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## NOTICES

### Calendar

15 May, *Thursday*. Ballot of the Regent House, voting closes at 5 p.m.

21 May, *Wednesday*. Easter Term divides.

23 May, *Friday*. Congregation of the Regent House at 10 a.m.

24 May, *Saturday*. Congregation of the Regent House at 10 a.m.

29 May, *Thursday*. Scarlet Day. Ascension Day.

3 June, *Tuesday*. Discussion by videoconference at 2 p.m.

8 June, *Sunday*. Scarlet Day. Whitsunday. Preacher before the University at 11.30 a.m., Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño, Global Migration Leader for the Council of Bishops and Strategic Leader for the Holistic Strategy for Latin America and the Caribbean of The United Methodist Church. Ramsden Preacher.

#### Discussions (Tuesdays at 2 p.m.)

3 June

17 June

#### Congregations (at 10 a.m. unless otherwise stated)

23 and 24 May

25 June, 2.45 p.m. (Honorary Degrees)

2, 3, 4 and 5 July (General Admission)

24, 25 and 26 July

## Amending Statutes for Hughes Hall

8 May 2025

The Vice-Chancellor gives notice that she has received from the Governing Body of Hughes Hall, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7(2) of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923, the text of proposed Statutes to amend the Statutes of the College. The current Statutes of the College and the proposed amendments are available on the College's website at <https://www.hughes.cam.ac.uk/about/policies-and-documents/statutes-revisions/>.

The Council will consider the amendments after 10 a.m. on Friday, 30 May 2025.

## Statutes approved

7 May 2025

The Registry has received notice from the Clerk of the Privy Council that His Majesty the King, at a Council held on 6 May 2025, was pleased to approve amendments to Statute A I, which were submitted in accordance with Grace 2 of 17 July 2024 following its approval by ballot.<sup>1</sup>

These changes introduce a single, non-renewable ten-year fixed term for the Chancellor and High Steward, replacing the existing term for life (but retaining the option for those officers to resign before the end of their term). They also confirm that the Senate's existing ability to remove a Chancellor or High Steward from office would be by approving a Grace submitted by the Council.

<sup>1</sup> *Reporter*, 6758, 2024–25, p. 106.

## Christmas and New Year closing: University Offices

8 May 2025

The Council has authorised the closure of the University Offices from 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 24 December 2025, until 8.30 a.m. on Friday, 2 January 2026. The University Messenger Service will not operate during the period of closure.

## Annual Report of the Council for the academic year 2023–24: Notice in response to Discussion remarks

8 May 2025

The Council has received the remarks made at the Discussion on 21 January 2025 on the above Report (including the General Board's Annual Report to the Council) (*Reporter*, 2024–25: 6762, p. 152 and p. 160; 6768, p. 238 and p. 240). This response also covers remarks on the Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2024 made at the Discussion on 18 March 2025 (*Reporter*, 2024–25: 6773, p. 294; 6778, p. 462). It has consulted with the General Board in preparing this response.

In its introduction, the Report notes changes to the Council's meeting schedule, to enable it to 'operate more strategically and show greater leadership in the context of large-scale institutional and external change'. Professor Evans suggests that talk of 'leadership' here and in other places in the Report sits uncomfortably with Cambridge's system of government by committee and notes the word's absence from the Statutes and Ordinances. Dr Astle questions the statement that the Council has 'sole responsibility for decisions about investments'. Statute A IV 1(a), to which Professor Evans points, describes the Council as 'the principal executive and policy-making body of the University... [with] general responsibility for the administration of the University, for the planning of its work, and for the management of its resources'. This sub-section (supported by other provisions in Statute) does two things: (1) it gives wide-ranging powers to manage the operations of the University directly to the Council, not by delegation from the Regent House, and (2) in so doing, it identifies the Council as the trustee body of the University. This provision (supported by others in Statute) states how these specific activities are to be 'done or determined', therefore the authority it grants to the Council is not subject to the residual authority of the Regent House under Statute A III 8. The Council is therefore the body that makes decisions on these matters, after considering all relevant information, including the views of the Regent House. The Council refers Professor Evans and Dr Astle to the guidance published by the Charity Commission for information on the responsibilities of charity trustees.<sup>1</sup> This includes responsibility for the investment of University funds on behalf of the University.

