



Samples of Cards, Comments and Gifts, given by Students and Colleagues of University of Bristol to Abhijit Guha on his leaving the university, are reproduced below.

The students had only three working days to produce all these!

I am very touched by their generosity and am very grateful for the inspiration they have provided. It is mainly through the love, interest and inspiration on their side over more than a decade that created a life-sustaining bond that I'll cherish for ever.

One day I hope to include in this compilation the countless Emails – long and touching - that I have received from the students and colleagues in addition to the gifts and cards shown below.

My sincere apology if I have missed anything inadvertently. Thank you for all of your thoughtfulness. Please keep in touch.

Abhijit Guha

Sample Cards, Comments and Gifts given by Students and Colleagues of University of Bristol on A. Guha's leaving the university.



Date: 20 March 2009 18:58 +0000
 From: E England <ee7698@bristol.ac.uk>
 To: A.Guha@bristol.ac.uk
 Subject: card and present from 1st year aero's

Dr Guha,

The first year aero's have put a card and present for you in your pigeon hole. I hope you like them.

Best wishes,
 Emma England

From 1st Year Aeronautical Class



From 2nd Year Engineering Mathematics Class

Dr Guha's eagerness is unending,

Resolved on making all outstanding.

A man of dedication,

Giving his all to his students.

Understanding Enhancements yearly

Help people feel like giants,

And so Dr, we thank you sincerely.

Dear Dr Guha,

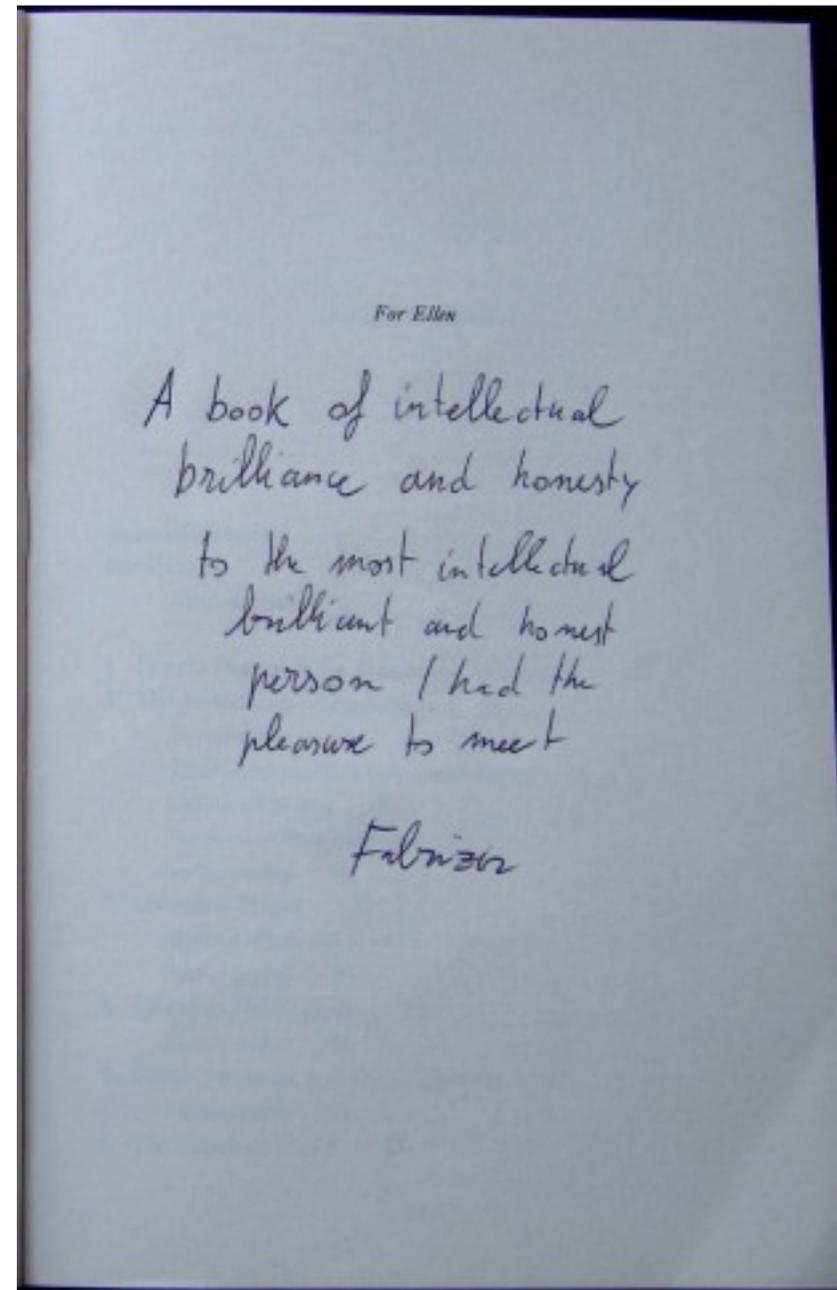
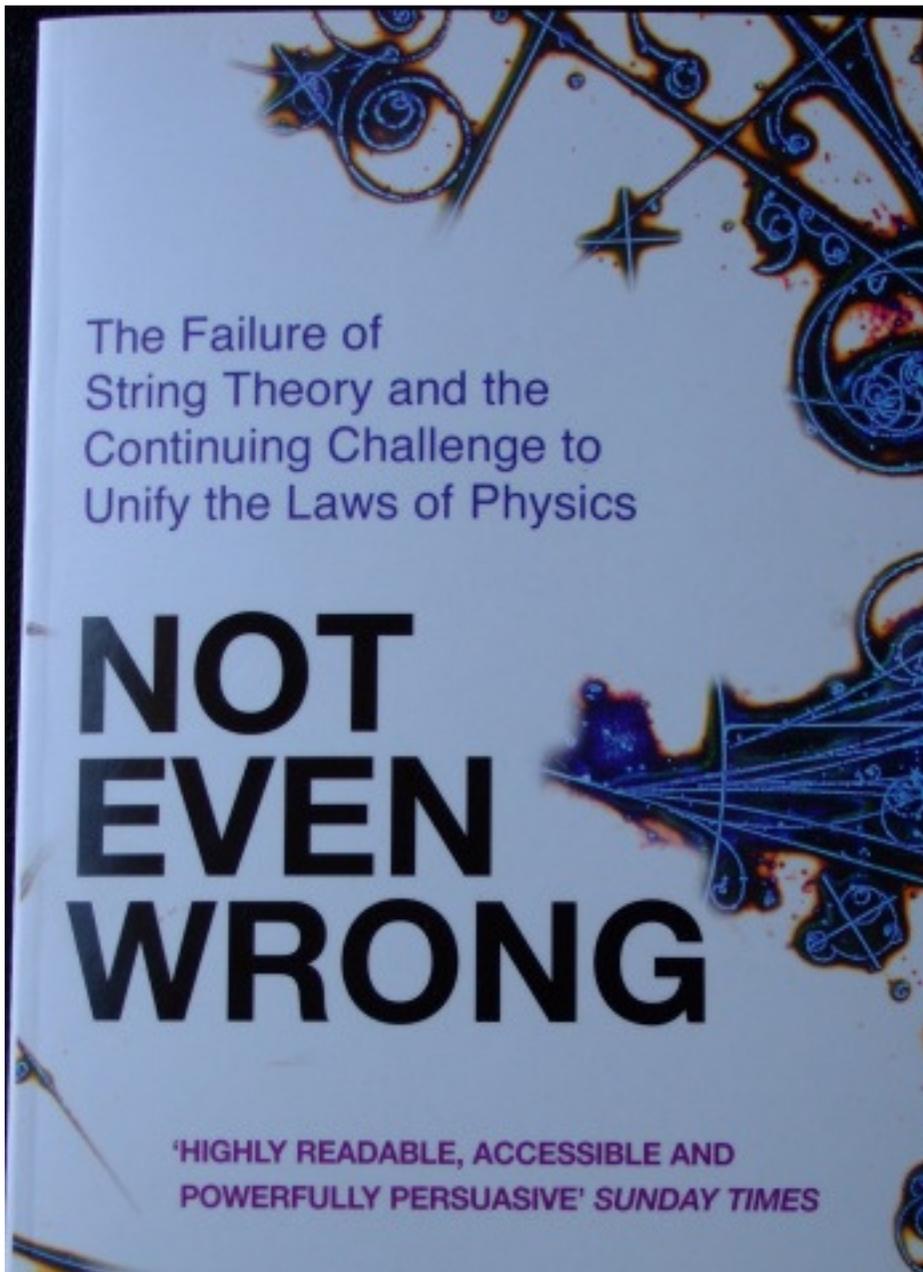
Thank you for all your hard work and dedication on our behalf. May your future work be blessed and prosperous and may we, this year, be a credit to your final year in Bristol.

All the best, and Many Thanks,

Hannah Galstone (Eng Maths)

And Best wishes and Gratitude From all the Second year Engineering Mathematics class.

From Professor Fabrizio Scarpa



From Professor Michael Wisnom

Date: 10 March 2009 07:41 +0000
From: Michael Wisnom <M.Wisnom@bristol.ac.uk>
To: Dr A Guha <a.guha@bristol.ac.uk>
Subject: Leaving

Dear Abhijit,

I am sorry to hear that you are leaving. You have made many contributions to the department in the time you have been here, and I have admired the way you have set such a high standard in all that you have done. I hope everything works out for you in the future.

Very best wishes, Michael

From Dr Paul Harper



Dear Dr Guha,

I was very sorry to hear that you are leaving and wanted to let you know that I have immense respect for you both as a person and a teacher. Thank you for giving me the most interesting, challenging and enjoyable teaching course that I experienced as a student. I know that you are a great loss to the University and will be sorely missed. Very best wishes for the future and I hope to stay in touch.

