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Sad to see you go. But wish you all the best. Thanks for the many chats and encouragement. And for bringing your unique cheerful Bernie feel good factor to Bath. It won't be the same without you.
Cathryn

Sorry to see you go, Bernie. I really sorry to see you go, Bernie
conversations. Best of luck for the future. the very best for this new chap
Andrew Brown All the best, Mairi

All the best, Mairi
Mairi Maclean

Good luck Bernie in your next adventure. It's been a pleasure working with you, on committees and other fora, during your time at Bath. All good wishes for the future.

Sue Wonnacott

It's been a real pleasure ~~thanking~~ ^{working with you} and I'll miss you greatly ^{couple of years} and wish ^{the future} a list of favourite scousers ^{along} with John Lennon and Jan Molby. ^{Stephen Goller} Martin

ALL THE BEST FOR THE FUTURE BERNIE
ANDREAS

Bernie, I'm very sorry to see you go. Thank you for all your support over the years and I will miss our long chats about books and amazing TV shows! It has been a real pleasure to work with you and best wishes for the future!

Bev

Such a pleasure to work with you, you made an important contribution to the university and were a wonderful colleague. Good luck for the future. We will keep in touch, Jane
Jane Millar

Bernie, you have a knack of calm leadership and a sense of what works brilliantly. Thank you for inviting me on, and for all the laughs we've shared. Just thank you. And enjoy the new direction, enjoy the change, and don't work too hard!
Tim I

Bernie - it's been a pleasure! All the very best of luck with your new direction, enjoy the change, and don't work too hard!
Harry R

Bernie
All the very best in your future pursuits
Neil McH

Thanks for welcoming me to Bath and appreciated your candor and support
Greg

Has been lovely working with you Bernie. Wishing you all the best for the future. You will be missed. Thanks for always being so welcoming and helpful to me. Vanessa

Bernie, It has been a pleasure working as your NVS. Indeed, you were one of the reasons I wanted to return to the position and now look what you've done! I'm sure, however, you will be just as busy but hopefully doing what you choose to do. I wish you well. Keith.
Keith Cutler

Wishing you
and joy on new
Jenny Scott

Thank you for employing me in the first place, for your support over the years, and for all the laughs along the way. All the very best for this new and exciting phase in your life.
Anthony

Thanks for all your guidance and support over the last few years. Good luck in whatever is next - a change is as good as a rest as they say! Marianne 😊

All the very best Bernie - i have always really appreciated all interactions. Hope you can get some Liverpool and a bit more now! Julie
Julie Barnett

All the very best for the future
Fun and fruitful and that you
next.
Kate & the Librarians

DEAR BERNIE,
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR
SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS AND WE WILL ALL
GREATLY MISS YOU AND YOUR GOOD
HUMOUR. ALL THE VERY BEST FOR THE
FUTURE AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL SEE YOU
AROUND. LOOK AFTER YOURSELF !
BEST WISHES FROM MIKE P. AND THE
SECURITY TEAM
MIKE PORTER

Hi Bernie, we have been through a lot together but you did not need to leave because I have. whilst we could reflect - now is not the time- we both have new challenges and mountains ahead to conquer, I wish you all the best and keep in touch. Martyn

PS one of the residents has asked if he can keep in touch with you- I have passed on your home email.

Bernie - thank you for all the support, both behind the scenes and more visibly, over the years. I always enjoyed our chats in 4W or the Claverton Rooms, although my poor knowledge of football was clearly a limiting factor! Enjoy whatever comes next.
Ben Metcalfe

Bernie,
Thank you for being such a champion of the international agenda and supportive of new ideas. Wishing you the best of luck in the next chapter,
Lily and the International Relations Office
Lily Rumsey

Dear Bernie, Thank you for all your support and good humour in the past few years. Godspeed on the next adventure!