Professor Evans makes comments, unrelated to either of the Annual Reports, on changes made to examination regulations in a Notice published on 15 January 2025. Those changes enable the Examiners to recommend the award of the lower M.Sc. Degree to a candidate for the M.D. Degree where the candidate's thesis does not meet the requirements for approval for the M.D. Degree (*Reporter*, 6766, 2024–25, p. 226). Prior to these changes, the candidate had to submit their thesis for examination for the M.Sc. Degree in order to achieve the same outcome, i.e. two sets of Examiners (those for the M.D. and for the M.Sc. Degrees) considered the same thesis. It seems no need for a separate Report to make such a change to simplify procedures. Professor Evans also queries why the titles of individual M.Phil. courses are not listed in Special Ordinance B (i). This is because there is only one degree awarded – the M.Phil. Degree – but there are multiple subjects for examination leading to that degree. This is not the only such arrangement; for example, there are multiple Triposes leading to the award of the B.A. Degree, and there are multiple subjects for examination leading to the M.A.St. and M.St. Degrees. The M.D. Degree is not a qualification recognised as part of the vocational training for practising physicians.

The General Board expects to receive a paper at its meeting in May on the conclusion of the review to which Professor Evans refers concerning examination allowances, including consideration of examination re-sits.

Professor Evans draws attention to a statement in this year's Reports and Financial Statements about risks, specifically the:

inability to attract and retain the best academics and adequately resource professional staff through a failure to compete with escalating levels of international reward levels, growth in the University's complexity and scale, and high costs of living and housing in the Cambridge area.

She suggests that the reasons for those stated risks should be expanded to include the forced retirement of academic University officers by reason of age. The Council refers Professor Evans to the Retirement Policy and EJRA Review Group's report,<sup>2</sup> which explains how abolishing the Employer Justified Retirement Age (EJRA) for academic officers would have affected the age profile, vacancy creation and turnover for academic officers, making it more difficult for the University to attract the best academics.

The Council is submitting a Grace (Grace 1, p. 555) for the approval of its Annual Report for 2023–24 (which incorporates the General Board's Annual Report).

<sup>1</sup> See the Charity Commission guidance, including <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>; and <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charities-and-investment-matters-a-guide-for-trustees-cc14/charities-and-investment-matters-a-guide-for-trustees>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/cam-only/reporter/documents/ejra/EJRAReviewGroupReport2024.pdf> (University account required).

## AWARDS, ETC.

### Visiting Fellowships at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand

The University of Cambridge and the University of Canterbury have a reciprocal visitor exchange programme between the two universities entitled the Cambridge–Canterbury Exchange Programme.

Applications are invited for two visiting fellowships at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand. Academic staff members of any subject may apply. Further particulars may be obtained from the Strategic Partnerships Office at <https://www.strategic-partnerships.admin.cam.ac.uk/exchange-programmes>.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Strategic Partnerships Office by email to [strategicpartnerships@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:strategicpartnerships@admin.cam.ac.uk) or by post to The Old Schools, Trinity Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1TN. Applications must be submitted no later than **15 July 2025**.

## NOTICES BY THE GENERAL BOARD

### Fitzwilliam Museum Syndicate

#### With immediate effect

The General Board, on the recommendation of the Fitzwilliam Museum Syndicate, has approved changes to the membership of the Syndicate. The changes increase the number of co-opted members by one to five, to enable the Syndicate to add a further member with specialist knowledge, and revise the quorum.

By amending Regulations 1(d) and 3 of the General Board Regulations for the Fitzwilliam Museum Syndicate (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 649) to read as follows:

- [1.](d) not more than five persons co-opted by the Syndicate, provided that it shall not be obligatory for the Syndicate to co-opt any person or persons.
3. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless at least six members are present.

## OBITUARIES

### Obituary Notice

The Right Honourable TERENCE MICHAEL ELKAN BARNET, Baron ETHELTON, GBE, M.A., LL.M., Honorary Fellow of Corpus Christi College, formerly Master of the Rolls and sometime Chancellor of the High Court, died on 6 May 2025, aged 73 years.