Best Wishes,
Paul (Harper)

Date: 17 March 2009 22:10 +0000
From: PG Boyle <pb4012@bristol.ac.uk>
To: Dr A Guha <a.guha@bristol.ac.uk>
Subject: Leaving

Hi Dr Guha,

It's great that a lecturer takes so much pride in his students! I, like many others, have really enjoyed being taught by you these last few years and it's a shame the future students of Bristol University won't get to witness the legend that is 'Guha'.

I wish you the best of luck in the future and congratulations on becoming a Professor - you thoroughly deserve it!

Patrick Boyle
4th Year Aeronautical

Date: 10 March 2009 12:04 +0000
From: AA Jaffery <aj8677@bristol.ac.uk>
To: Dr A Guha <a.guha@bristol.ac.uk>
Subject: Fluids & Thermodynamics

Hi,

Being an Engineering designer, and seeing a multitude of departments and their lectures, from the first year at least, I can say that you are the best lecturer that we have had, and am gutted that you are leaving (since I wanted to do the units taught by you!)

I am upset to hear that you are leaving and won't be here after the Easter.

Your enthusiasm for your subject has helped in my determination and work, and you have set a model example role for all lecturers in the UK. I wish you all the best wherever you are heading, and already know that you would continue to research and prove successful in the field of fluids and thermodynamics (like your VKI lectures!)

All the best,

Ali Jaffery
1st Year Engineering Design

Date: 17 March 2009 23:15 +0000
From: M Jones <mj7855@bristol.ac.uk>
To: Dr A Guha <a.guha@bristol.ac.uk>
Subject: Leaving

Dear Dr Guha,

I would like to wish you all the best in your new job in India. You have taught and inspired many students here and I feel incredibly fortunate to be one of them. I hope your students in India appreciate you like we have done. You taught me that to be outstanding is not impossible but simply a matter of applying yourself and putting in the time and effort in order to succeed, and of simply not giving up. Thank you for that inspiration.

Thank you again and best wishes,

Madeleine Jones
2nd Year Engineering Mathematics

Date: 07 March 2009 13:09 +0000
From: T El Shabrawy <te5074@bristol.ac.uk>
To: A.Guha@bristol.ac.uk
Subject:

Dear Dr. Guha,

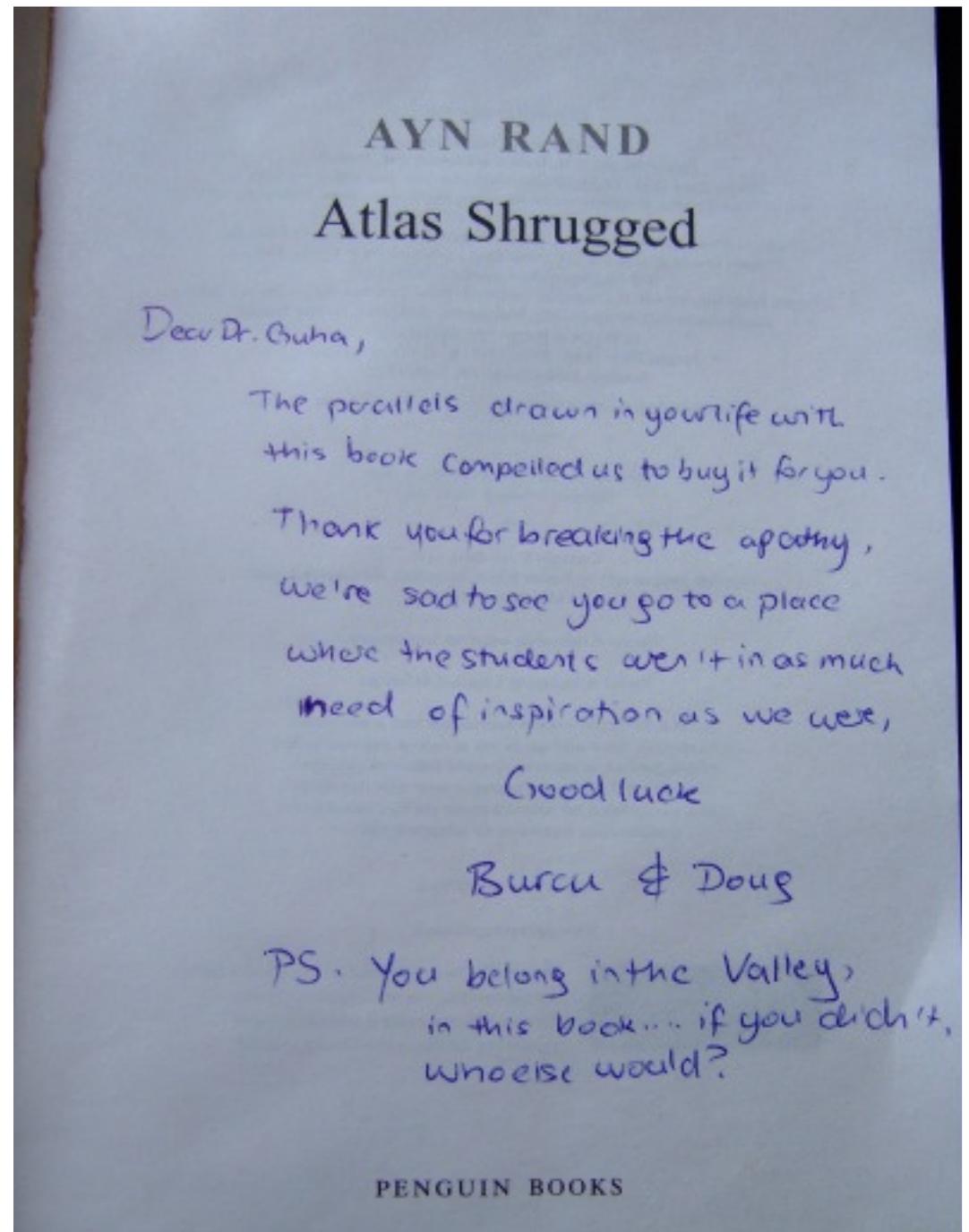
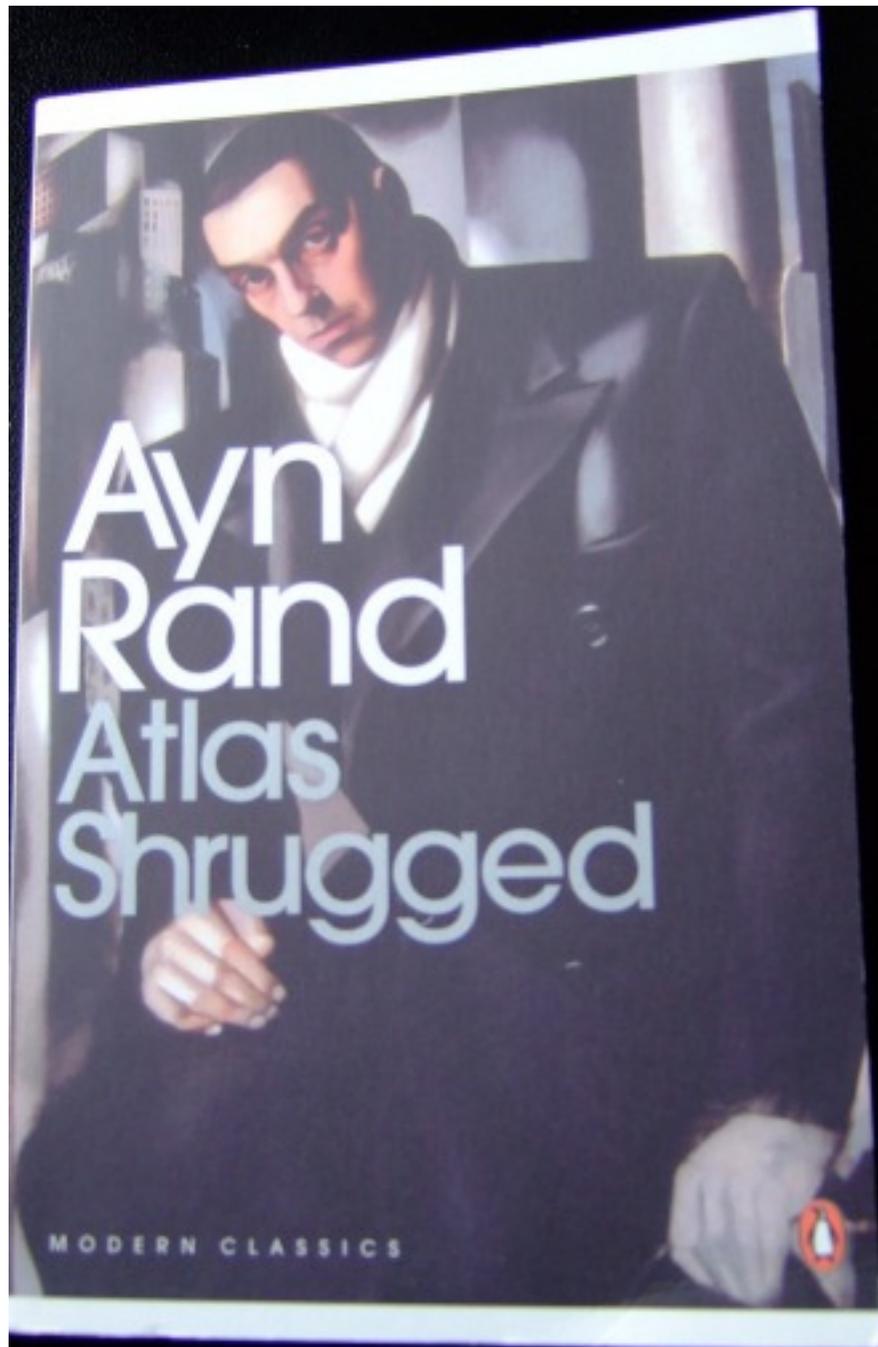
I was struck with shock and sadness when I heard you were leaving and was even more saddened when I heard you were leaving before the third term. I am hoping that I will get a chance to see you before you go to wish you farewell. I would like to take this opportunity - as I might not get the chance to again - to tell you how much I appreciate your lectures and more so your ability to communicate difficult ideas in a simple manner to myself and to my class.