Paul

Dear Bernie, you have been a great leader and friend for over 10 years. I have loved working with you and will miss you hugely. Thank you so much for your personal and professional support during many interesting and challenging times. Wishing you every good health, happiness and success in life and your new ventures. Warmest wishes Sarahx
Sarah Williment

Dear Bernie

*All the very best in your retirement - I do hope it brings you opportunities to do all whatever brings you most joy.
Best wishes*

Robert

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To Bernie

I've really enjoyed working with you and will miss our coffee and catch ups. Wishing you lots of happiness in all you do next. Keep in touch.

Very best wishes

Danae

Hi Bernie

It's been great working for you and thank you for all your help and support in navigating the waters of ASC. All the very best for the future.

Enjoy!

Deborah

Dear Bernie, Wishing you all the very best for the adventures that will come your way. Thank you for your encouragement and support with the Health and Wellbeing Steering group, it really was appreciated. Best wishes, Rose

Dear Bernie,

I know we'll stay in touch, but I wanted to express my heartfelt thanks for being such a wonderful colleague. It's been an eventful few years, and your advice, humour and leadership have always been greatly appreciated. May I wish you every happiness in your next set of adventures – can't wait to hear all about them.

Best wishes,

Corinne

Dear Bernie, So sorry to see you go. Thank you for all your support, especially over the last three years, helping keeping me sane (and for the job in the first place!). Hope you get more time now to enjoy yourself.

Bernie

It's been good working with you over the years and thank you for listening (with good humour) whatever the subject matter!

All best wishes

Delia

While I think it's outrageous you're leaving, I wish you all the best in your semi-retirement and hope it will now be easier to fit in some games of tennis - if our bodies can manage it!

Stephen Baddeley

Have been reading all the lovely comments - very much deserved. However, surely they don't all think you'll vanish from sight. Of course you won't - you'll gloat about how well you are and how fantastic semi retirement is 😊 Sigh! Seriously, a huge thank you for all your support for the SU over the years. We were, of course, a favourite area - when we weren't causing you too much grief. What us? Huge thanks again and we'll catch up very soon.

Mandy

Bernie,

I would have written a far longer tribute but you'd have only told me to make it shorter.

in perpetuum, domine, ave atque vale

Bernie, Thanks for all your support over the years, it's with you. Have fun in the future.
Simon Inger

Tim K

Bernie,

After 5 years of working with you, I can't say that I thought it was time for you to leave but I begrudge you not and wish you well. Thank you for all your support over the years even when at the time it felt like a bollocking. You were good for this University.

David G

Bernie

Wishing you a very happy retirement. I can't say that I thought the future.

Mandy Newman

Bernie,

It has been an absolute pleasure.

Thank you for your kindness and support. I missed!

Alicia McEwan

Bernie, Wishing you a happy retirement.

All the best for the future.

Angela Milsom

Bernie, many thanks for all your support over the past three years. Every best

Jeremy

Wishing you a Happy Retirement - sounds like you are certainly going to keep busy. All the best and enjoy!

Marcelle

I'm looking for a version of '4W cafe won't be the same without you', that doesn't make it sound as though you spent all your time there!

Thanks for being so approachable, down to earth and supportive of the work of Student Services.

I wish you and your family every happiness in this next adventure.

Catherine

Bernie - I can't believe you are retiring. Raising student experience is so important and you were at the forefront of that - pushing the agenda forward. Enjoy your freedom!
Sarah Stead

All the best mate, been a blast working with you. We've covered a lot of ground between us and the University is in a better place due to your tenure. I wish you all the best for the future and I expect we'll see each other from time to time in more informal surroundings.
Cheers,

Gary

Bernie, I'm so sad to see you go. You have been a wonderful colleague - especially over the past 18 months. You have always been so supportive and have helped me enormously. Thanks for everything! Enjoy whatever comes next and I hope you manage to find time for some golf!
Cassie x

Happy Retirement Bernie - enjoy your new-found freedoms, time with family and new adventures. Thank you for the cups of tea and wide-ranging discussions over the years.
All the best, Jane White.