## GRACES

### Graces submitted to the Regent House on 14 May 2025

The Council submits the following Graces to the Regent House. These Graces, unless they are withdrawn or a ballot is requested in accordance with the regulations for Graces of the Regent House (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 111), will be deemed to have been approved at **4 p.m. on Friday, 23 May 2025**. Further information on requests for a ballot or the amendment of Graces is available to members of the Regent House on the Regent House Petitions Site.<sup>§</sup>

1. That the Annual Report of the Council for the academic year 2023–24 (*Reporter*, 6762, 2024–25, p. 152) be approved.<sup>1</sup>
2. That the recommendations in paragraph 5 of the Joint Report of the Council and the General Board, dated 17 March 2025, on a change of name for the Wellcome Trust/Cancer Research UK Gurdon Institute (*Reporter*, 6776, 2024–25, p. 421) be approved.

<sup>1</sup> See the Council's Notice, p. 554.

<sup>§</sup> See <https://www.governance.cam.ac.uk/governance/key-bodies/RH-Senate/Pages/RH-Petitions.aspx> for details.

## ACTA

### Approval of Grace submitted to the Regent House on 30 April 2025

The Grace submitted to the Regent House on 30 April 2025 (*Reporter*, 6781, 2024–25, p. 538) was approved at 4 p.m. on Friday, 9 May 2025.

E. M. C. RAMPTON, *Registrar*

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## COLLEGE NOTICES

### Vacancies

*Murray Edwards*: President; tenure: from September 2026; closing date: 31 July 2025; further details: <https://www.murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk/about-us/work-us> and <https://www.minervasearch.com/current-opportunities/murrayedwards/>

*St John's College*: Development Director; closing date: 9 June 2025 at 9 a.m.; further details: <https://jobs.joh.cam.ac.uk/job/development-director> and <https://www.minervasearch.com/current-opportunities/stjohns/>

### Events

*Clare Hall*

#### The Betty Behrens Seminar on Classics of Historiography

Seminars will take place on the following Thursdays at 2.15 p.m., in the Richard Eden Suite, Clare Hall: 15 May (Carlo Ginzburg), 22 May (John Marincola), 29 May (Victoria Leonard), and 5 June (Robert Evans). For further details and booking see: <https://www.clarehall.cam.ac.uk/events/the-betty-behrens-seminar-on-classics-of-historiography-5/>

#### Betty Behrens Special Seminar: Arnaldo Momigliano's Historiography between Italy and England

Seminar on the historian Arnaldo Momigliano, featuring lectures by Carlo Ginzburg and Oswyn Murray and panel discussions, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 16 May 2025. For further details and booking see: <https://www.clarehall.cam.ac.uk/events/the-betty-behrens-seminar-on-classics-of-historiography-special-session/>

*Jesus College*

#### China Forum Seminar Series

A virtual seminar, 'Dominic Barton in conversation with Peter Nolan', will take place on Monday, 19 May 2025, from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., via Zoom; further details and booking: <https://www.jesus.cam.ac.uk/events/dominic-barton-conversation-peter-nolan>

## EXTERNAL NOTICES

### Oxford Notices

*Faculty of Law and All Souls College*: Regius Professorship of Civil Law; tenure: from 1 October 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter; closing date: 23 June 2025 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk>, vacancy ID: 179508

*Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences and Linacre College*: Margaret Ogilvie's Professorship of Ophthalmology; closing date: 16 June 2025 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk>, vacancy ID: 178129

*Worcester College*: Fixed-term Lectureship in English; tenure: one year from 1 October 2025; salary: £22,091–£24,411; closing date: 23 May 2025 at 9 a.m.; further details: <https://www.worc.ox.ac.uk/about/vacancies/english-lectureship-2025>

The Scott Opler Fellowship in Architectural History (Renaissance or Baroque); tenure: two years (2025–2027); stipend: £33,232 plus allowances; closing date: 4 June 2025 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.worc.ox.ac.uk/about/vacancies/the-scott-opler-fellowship-in-architectural-history>

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