I feel like the aerospace department is losing its father almost - but someone else out there will be gaining a father so I guess it all balances out.

It was an honour to be lectured by you and be sure that you will be missed by many.

Kind regards,
Tarek El Shabrawy
(Year-out at Airbus, having completed 3rd year Aero)

From Burcu and Doug



From Dr Chrystel Remillat and Professor Fabrizio Scarpa

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Miami


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Dear Abhishek,

We are both happy and sad that you are leaving. Happy because you are going to a better place where we are sure you will be appreciated as you deserve to be.

Sad because we are losing a friend and Bristol will be a duller place without you.

On the other hand, it gives us a strong motivation to go to

visit India (or at least some part of it)

We will make every effort to keep in touch and hope you will come to visit us as well.

We wish you the very best.

August Fabrice

To Our
Beloved :

DR. GUHA



- Be inspired
- Be OUTSTANDING
- Be EXCEPTIONAL



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done

According to 'SIMPLE STEPS, MAJOR IMPROVEMENT',

You are NOT an excellent student if:

- You do not include appropriate sketch and diagrams
- You do not draw an appropriate control volume or system boundary
- You do not mention the principal assumptions
- You do not write down intermediate steps of calculations
- You do not use consistent subscripts and notations

You will

We hope

Tom Hic

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You will be deeply missed by all of us

IN PARTICULAR:

Your 2nd Year Tutees

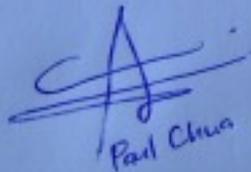
(no one else will miss you more than us. If they say they do, they are probably lying)

We hope that you will remember us as much as we remember you.

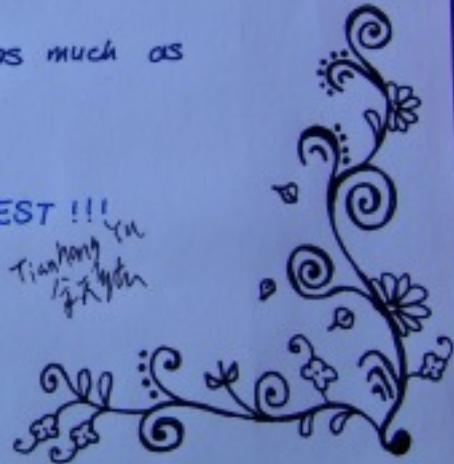
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Tom Thomas

Ryan Bradley


Paul Chua

Tianhong Yu
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SAYING GOODBYE TO YOU

is like doing Fluids & Thermodynamics
Example Sheets

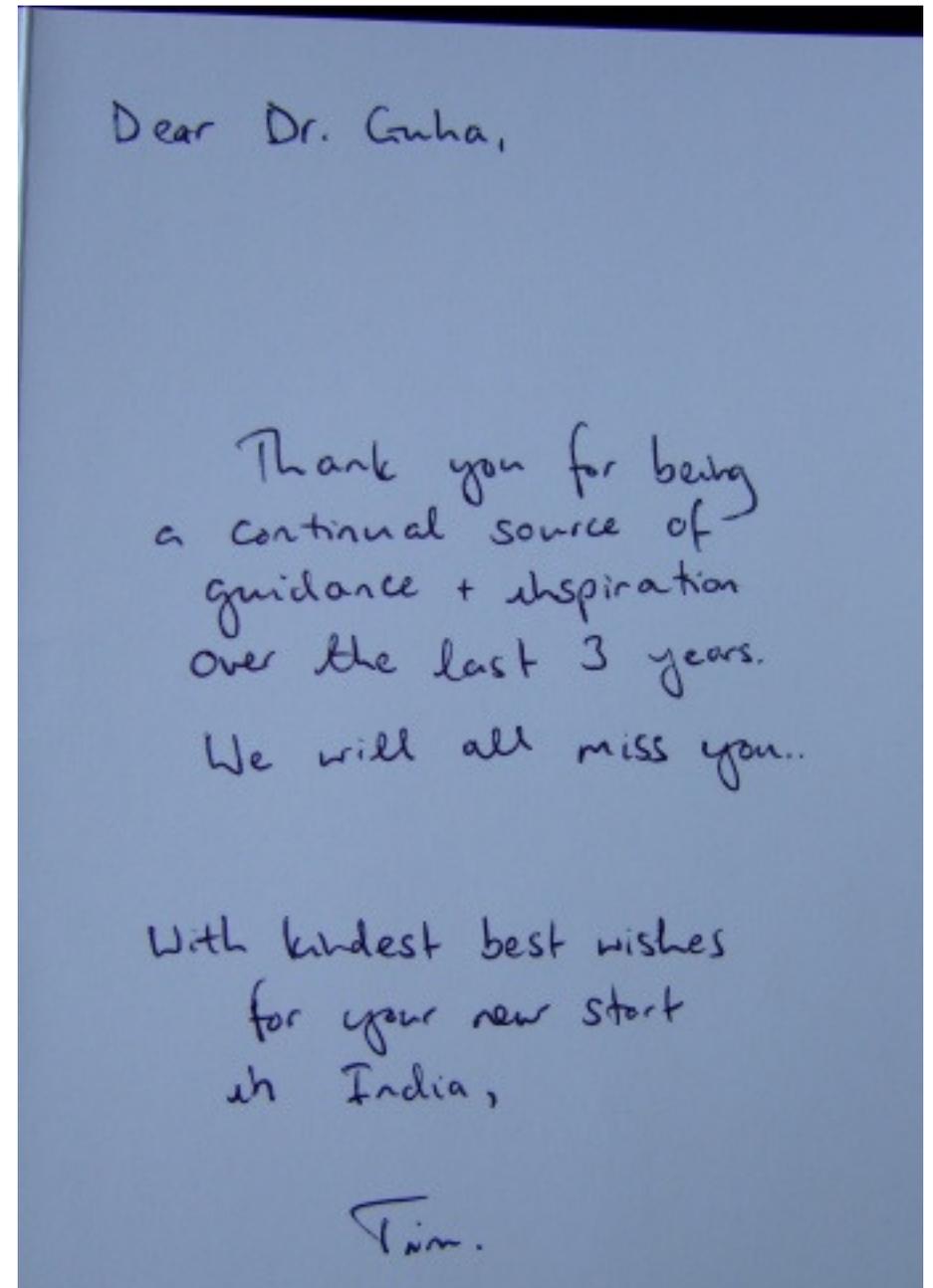
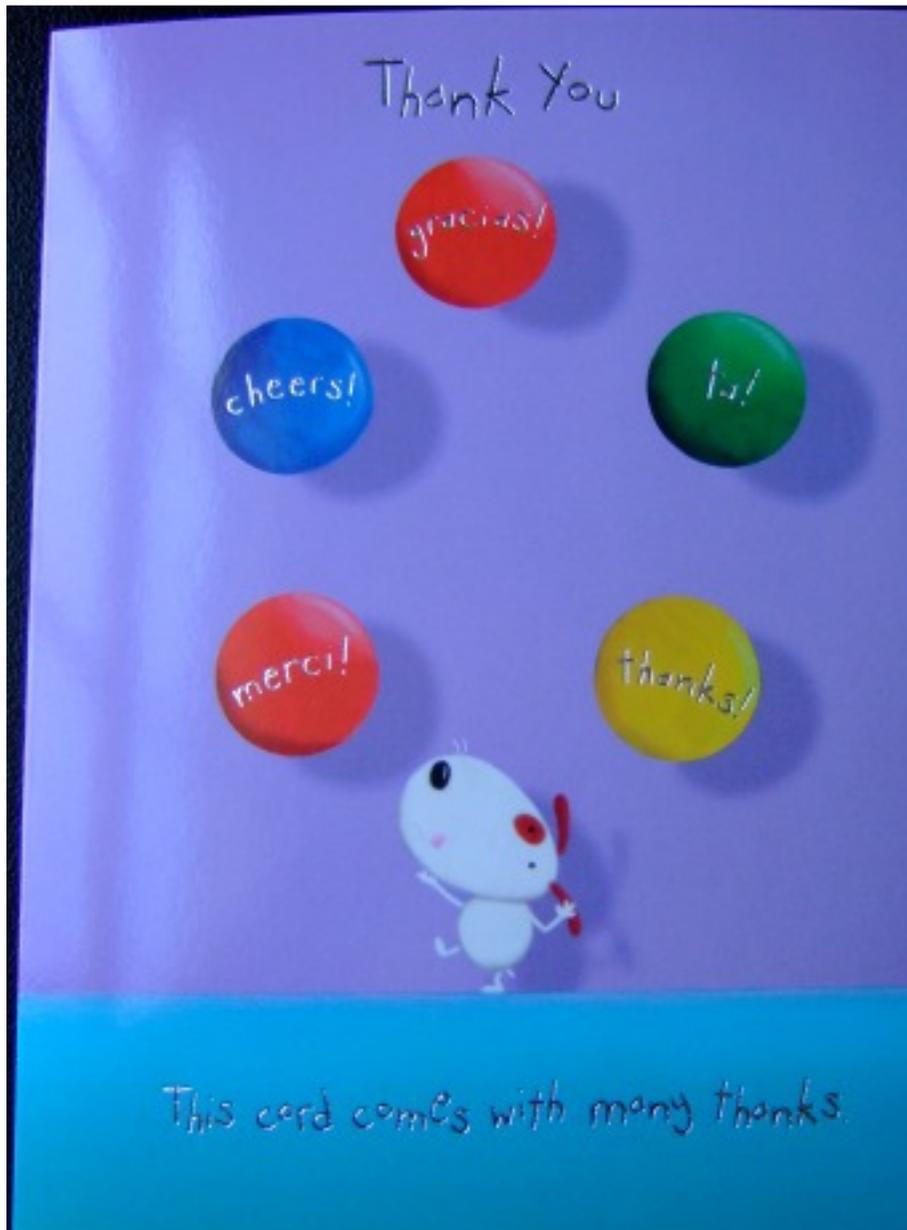
→ It's tough but it has to be done

From Anna McNicol



Dr Guha,
Just a quick note to say THANK YOU.
Your faith in us and individual concern
is inspiring and motivates me to work at it
hard and spend many hours solving problems.
You are such a talented teacher and the
extra effort you put in ^{with} ~~which~~ the enhancement
sessions really cemented the knowledge.
So thank you again for being 'excellent'
and best wishes in India. We will
remember you forever!
Anna McNicol
x x

From Tim Carew



From 1st Year Aeronautical Class



Sorry

you're

Leaving

From Aeronautical Colleagues

It's been a great pleasure to work with you. I shall miss our conversations in my darwing about... just about anything. My very best wishes for your new appointment,
Ankur.