Sorry you won't get to confer an honorary degree on Kenny, and sorry our paths didn't cross on campus in the end! Enjoy semi-retirement!
Kerry

All the best for the future Bernie, I'm sure you'll enjoy it as I have. I enjoyed working with you
Vaughan Hart

Well Bernie, what can I say. It's been wonderful to work with you over the last eleven years. You have always been so kind, encouraging and supportive. Thank you. I will miss our chats and your sense of humour, but hopefully we will bump in to each other in Morrison's or B&Q. Enjoy your post university life. I can definitely vouch for the benefits and freedom it allows!
Best of luck.

Jane Savage

Dear Bernie, wishing you every happiness and lots of fun in the next chapter. It has been a pleasure to work with you. Thank you for making me feel welcome at the univeristy. The sports scholarship panel will not be the same without you.

Natasha

You've had a really positive impact on the univeristy during your time with us and many of the initiatives you've introduced will be with us for many years. And this has (nearly!) always been done with a smile.

Best wishes for a long, enjoyable retirement

Adrian Evans

I really enjoyed working with you when I worked on the Doctoral College project in 2016. You made me feel very welcome and baked some lovely cakes! Wishing you all the best for the future.

Susanna Martin

Best wishes for your retirement, Bernie! Thank you for always being so friendly and approachable, I will miss stopping for a chat on the Parade. Enjoy the golf course!

Lauren Mc (HR)

Bernie

In thanking you so much for your tremendous contribution to the university and for such valued personal support over many years, please accept my very best wishes for happiness and fulfilment in all that continue to do.

Jeff

The man, the myth, the legend... good luck Bernie. You used to brighten up mine and Amanda's mornings and I thoroughly enjoyed imparting my ED&I insights upon you.

Best wishes and thank you for your support.

Saiyada

All the best for the future Bernie, I'm sure you will have a long and enjoyable retirement. I'd like to thank you for support, guidance, and good humour you have always shown when working with me and my finance colleagues, all the very best Simon Fenne

Many congratulations, Bernie, on your semi-retirement - all that golf you'll now be able to fit in!! It's been great working with you over the last 11 years, and such a shame that you're off. Keep in touch and look forward to some more quizzes again soon.
Marie x

Bernie, I hear you have been granted your freedom. It was great working with you in forming the Doctoral College. I have no doubt life will have many adventures in store. Enjoy!
Val Skinner

It has been a pleasure working with you, Bernie. You've been a staunch supporter of my work and appreciative of the hard work of the teams I have led. You have shown an interest in my achievements and I have always felt you had time, patience and understanding. I wish you all the very best.
Becky Gallagher

Wishing you all the best for the future, Bernie. Thank you for being such an approachable member of the senior management team.

Best wishes

Suzanne Jacobs

BEST WISHES! YOU'VE ALWAYS PROVIDED EXCELLENT SUPPORT AND OVERVIEW AT ASC.
GARY LOCK

With best wishes for your future
Caroline Quest

Dear Bernie, Thanks for the useful chats and cups of tea. Wishing you all the best for your future endeavours. With best wishes from the University of Bath Unison branch

Wishing you all the best for the future Bernie - may retirement suit you well - it sounds like you'll be keeping yourself busy! It's been a pleasure working you over the years.
Helen F

Wishing you all the very best, Bernie, you will be missed at Bath! I'm also sad that I won't get to wave at you on stage at my RAD graduation ceremony this year (postponed from last year and now taking place online!) Thanks for all your support with our events over the years. Take care, Laura Andrews

I've really enjoyed the unexpected opportunity to get to know you a little over the last year or so - thank you for braving the world of immigration with us, especially in such strange times, and giving us the support we frequently needed. There are so many well deserved good wishes here - I hope they set you off on a wonderful new adventure! Wishing you all the happiness in the world!
Jess

Well! Having read all these wonderful messages, what more is there to say? Entertaining, supportive and always a rock of sense. You will be missed but hope we bump into one another occasionally. Enjoy the golf and the football and don't forget us!

