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THE PRIME MINISTER

I want to say a huge congratulations to the winners of the 2022-2024 Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education. I know this year's honours will be particularly special as we remember the late Queen Elizabeth II and her long-standing support for these awards, and for the tremendous good that education can bring.

The UK has a long and proud history of research, discovery and excellence in education and training. I am delighted that the 2022-2024 winners are continuing that tradition. The sheer breadth and variety of the work is impressive. In health, robotics, space, engineering, sustainability, animal welfare, photonics, skills and training, the English wine industry and more, you are pushing the boundaries of what we can achieve. Thanks to your ingenuity, your dedication, and your hard work we are making real progress in science, transforming public health, growing the economy, and improving and enriching people's lives.

I am immensely proud of Britain's higher and further education sector. In the UK, we have some of the best universities anywhere in the world. We have first rate further education colleges. And we are home to some amazing innovations, incredible inventions and ground-breaking research.

As your work shows, there is some extraordinary work taking place in British colleges and universities today – and it is being conducted in a spirit of inquiry, public good and a quest for knowledge.

So let me thank all the Queen's Anniversary Prize winners for everything you are doing.

And let me also thank The Royal Anniversary Trust for your commitment to bringing us the very best in Britain's higher and further education sector.

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