Good luck in India!
Thank you for all your help
Chare :-
Best wishes -
Kalyan

Good luck!
Swach w.
Best wishes
Lindsay

Dear Abhijit,
hope you have a wonderful time in India. wishes you all the best
Regards Julia xx

As the best in the future in your new job.
Chir An

Dear Dr Gaha
Sorry that you were leaving. My Best wishes in your new career
Djamel. R.

Very best wishes for the future,
well wish you every honour.
Ivan

Abhijit
Wishin, you all best wishes - I have very much enjoyed working with you, which I have always found to be extremely stimulating.
Regards
Sandy

Thank you for all your years of service to the Dept. and for a generation of students with a rigorous grounding in fluids + thermo!
Wishing you all the best,
Mark L.

Best of luck for the future!
Will miss you all the best for the future.
Swach (Mys).
Dear Dr Gaha,
With you All the Very best for your future
cheers
Praveen

Best of luck for your future & we will miss you alot
Regards Ajithkumar

Abhijit,
It's been a pleasure knowing you. I wish all the best in returning to your roots. Good luck with the cricket! Stay in touch the world is a small place!
Best Wishes Sheela M.

Very best wishes for the future
Panesibis

Best of luck in your new ventures!
Panesibis

Best wishes for the future!
Panesibis

Dear Abhinav
I will really miss you!
Best wishes for your new future!
Janet

All the best wishes for your future.
Wish
It has been a pleasure working with you. The very best of luck
ASKIN

All the best wishes for your future.
Tom

The place won't be the same without you. Know I'm for Six! Best wishes
10M for Six!

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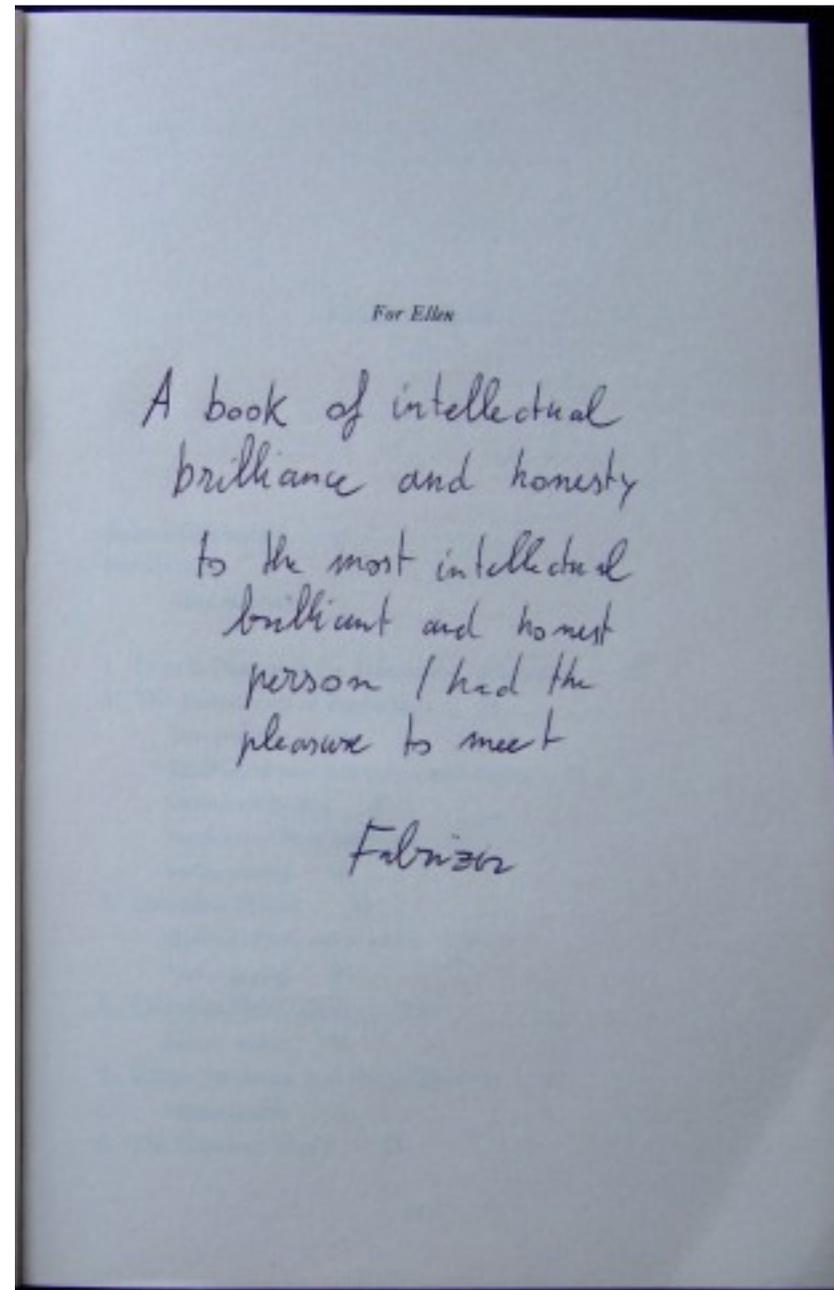
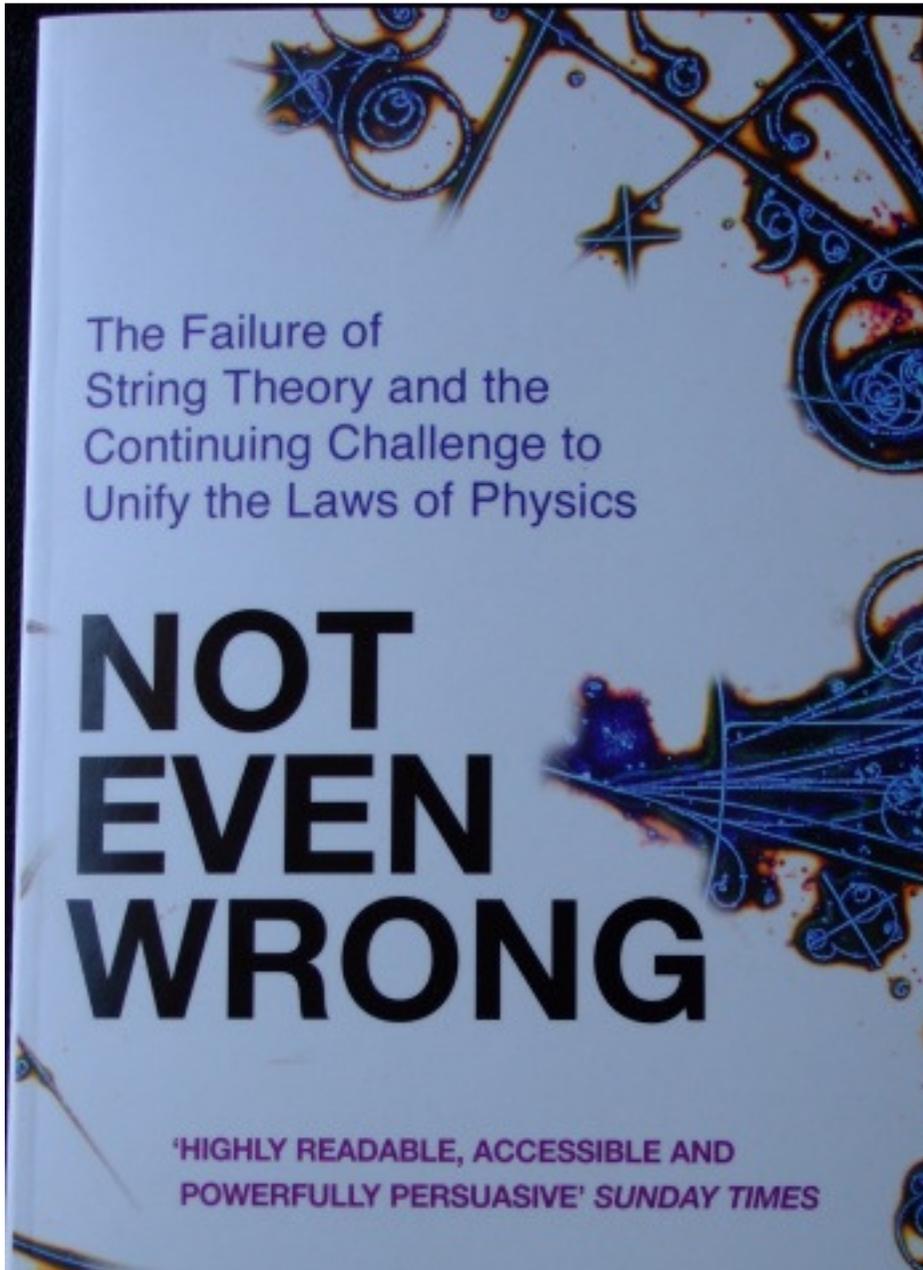
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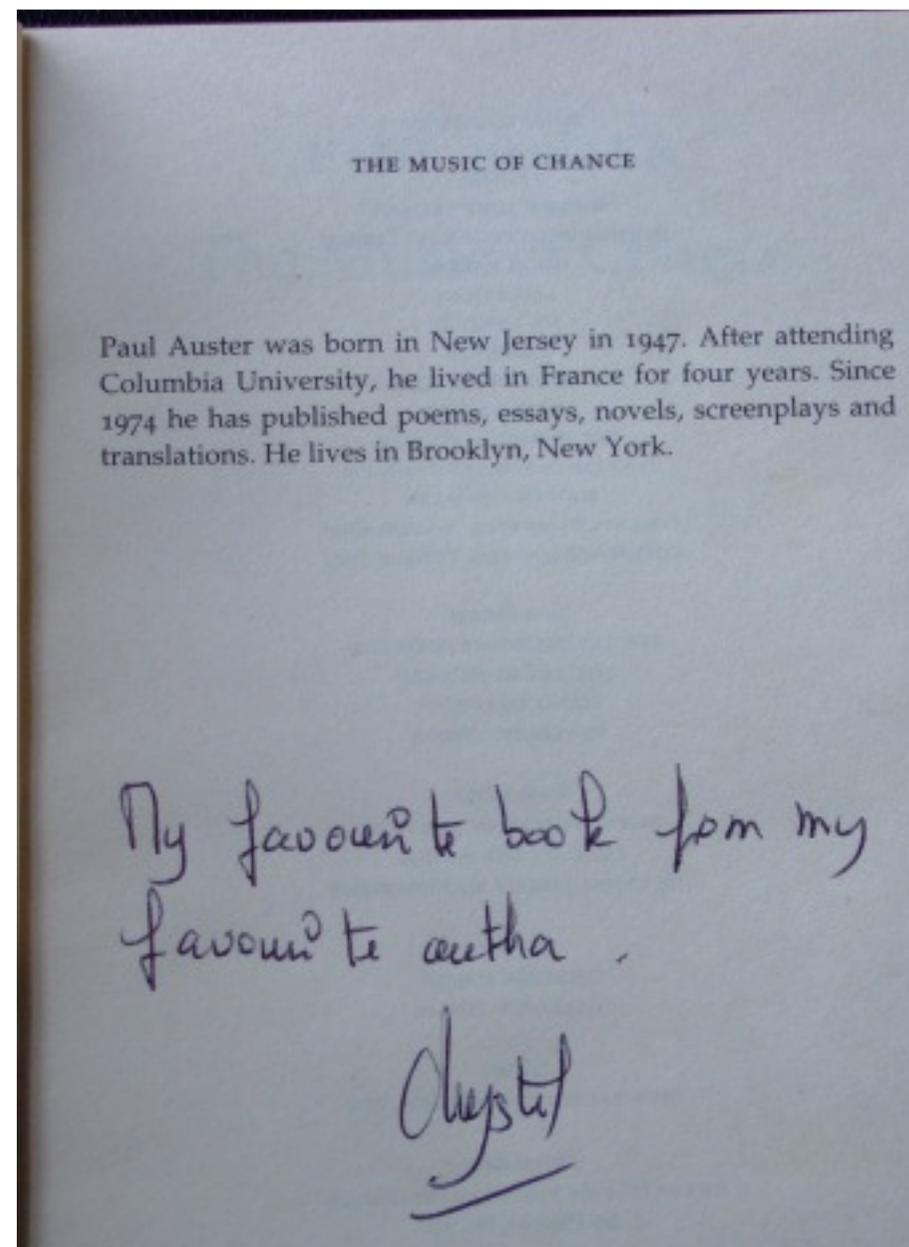
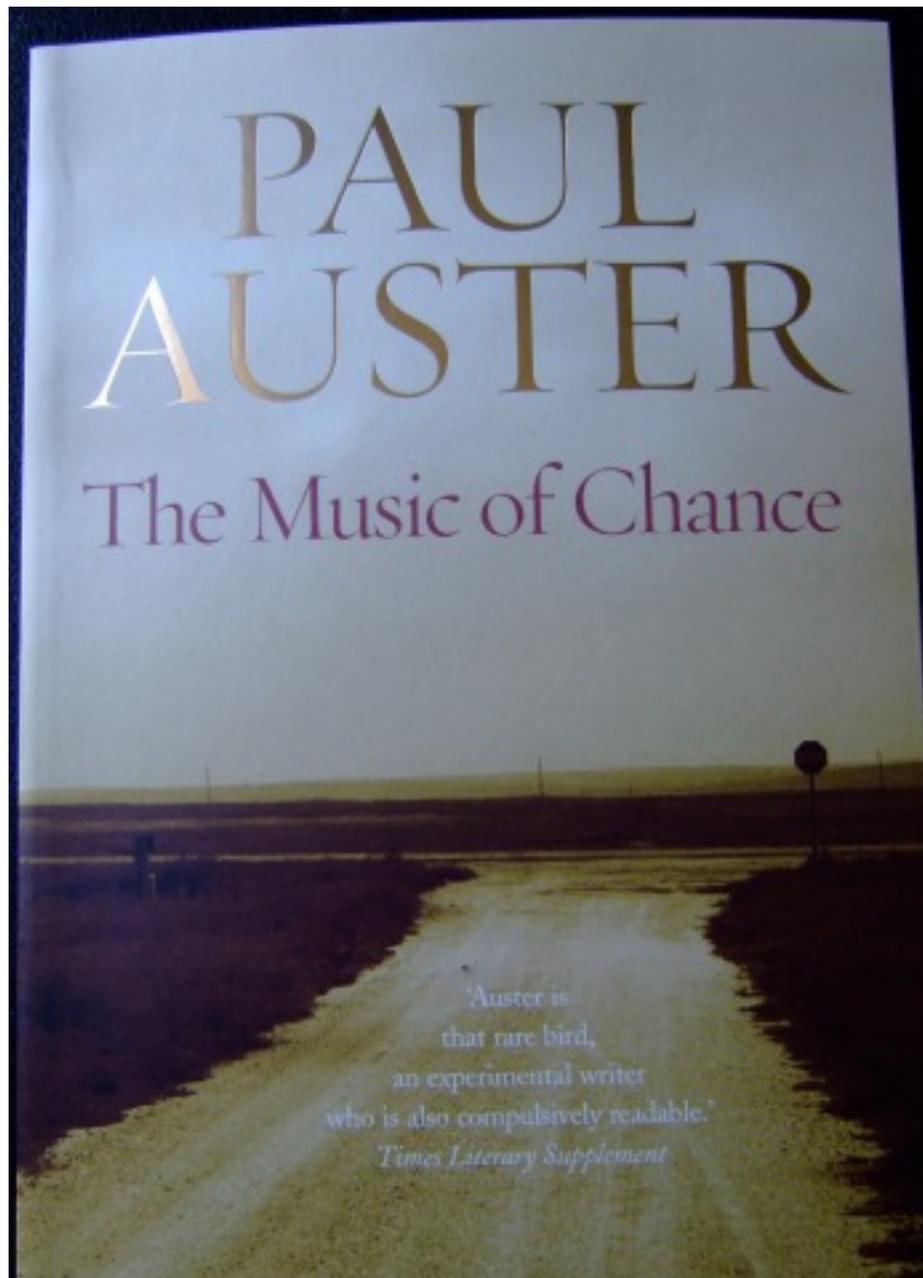
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For:
Dr. A. Guha