Vivienne Winrow

Bernie, many thanks for all your support over the years and for leading us at a difficult time. It all made a great difference! Wishing you health, wellbeing and success!
Heather (SHEW)
Davide Mattia

It was an absolute pleasure working with you when I was DVC, and it has continued to be so. I wish you all the very best as you move on to the next phase of your career which should be a prelude to "proper" retirement (a highly-recommended move, I hasten to add). Enjoy! Del and I send you our very best wishes for the future.

Kevin

PS. Looking forward to meeting up later in the year.

Dear Bernie, very sad to see you go. I very much enjoyed our chats and how you always made time to share your thoughts and insights. Best of luck for your next chapter. Filipa

Bernie, it's been great to work with you over the last few years. We'll all miss you a lot. There will always be a chocolate bar waiting for you in 4 West 3.19! Best wishes for the future.

Lizzie

Bernie, It's hard to believe that I'm having to write this to say thanks and farewell. I've really valued your support, mentoring and friendship, and the University will seem smaller without you. But somehow, I suspect that what comes next will really agree with you! Very best wishes.
Jonathan

Bernie

I am so sorry to say farewell as you have always been a huge support - a cup of tea and opportunity to explain what I was trying to achieve made VCG papers so much easier ! I will miss your advice and honest humour but know that you will succeed in whatever you do next ! Wishing you a bundle of good wishes

jane L

Dear Bernie, It has been a pleasure watching you work. Thank you for shepherding the University into such a strong position, and making sure the lights always stayed on. I have no doubt you will be taking on new and interesting challenges into your retirement and hope these bring you a lot of pleasure. All the best, Thalia

Many thanks for all you help Bernie, it's been a pleasure annoying you !
Enjoy your well earned retirement you lucky so and so.
Lesley Moore

Very sorry to see you go Bernie, I've enjoyed how you have kept us all in line over the years, and the directness with which you have tackled things. As much as your long term contributions over the years, the way you stepped up to lead the University during our VC-less period was a fantastic lesson in positive leadership during a challenging time, so I think we owe you a lot. Nonetheless, you've earned a break, so enjoy it! Fiona Gillison

Hi Bernie,
You were great to work with when I was Director of Finance and it's hard to think of the University without you being there. I can vouch for the benefits of (semi) retirement - it's a breeze! - and wish you all the best for this next phase of your life. Time to perfect that golf swing.
Diane

All the best for your quasi retirement. Thanks for all your support (and patience) over the last few years - it was appreciated. The ability to put things in context, especially over the last 12 months, has helped very much with my sanity



Nick

Hope you have a fantastic long retirement. Enjoy every minute.
Sue

Have a fab fab time! Thank you always turning up to help when a
Linda Newnes

*Dear Bernie,
Congratulations on all you've achieved during your time
at Bath. Your candid approach has been refreshing and
your leadership, particularly as Acting VC, very much
welcomed. Wishing you all the very best for the future.
James Arthur*

Bernie
Wishing you all the very best for the future.
Thank you for offering me my first job opportunity at the
University nearly 9 years ago, and for all the chats and
humour since. You will be missed by all of us in the VC's
Office.
Judith

Dear Bernie,
Enjoy the adventures to come, its been great
working with you. Will Academic Staff Committee
ever be as much fun again? Thank you for the
wise words of encouragement, straight talking
when necessary and always buying the coffee!
Chris Frost

**I heard you were moving on to something else but Liverpool FC - you
have fallen on bad times!!!! Anyway, I will tell van Dijk not to rush
back. Thank you for all you have done Bernie, and dont be a
stranger!
Joe Devine**

Thank you, Bernie, for all your encouragement & support. I've
always really appreciated your candour, pragmatism, and good
humour. I will miss you and hope that your new projects will
be fun and exciting.
Peter P

Wishing you all the best for a fantastic retirement, Bernie. I have no doubt you'll quickly come to wonder how you ever found time to go to work! Keep in touch!
Carole

Carole Mundell

Dear Bernie, I know you won't be sorry to head off to a committee free life full of new adventures, but we will be VERY sorry to see you go. You've always been such a fantastic colleague and I really appreciate all the support and encouragement you've given me personally and professionally over the years. You've always been so brilliant with the officers, I know we've had lots of entertaining moments! Look forward to seeing you soon and hearing about your committee-free life. Love, Charlie S x

I still remember the first time we met, in your (old) office when I was just a candidate for the HR Director role. You were welcoming, helpful and willing to listen then, and that has continued throughout our time together at the University. It's been a delight working with you, and I've even learned a few Bill Shankly quotes. Good luck with your future plans and I hope that our paths will cross again. Yours, Richard.



