their worries. And I'm going to visit departments and schools and hope to be able to talk to as many of you as I can in my first few weeks here.

I just wanted to say that whether you are a prize-winning professor at Ningbo or a gardener responsible for our stunning University Park Campus, your contribution to the university means everything to me and I really look forward to working with you