From:
Yianna Perikleous
Yo
Eng. Design

Date: 22 March 2009 00:52
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From: **Y Perikleous**
<yp7591@bristol.ac.uk>

To: Dr A Guha
<a.guha@bristol.ac.uk>

Subject: Re: Thank you
very much

Dear Dr. Guha,

I'm very glad you received
my sweets. They are
(supposed to be) Cypriot
truffles that I made myself!
It was basically a goodbye
gift from me in response to
your 'leaving' e-mail. I wish
you all the best in the future
and hope you have a nice
trip!

Best regards,
Yianna Perikleous

From Renate Stump

Dear Dr Cunha,
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It has been an absolute privilege to attend your lectures and work with you on a research project. When I look back at the time I have spent in Bristol I can think of many great moments and what you have shared and imparted to all of your students is a definite highlight.

I have never come across anybody who has raised the bar as high and you will be sorely missed by all those who recognise the unique qualities and talent that not only make you the best lecturer of all time but a genuinely kind person who skillfully motivates and inspires those around you.

I am sure you take with you just as many good memories. I have no doubt you will continue to do outstanding work in India. You will not be forgotten.

Thank you for thinking of and caring for the students.

All the very best,  
Renate



# work

I'm thinking about leaving, do you want to have a whip round for my present and I'll see if it's worth it



## From Damian Boylan

Dr Gupta,

Where to start? Thank you so much for your guidance, encouragement & support over the past four years.

As a lecturer in first year you were unquestionably the most thought provoking and inspiring. As year tutor for the first three years of study, you ensured tutorials were never a chore. I always appreciated the interest you displayed in our progress and personal life (if only all tutors did!). And of course, finally to have you as an advisor to the final year research project was the icing on the cake!

Your commitment to our progress throughout the project undoubtedly far outshone that of any others, and for that I am tremendously grateful. To have been able to write the paper with you has been an insightful

experience and a true privilege.

It is certainly a shame to see you leave, but I can only be grateful to have had your presence as a formative part of my University experience. What is Bristol's loss, I'm sure will be a real gain to so many over at IIT. I wish you every success for your new role and will certainly keep in touch to see how things progress.

I myself will continue on the journey with the aim of one day becoming outstanding.

All the very best, thank you.

Damian

**From 1st Year + 3rd Year Tutees**

Dr. Guha,

Thank you very much for the superb teaching you have delivered over the year. I will miss our numerous tutorials very much. Have a successful time in India. Look out for a new type of alarm clock!

Nick Monk,

James Francis

Alex McEay-Williams

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Meen Diron

Dr. Guha,

Thank you so much for helping us through out these 3 years. We wish you all the best in India and hopefully we will stay in touch. Thank you!

Azri Ansari

Harpal Singh

Douglas French

It was an absolute privilege to be part of your tutor group. Thank you, stay in touch.