Dear Bernie,
Thanks for everything you have done for students, for staff and for individuals. I smile when I remember us both laughing watching some children's cartoon film on a late train back from London. Good luck with this next stage of your professional life. I assure you that it can be even more exciting and fulfilling than you can possibly imagine. Thanks for the support you gave me. Thanks for ALWAYS asking about my family. We did not always agree but we did (mostly) laugh.... Veronica

Best wishes on your Retirement. Enjoy to the fu
Jo Arlett

Thank you for your support over the years, for listening
and above all your honesty and integrity oh and, not
forgetting, a lovely cup of tea,
Wishing you and your family all the very best for the
future. Julie
Julie Samways

Dear Bernie,
Thank you for all your support for myself and the Admissions
Team over the years (and SIS more recently), even when we
didn't make that particularly easy. It has been a genuine
comfort to know you have been a decisive part of the
University's leadership, and you will certainly be missed. Best
wishes for horizons new.
David Howells

Thank you for your support for Timetabling
through the years. From the early days of
trawling campus for more teaching space to
advice and reassurance given with sincerity and
good humour. It has all been very much
appreciated. Wishing you well with your next
endeavours.

Rachel H

*Dear Bernie, Thank you so much for all that you have contributed to the
University and for the care that you have shown to so many within the
community. I am very aware how much you will be missed.. Please accept
my very best wishes for the future.*

Jan

Dear Bernie. I am sorry to see you go but hope you enjoy
your retirement. Your support over the years has been
much appreciated.

Kind Regards

Jean Tye

Thanks for all of your support over the last few years. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you throughout the IAAPS project. I have always enjoyed the debates at the various meetings and still recollect our first meeting just over three years ago when I had just joined and we discussed cars at some length!

I wish you the very best in retirement.
Gavin Edwards

Thankyou for your time over the years. Good luck and enjoy your retirement.
Jane Graham

I appreciate all of the advice and support you've given me over the years. Thanks, Boss. Enjoy!
Bruce Rayton

Wishing you a fun and active retirement. Best wishes.
Richie Gill

All the best for the future Bernie. It has been a pleasure working with you over the past few years. We will miss your visits to 4 West 3.19 for catch ups and chocolate!
Kate

Dear Bernie, I hope you enjoy all the fun things you are bound to get involved in following your release from such an intense role. Thank you for all your work and the support you have given me and us in Education.
Andrea Abbas

Thanks for all your support over the years, and for your best leadership. All the best for your retirement adventures!
Rachel Sheer
Gillian
Gillian

Really sorry you're going Bernie: you've made such an enormous contribution to the university in so many ways over such a long time, it's impossible to imagine what it will be like without your reassuring presence. Thank you for all the support you've provided for so many of us, for me personally and for the Department of Education - and the university - through tricky times. We'll miss you. Mary

**THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO DISCOVER THE
FASCINATING AND HITHERTO UNKNOWN WORLD OF
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH . IT HAS BEEN A DELIGHT. HAVE
A WONDERFUL RETIREMENT.
CAROLINE THOMPSON**

Bernie,
I'm sorry to see you go. Thank you for all your support, it's been great working with you. Very best wishes for the future.

Susan Stove Schofield

Dear Bernie, It has been such a delight to work with you and share many committee meetings as well as a few laughs. I wish you all the very best for the future and hope to see you in Bath - hope you have many adventures planned

Juani

Hi Bernie

Wishing you all the very best for your next adventure!
Have enjoyed our seemingly random chats in the coffee queue over the years - hopefully I'll bump into you at some point in the future to carry on where we left off...