Tim Cozew

JEFF KAHLON

## From Neel Patel

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20<sup>th</sup> March 2009

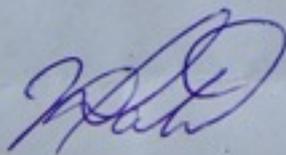
Dr A. Guha  
Department of Aerospace Engineering  
University of Bristol  
Queen's Building  
University Walk  
Bristol  
BS8 1TR

Dear Dr A. Guha,

I am very sorry to hear of your leaving the university; however this being said, I have no doubt that this will lead you to bigger and better things. As a student in my fourth and final year I can say I have had the pleasure of being taught by you at every opportunity. Let me say that I have thoroughly enjoyed every lecture and class taught by you. You have been an inspiration throughout the degree and although I have strived to become 'excellent' I have been far from it. I am very proud to be able to say that I have been taught by the great Dr Guha; words which I will undoubtedly repeat when your fame becomes more prominent.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for extending your wealth of knowledge to me and wish you the very best for the future. Hopefully our paths may cross at some point in the future.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr Neel Narendra Patel  
MEng (Hons) (Aeronautical Engineering) Final Year

neel\_patel@hotmail.co.uk

## From Tim Carew

20/03/09

Dear Dr. Guha,

As soon as I heard you were leaving the University, I knew I would be writing you this letter. Since you have been such a big part of my University career, and had such a profound influence on my attitude towards it, I thought it was <sup>only</sup> ~~right~~ <sup>thoughtful</sup> right to leave you with a record of ~~them~~ <sup>my thoughts</sup> that you could always keep (I know you are fond of such things). I hope the following is a precise, accurate and complete reflection of my feelings.

May I firstly say what a distinct honour it ~~has~~ is, ~~been~~ not only to have been one of your pupils, but also a member of your tutor group. I can recall many occasions when myself and the other tutees have found ourselves in need of a "chat with Guha"; sometimes to draw strength when times were hard, sometimes to draw inspiration on how we could better ourselves during our time here. I have always felt at a slight advantage to other colleagues in my year group, and though our tutor group sessions are no more, I think I always will be. The Department will feel a slightly colder place with your leaving, and though at first it may feel like I've lost my secret weapon in the battle against Summer exams (!), in reality I won't have, as you have prepared us in the best possible way for any academic challenges that lie ahead. I will never forget the invaluable advice you have passed on during our time together.

P.T.O.

I would like to wish you the very best of luck in your new post at I.I.T., and hope you continue to inspire pupils there in the same way as you inspired me. Know that every time your research is not quite going as you would like, a procession of students will be waiting to inspire and give you strength also.

Please stay in touch. I will of course let you know how I get on during the rest of my time here in Bristol, and hope one day to inform you that I secured my dream job in Formula One, or write asking for advice on securing a PhD at Cambridge. Everyday I find myself more inspired by the academic world in which I feel so comfortable, I'm not sure I could ever leave it. Only time will tell for me.

Thank you for everything you have done with the last 3 years; I couldn't possibly list them all, else this letter would be much longer! There is one final thing however, that I would like to thank you for;

Thank you for starting me on the path to becoming outstanding.

Best wishes,

Tim Carver

## **From Meriem Allouache**

**Date:** 18 March 2009 15:27 +0000  
**From:** "Meriouma Allouache, Engineering 01"  
<Meriouma.Allouache.01@bristol.ac.uk>  
**To:** Abhijit Guha <A.Guha@bristol.ac.uk>  
**Cc:** Meriouma.Allouache.01@bristol.ac.uk  
**Subject:** About your leaving!

Dear Dr. Guha,

This undoubtedly will be a loss not only to the whole department including students but also the university.

I pray to God that you will continue to have a continuous and exceptional success in all what you offer for research and teaching for students. Also, a great popularity especially amongst students who have always loved you and found you very exceptional not only in your quality of teaching but also the atmosphere you provide in the classroom during one hour lecture that is very enjoyable and different from other lectures. We even have had some time for fun and jokes that you provided from time to time.

The thing that I am sure every student will keep in his memory is that You have always been a very different lecturer who encourages meditation, profound understanding and even perfection through trying, dedication and meditation. Even if we forget some of the notions and we don't go back to the lecture notes, I am sure every student will remember the advice that you give about how we should reflect our understanding and make personal and intellectual judgments and how we should see, live and look at life.

I wish you all the very best,

Hope to hear from you soon about the details of your leaving.

Regards,

Meriem.

Meriem Allouache, PhD Student.

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## **From Jake Noden**

**Date:** 17 March 2009 22:21 +0000  
**From:** J Noden <[jn8446@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:jn8446@bristol.ac.uk)>  
**To:** Dr A Guha <[a.guha@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:a.guha@bristol.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:** Leaving

**Dr Guha,**

**As a first year rep for Aeronautical Engineering i would like to relay to you how we think about you as a group.**

**All of us have been very very grateful for the time and effort you have put in for us, giving all the extra hours for our Learning Enhancement sessions, which were well attended. It shows how great your lectures must be as Fluids and Thermodynamics has the best attendance from our course, hopefully subtle things like that help to show how truly appreciated you are.**

**You have made a very hard subject seem so much easier and it is thanks to you that some of us feel so confident about extremely difficult concepts.**

**It is a very sad shame that you are leaving us come Easter, but I'm sure I speak on behalf of all of us in wishing you the very best of luck as a Full Professor in India. . . you are a deserved professor in our eyes! Although we have only had lectures from you for two terms i can safely say that the group has been enlightened by your expertise.**

**Thank you very much for enriching our learning over the last 20 weeks. Good luck in the future.**

**All the best**

**Jake Noden (1st year Aero rep)**

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## **From Madeleine Jones**

**Date:** 17 March 2009 23:15 +0000  
**From:** M Jones <[mj7855@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:mj7855@bristol.ac.uk)>  
**To:** Dr A Guha <[a.guha@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:a.guha@bristol.ac.uk)>  
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**Thank you again and best wishes,**

**Madeleine Jones  
2nd Year Engineering Mathematics**

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## **From Patrick Boyle**

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**Subject:** Leaving

**Hi Dr Guha,**

**It's great that a lecturer takes so much pride in his students! I, like many others, have really enjoyed being taught by you these last few years and it's a shame the future students of Bristol University won't get to witness the legend that is 'Guha'.**

**I wish you the best of luck in the future and congratulations on becoming a Professor - you thoroughly deserve it!**

**Take care,**

**Patrick Boyle**

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## **From Eloise Taysom**

**From:** "ESJ Taysom" <et8966@bristol.ac.uk>

**To:** Guha.A@rediffmail.com

**Subject:** Fluids and Thermodynamics

**Date:** Wed, 11 Mar 2009 22:38:06 IST

**Dear Dr Guha,**

**Thank you very much for all of your lectures and extra classes. They've been thoroughly enjoyable and I've very much appreciated having such a challenging and interesting course. It's very satisfying to be given a rigorous explanation of the theory especially amongst so many coursework based units.**

**I am very sorry that you are leaving as this will be a great loss to students and the department!**

**Best wishes,  
Eloise Taysom**

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**From Robin Shimmin**

**Date:** 18 March 2009 17:50 +0000  
**From:** R Shimmin <[rs8933@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:rs8933@bristol.ac.uk)>  
**To:** Dr A Guha <[a.guha@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:a.guha@bristol.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:** Leaving

**Dear Dr Guha**

**I am honoured to have been taught by you over the past few months, your dedication and enthusiasm for the subject of fluids and thermodynamics has definitely rubbed off on all of your students. I think it is brilliant the amount of effort you put into the subject to help others experience the thrill in which you must of felt during your first encounter with fluids and thermodynamics. I wish you well in your future career.**

**Regards**

**Robin Shimmin**

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**From Hannah Crabtree**

**Date:** 10 March 2009 21:28 +0000  
**From:** H Crabtree <[hc7327@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:hc7327@bristol.ac.uk)>  
**To:** guha.a@rediffmail.com  
**Cc:** a.guha@bristol.ac.uk  
**Subject:** Thank you

Dear Dr Guha,

Just a note to express my sincere gratitude for all your hard work through the course of the year, with the lectures and particularly the extra learning enhancement sessions. I don't think we can really appreciate the effort you have put into the course, but I for one am extremely grateful.

Your enthusiasm for your subject is both inspirational and infectious, and while I have to admit that in general I find Fluids and Thermodynamics one of the most challenging units of the year, it is also by far the most satisfying; creating a compulsion to solve problems that initially seem insurmountable, and the feeling upon completing a solution is incredibly uplifting.

May I also take this opportunity to say that you will be sorely missed, and to wish you all the best for the future, I hope that your new job will be equally satisfying and inspiring to you and your future students.

Best Wishes, and Many Thanks,

HannaH Crabtree

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EngMat

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**Subject:** Leaving

Dr Guha,

I was not aware you were leaving, what a great loss for the university.

I did not always enjoy our first year lectures it is true to say, I did not always share your passion for fluids and thermodynamics or indeed gas turbine cycles in 3rd year! Nevertheless I found your lectures and notes to be excellent and a testament to the passion you put into your teaching, a factor which sets you apart from the majority of your contemporaries. I might add that your sense of humour also went down very well!

All the best for your move to India. I hope you manage to enthuse your students over there as well as you have done here.

Alex Nail

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## **From Stuart Watt**

**Date:** 17 March 2009 23:53 +0000  
**From:** SA Watt <[sw8540@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:sw8540@bristol.ac.uk)>  
**To:** Dr A Guha <[a.guha@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:a.guha@bristol.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:** Leaving

Dear Dr Guha,

My name is Stuart, I am one of your first year aeronautics students  
I just wanted to give my sincerest thanks for  
all the knowledge and wisdom you have imparted upon me in the past 6  
months. You are a truly inspiring lecturer and you have me determined to  
be the best engineer and thermodynamicist (I apologise for the spelling) I  
can possibly be. Even though I am sure that you will thrive in your new  
position I wish you luck and hope that you will enjoy it.  
Kindest Regards.

Stuart

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**From Tom Matthews**

Date: 18 March 2009 15:57 +0000

From: "T Matthews, Engineering 04" <[tm4096@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:tm4096@bristol.ac.uk)>

To: [a.guha@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:a.guha@bristol.ac.uk)

Subject: Goodbye and Good Luck

Dear Dr Guha,

May I take the opportunity to thank you for your teaching during my first year in 2004/5. I think you brought a quality to your lectures that other lecturers would not even consider to be in the remit of their work.

Four years on, here are some of the highlights for me:

- students having the opportunity to get up in front of the class and be more involved in the lectures
  
- simple steps, major improvement, and the method of dealing with multi-variable problems.
  
- Your attempt to eradicate the word basically, which I fear is a form of disease in the Bristol student community.
  
- Your affirmation of my key principle when it comes to exam time, and learning written material in general - repetition pays!
  
- Your attention to the 'bigger picture' of a student's learning - providing the inspiration and advice as well as the material.

Over my years of study, many lecturers have misinterpreted the phrase 'inspire you to learn' and taken it to mean that their job does not involve any form of teaching, feedback or measurement of students' progress. I know that you were always keen to gauge the abilities of the students and took every opportunity to enable us to demonstrate our learning.

Best wishes for your next chapter,

Tom Matthews

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## **From Ali Jaffery**

**Date:** 10 March 2009 12:04 +0000  
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**To:** Dr A Guha <[a.guha@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:a.guha@bristol.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:** Fluids & Thermodynamics

**Hi,**

**Being an Engineering designer, and seeing a multitude of departments and their lectures, from the first year at least, I can say that you are the best lecturer that we have had, and am gutted that you are leaving (since I wanted to do the units taught by you!)**

**I am upset to hear that you are leaving and won't be here after the Easter.**

**Your enthusiasm for your subject has helped in my determination and work, and you have set a model example role for all lecturers in the UK. I wish you all the best wherever you are heading, and already know that you would continue to research and prove successful in the field of fluids and thermodynamics (like your VKI lectures!)**

**All the best,**

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**Ali Jaffery**  
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**From Hussam EL-Sheikh**

**From:** H EL-Sheikh [he8747@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:he8747@bristol.ac.uk)

**To:** [Guha.A@rediffmail.com](mailto:Guha.A@rediffmail.com)

**Subject:** **Fluids and Thermodynamics Chapter 4 is a Modern Masterpiece**

**Dear Dr Guha,**

**I feel as if I must write to you concerning Fluids and Thermodynamics, chapter 4- the first law of thermodynamics. As I think that no book can do more for the teaching of thermodynamics.**

**Together with the learning enhancement sessions you have made the subject of thermodynamics very accessible, in fact in the last enhancement session it was exhilaration solving the gas turbine problem as a class. I think chapter 4 is key to the understanding of thermodynamics in this term and it has been written in such a way so that it can be understood easily. So for all those reasons I believe:**

**Fluids and Thermodynamics, Chapter4 The First Law of Thermodynamics  
By Dr Abhijit Guha is a modern masterpiece.**

**Yours faithfully  
Hussam EL-Sheikh**

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## From Greg Tremain

**From:** G Tremain <gt8362@bristol.ac.uk>

**To:** guha.a@rediffmail.com

**Subject:** Fluids and Thermodynamics

**Date:** Thu, 05 Mar 2009 05:00:30 IST

**Cc:** a.guha@bristol.ac.uk

**Dr Guha**

I was sad to hear that you're leaving Bristol university, as I've found your Fluids and Thermodynamics course the most interesting, influential and satisfying of all the courses we do. Obviously there's a lot of work, but there always will be if you're aiming to be your best. Fluids and Thermodynamics, especially applied to jet engines, has got me interested and I hope I may be able to pursue it later on in the degree, if I'm capable of it!

Good luck in the next path of your career, and I'm sorry that I couldn't have learnt more from you in this field.

Best wishes

Greg Tremain

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**From C. Liang**

**From:** C Liang [cl8066@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:cl8066@bristol.ac.uk)  
**To:** [guha.A@rediffmail.com](mailto:guha.A@rediffmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fluids and Thermodynamics  
**Date:** Thu, 12 Mar 2009 06:48:38 IST

**Dear Dr. Guha**

**This course has been one of the most challenging, yet exciting course to me. I feel very fortunate to have such a dedicated lecturer to teach this subject. Your way of teaching makes this course very digestible and interesting to all students. I like how you encourage students to participate in class and throw a joke of two once in a while to ease the tension.**

**I have missed out on the first two enhancements sessions due to my lack of discipline but I forced myself to go to the third one and found it extremely helpful. Honestly, I thought 3 hours of enhancement session would be a total pain, but it turned out to be very unique, enjoyable, and went by really fast. Thus, I also attended the last enhancement session, not only for the education but also for my personal interest.**

**You have made fluids and thermodynamics an exciting and addictive course, and I would like to thank you for such a great educational experience and opportunity.**

**Lastly, I would like to wish you good luck with what ever is ahead of you.**

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**From Tarek El Shabrawy**

**Date: 07 March 2009 13:09 +0000**  
**From: T El Shabrawy <[te5074@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:te5074@bristol.ac.uk)>**  
**To: A.Guha@bristol.ac.uk**  
**Subject:**

**Dear Dr. Guha,**

**I was struck with shock and sadness when I heard you were leaving and was even more saddened when I heard you were leaving before the third term. I am hoping that I will get a chance to see you before you go to wish you farewell. I would like to take this opportunity - as I might not get the chance to again - to tell you how much I appreciate your lectures and more so your ability to communicate difficult ideas in a simple manner to myself and to my class.**

**I feel like the aerospace department is losing its father almost - but someone else out there will be gaining a father so I guess it all balances out.**

**It was an honour to be lectured by you and be sure that you will be missed by many.**

**Kind regards,**

**Tarek El Shabrawy**

From Kate Arbuthnot

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Dear Dr Gupta,

25<sup>th</sup> March 2009

I wanted to write to you personally so I could express my gratitude. I have found my first year of engineering particularly challenging, with such a range of new concepts and so little time to digest them it has been an interesting adventure!

The maths I have found does not progress much from Further Maths but it is approached in a different manner at a much faster pace...

This is roughly the same problem for all the subjects, apart from yours.

You have the ability to break down the most difficult concepts we approach as first years and to explain them with such clarity.

When we first arrived at Bristol it was often said to

us how lucky we were to have you, Only now do I realise how right they were, my only regret is not to have been taught by you for longer.

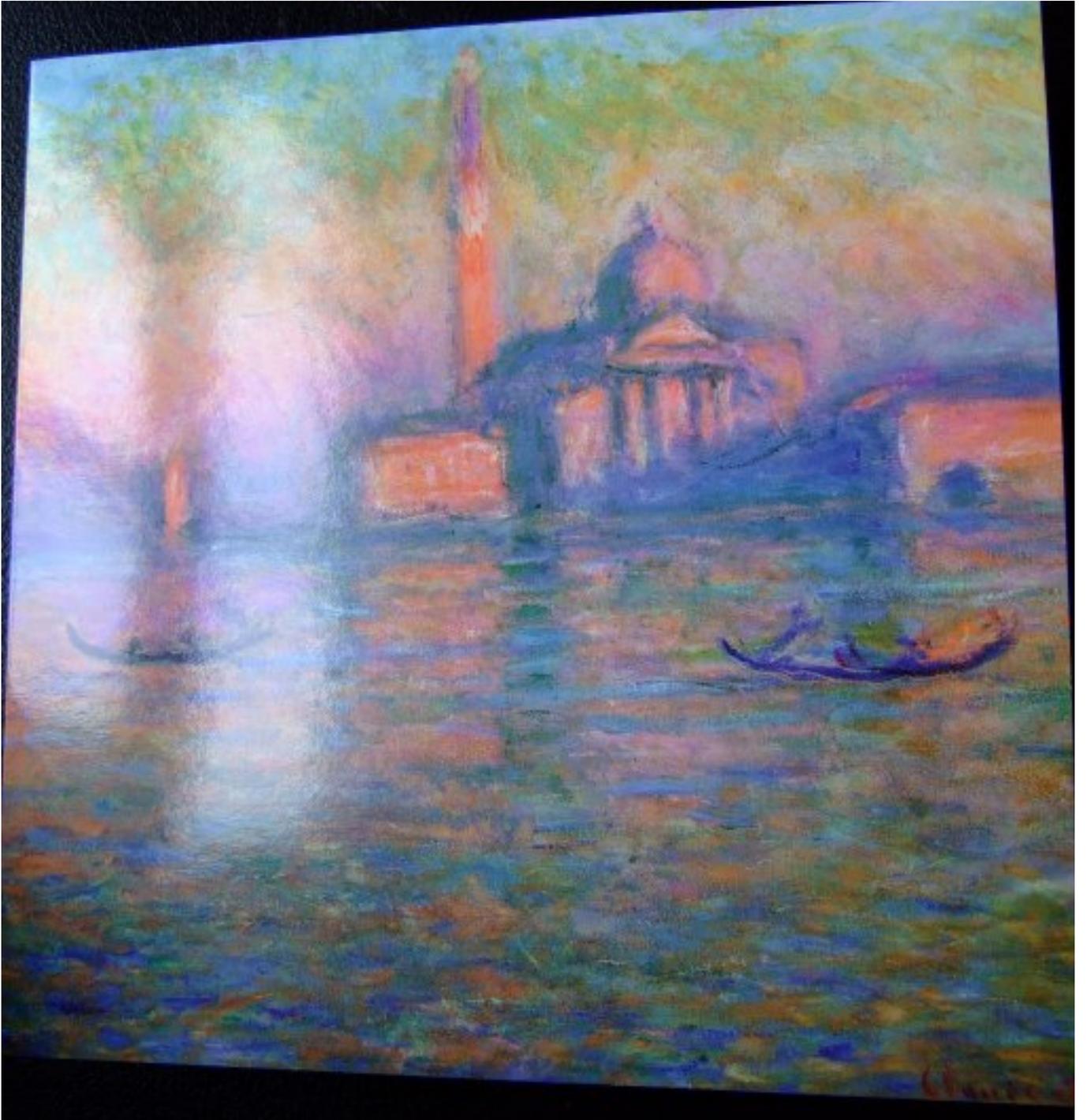
Having been inspired by you for the past two terms I was hoping to continue your subject to be taught by you again in fourth year, but this is when I realised it is indeed your subject. - No other teacher could approach it in the way you have done! This will not put me off learning it in the future but it has prompted me to come up with a more unique name for your classes which are unique themselves:

'Dr Gupta's Lessons in Excellence'.