Whatever you do next, be good, and enjoy it!

James Olver (formerly of Southport)

I'm sure there was a flowchart outcome that said it wasn't an expected ending ... but here you are! I'm glad of the chance to wish you all the best in retirement, or whatever else comes next. Thanks for all your guidance, and the chance to work with you.

John Harris

Boss, this doesn't mark the end of our working relationship because we still have a summer of Admissions activity to navigate. Thank you for agreeing to stick around to support us through the next few months. I've very much enjoyed the last (almost) seven years working with you. Thank you for your friendship and support. I hope that my relaxed attitude to replying to e-mails hasn't infuriated you too much. I'm looking forward to our tour of the battlefields of Belgium and Northern France.

Mike Nicholson

Thank you, Bernie, for giving me such a warm welcome and for all your support and encouragement these last 14 months. I'm very sorry we won't have longer to work together, but look forward to Wed evening beer. All best wishes for what comes next, Keith

Bernie

These last ten years slipped by rather quickly, despite all that's happened and how the University has grown. It's been a real pleasure working with you throughout. Thank you for your support and for all that you have done to make the University a better place to work and study.

I've no doubt that next season will be a better season to possibly see more of Liverpool play

All the very best

Peter

Peter Eley

Happy retirement, Bernie, and thanks for sharing your experiences and wisdom.

Tina

Dear Bernie

Thank you so much for your invaluable guidance and support over the years. Your leadership and willingness to make decisions especially when clarity was needed made a real difference to me. But above all it is your down to earth humanity that I will miss the most. With best wishes for whatever you do and I hope we keep in touch.

Florin

Bernie – wishing you all the best for the next phase of life. Your commitment, warmth, can-do attitude and collegiality will be sorely missed. Institutions need "glue" that helps them build a sense of community and purpose, and you played an enormous role in bringing the diverse elements of the University together generatively and for a sustained period. Your good humour and lack of partisanship will also be missed. Take care, and may your next journeys be enjoyable and exciting.

Cheers, Steve

Steve Brammer

Thank you for all your support over the past 3 years, it has been a huge challenge but knowing you had our backs was invaluable. Wishing you all the best with what comes next.

Best wishes

Caron

Bernie, Ironically, my digital skills are sufficiently poor that I may have signed this card twice (apologies). I do, however, want to be sure that I have registered my thanks for the huge amount of insight and guidance that you have invested in the IoC. I have very much enjoyed working with you and hope to continue to do so as you move to the next phase. Thanks again and very best of luck with everything that comes next. Best.
Rachid

Rachid Hourizi

..and here's yet another musician wishing you well! Going into your retirement in stages is very wise, and I give you thanks for the contribution you've made, and wish you and your family well for the future. Regards
Michael Painting

It has been a privilege to work closely with you over the past 4 years & see at close quarters the positive impact you've had on people and initiatives. Thanks for being such a good boss to work with and for your openness to other viewpoints and ways of working. We have been lucky to be able to draw on your skills and experience at Bath, but you have definitely earned your reward so enjoy your release from back-to-back meetings, emails and calls 24/7! With thanks & best wishes,
Bridget C

It's been such a pleasure to work with you. Thank you for all the support, advice and friendship over the (11!) years we've worked together, and for all the opportunities you gave me. I have some great memories and feel it's fitting we're finishing together. We'll all miss you and wish you all the best for the next step. And I'll think of you every time Liverpool kick off!
All the best
Peter

From one singer to another....

We'll keep a seat warm for you in 4W cafe Bernie and you know you'll be welcome to join anytime! Wishing you many years of health and happiness ahead.

Amanda



Congratulations on all you've achieved over the last 11 years. It was lots of fun to be a small part of it! Thank you for your support and for giving me the opportunity to join Bath in the first place. All the best for your next adventure, I know you'll enjoy all the extra time on the golf course!

Love Caroline Dangerfield