Thank you so much for everything you have taught us all. Good Luck with your professorship and I hope to meet you again!

Kate ARGUTHNOT eng design

**From Paul Gallagher**

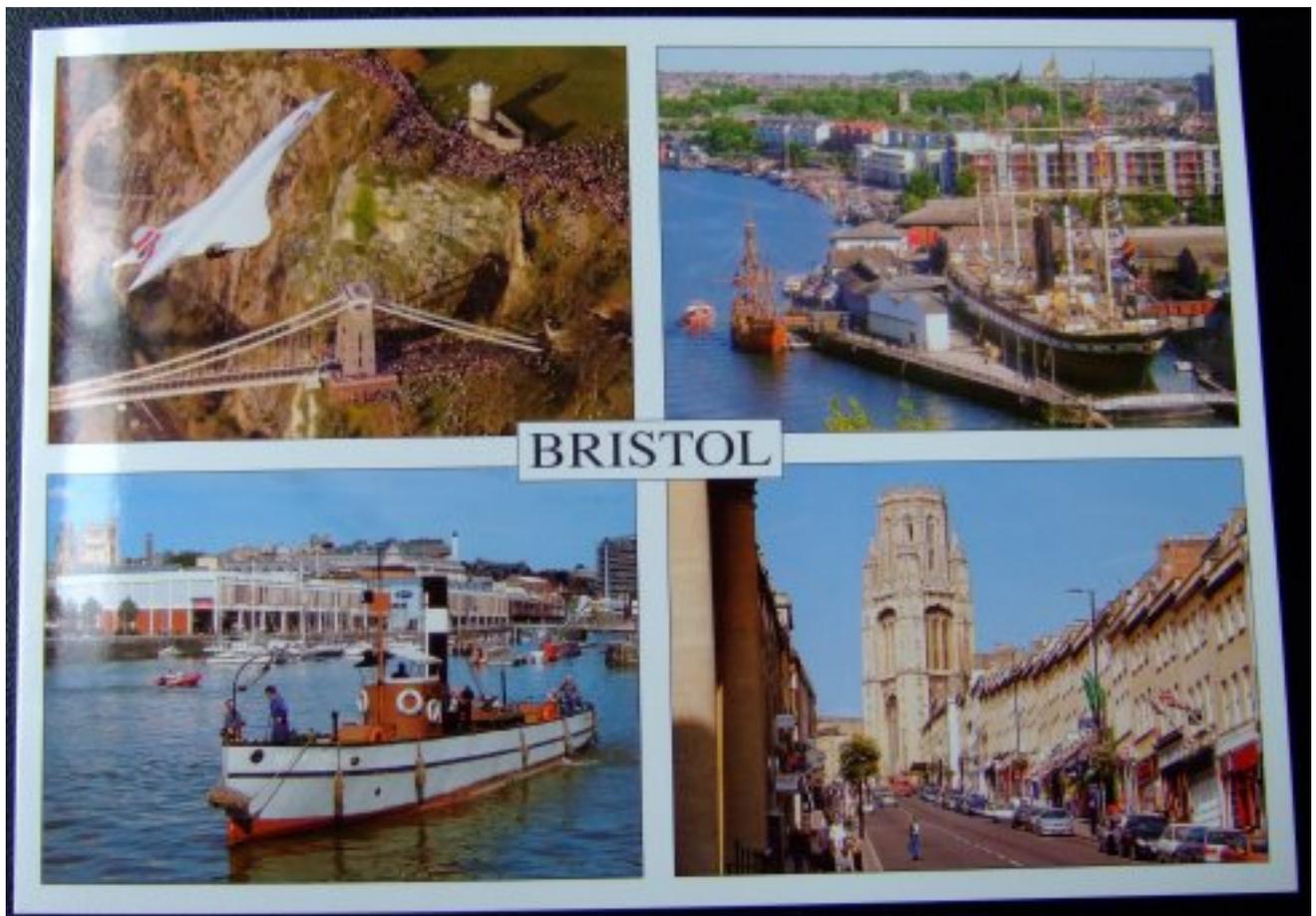
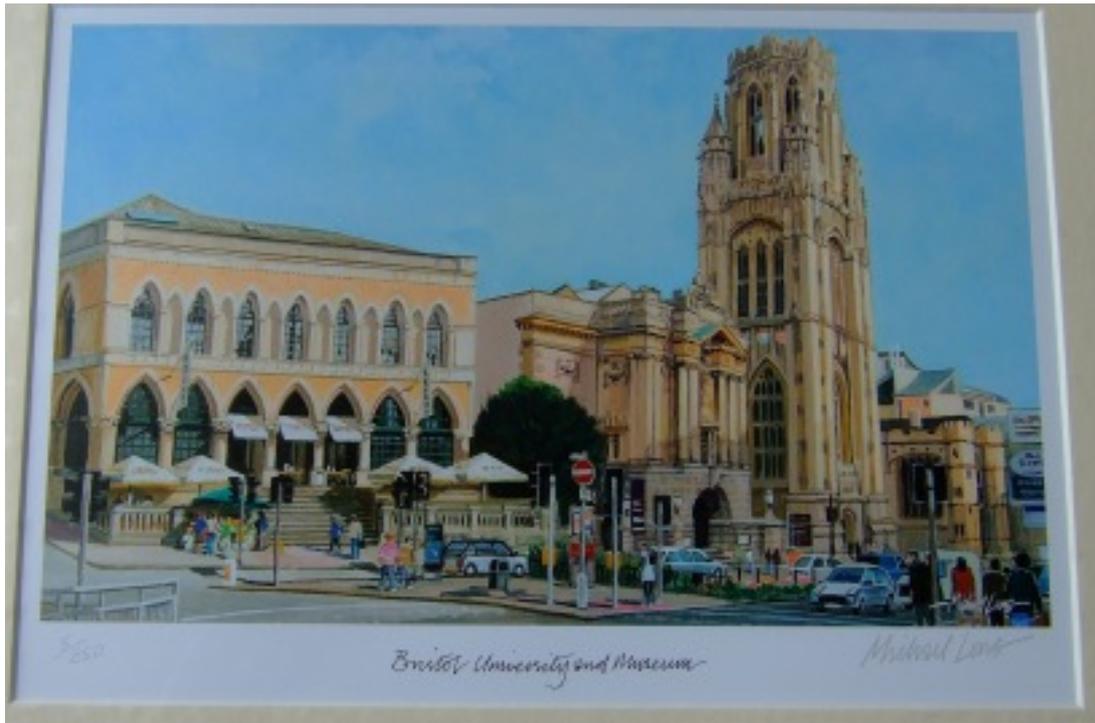


Dear Dr Guha,

Thank you for giving so much of your time to help me & Damian complete the research project & paper. It was greatly appreciated, especially given that you were doing this at the same time as you were preparing to leave the country. You have been a truly fantastic mentor and tutor and you will be missed. One of the big factors in me deciding to attend Bristol University was your obvious enthusiasm when you interviewed me, and I won't forget the effort & enjoyment you showed towards any subject you taught. It rubbed off on me and many of my classmates.

I hope you have a wonderful time back in India and that you continue to inspire your students in the same way that you inspired me. Thank you.

Paul



From Students from Algeria at Bristol

Dear Dr. Guha,  
 Sorry you are leaving!  
 Wishing you All the very  
 Best in All what you undertake...  
 We will always remember you, you  
 inspiring ideas, advice, trick as well as  
 you clever & funny jokes :)  
 All the Best

MEIEM ALLOUACHE

Dear Dr. Guha  
 I am sad that you are leaving us,  
 though I wish you all the best of  
 luck in your future endeavours.  
 You have been very inspiring  
 and I will always remember  
 those very enjoyable lectures  
 and valuable advice. You  
 will be very missed.  
 Thank you for everything.  
 You taught us  
 Nadjib Baghladi  
 Year 2002-2003

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To Dr. Guha,  
 Wishing you all  
 the Best in your  
 new career.  
 Thank you  
 Nadjib Hammoudi

Dear Dr. Guha,  
 Wishing all the best  
 in your future endeavours.  
 Thank you for inspiring me  
 and countless others, I am  
 sure, to be and I quote  
 "The best in the world"

Best Wishes  
 Ali Mokrane  
 your student 2001-2002

Dear Dr. Guha,  
 I guess this how life is,  
 people come and go, but  
 only few special ones manage  
 to leave nice memories  
 behind them. I wish you  
 all the best in your new  
 career and new life in  
 your home country.  
 Best regards & Thanks  
 Djamel Rezgui

## From Renate Stump

Thank you for thinking of and  
caring for the students.

All the very best,  
Renate

Dear Dr Cunha,  
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It has been an absolute privilege
to attend your lectures and work
with you on a research project.
When I look back at the time I
have spent in Bristol I can think
of many great moments and what
you have shared and imparted
to all of your students is a definite
highlight.

I have never come across anybody who
has raised the bar as high and you
will be sorely missed by all those
who recognise the unique qualities and
talent that not only make you the
best lecturer of all time but a
genuinely kind person who selflessly
motivates and inspires those around
you.

I am sure you take with you just as many
great memories. I have no doubt you
will continue to do outstanding work
in India. You will not be forgotten.

From Students from Algeria at Bristol

