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NOTICES

Calendar

7 October, *Wednesday*. First ordinary issue of the *Reporter* in the 2026–27 academic year.
 18 October, *Sunday*. Preacher before the University at 11.30 a.m., The Right Reverend Martin Seeley, of Jesus College, formerly Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and sometime Principal of Westcott House (*Select Preacher*).
 19 October, *Monday*. Ballot of the Regent House, voting opens at 10 a.m.
 20 October, *Tuesday*. End of first quarter of Michaelmas Term.
 29 October, *Thursday*. Ballot of the Regent House, voting closes at 5 p.m.

Discussions (Tuesdays at 2 p.m.)

10 November
 15 December

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

23 and 24 October
 28 November

Address by the Vice-Chancellor on 1 October 2026

The Vice-Chancellor delivered an address to the University on Thursday, 1 October 2026. In line with previous years, the text of the address is reproduced on p. 32 below.

Elections to the Council

7 October 2026

The Vice-Chancellor gives notice that an election is to be held to appoint eight members of the University Council for four years from 1 January 2027. Members are to be elected in the following classes under Statute A IV 2:

- (a) two from among the Heads of Colleges;
- (b) two from among the Professors, Clinical Professors, Readers and Professors (Grade 11);
- (c) four from among the other members of the Regent House.

The Council is the principal executive and policy-making body of the University. It has general responsibility for the administration of the University, for defining its mission, for the planning of its work, and for the management of its resources. The Council deals with relations between the University and the Colleges, and conducts negotiations with outside bodies on many matters (other than those relating directly to the educational and research programmes of the University, which are dealt with on its behalf by the General Board of the Faculties). It is responsible for the appointment or nomination of certain members of internal and external bodies, and for many student matters (excluding undergraduate admissions, which is a College concern). Further information about the Council is available to members of the University on the Council website (<https://www.governanceandcompliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/university-committees/university-council>). Questions about its work can be addressed to the Director of Governance and Compliance by emailing registrary@admin.cam.ac.uk.

The University is committed to equality, which includes supporting and encouraging all under-represented groups, promoting an inclusive culture, and valuing diversity. Nominations from groups that are under-represented on the Council are welcomed.

Reasons for serving on the Council

The Council of the University of Cambridge is one of the few principal bodies in the higher education sector with a majority of members elected from internal constituencies; most equivalent bodies are made up predominantly of external members. The Council draws its strength from the expertise, engagement, and scrutiny of its members – those elected in the classes noted above as well as its external and student members. It is key to the continuing success of the University that elections to the Council attract strong candidates who are willing to share their knowledge and commit their time for the benefit of the University as a whole.

Duties and responsibilities of Council members

The University is both an exempt charity,¹ and a corporation established by common law. Council members are therefore both charity trustees of the University and, effectively, its corporate directors. They have associated legal responsibilities and duties, including the promotion of the interests of the University and acting with integrity, care, and prudence. Under regulatory guidance, Council members must be ‘fit and proper persons’.² It is important for candidates to recognise and accept the obligations that Council membership would confer upon them.

¹ The University has charitable status but is exempt from the statutory requirement which otherwise obliges a charity to register with the Charity Commission. The Office for Students is the principal regulator of the University as regards its compliance with its legal obligations in exercising control and management of its administration as a charity.

² For a full definition of ‘fit and proper persons’, see: <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/for-providers/registering-with-the-ofs/registration-with-the-ofs-a-guide/public-interest-governance-principles/>.

The Handbook for Members of the Council sets out the Council's primary responsibilities and provides advice and guidance to members of Council on their legal and other responsibilities. Members of the Council are expected to attend all meetings of the Council. Members will not normally be able to take more than one term of leave during their period on the Council and may instead carry forward their leave entitlement. Potential nominees might wish to familiarise themselves with the key aspects of the University's Statutes and Ordinances (<https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/so/>), and the most recent Budget Reports, Annual Reports and Financial Statements.³

Further useful information is provided by the Office for Students (<https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/for-providers/>), and the Charity Commission (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-what-you-need-to-do-cc3>). This information includes details of the extent of a charity trustee's personal liability. Instances of personal liability are rare and unlikely to occur, providing trustees act honestly, prudently, in good faith, in the best interests of the University, and in compliance with legislation and the University's governing documents.

Nomination procedure and election timetable

In order to be eligible, candidates for election are asked to send their nominations to the Vice-Chancellor, to be received not later than **12 noon on Friday, 13 November 2026**. The Vice-Chancellor asks candidates to address their nominations to the Director of Governance and Compliance by email including electronic signatures to registrary@admin.cam.ac.uk. The nomination (which can be made on a form available on the Regent House site)⁴ should include (a) a statement signed by two members of the Regent House, nominating the candidate for election and specifying the class in which the candidate is nominated, and (b) a statement signed by the candidate confirming consent to be nominated. The candidate is also required to provide a personal statement by the same date (see below). No-one may be nominated for election in more than one class. Two periods of four years should normally be regarded as the maximum length of continuous service for elected members of the Council.

In accordance with the regulations governing the election (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2025, p. 119), those standing for election should send to the Director of Governance and Compliance, by 12 noon on Friday, 13 November 2026, a statement in support of their nomination, which will be provided to voters. Each statement should be no more than 500 words in length and should cover the following points:

- the candidate's present position in the University;
- previous posts held, whether in Cambridge or in other universities or outside the university system, with dates;
- the candidate's reasons for standing for election, and the experience and skills they would bring to the role;
- a note of the candidate's particular interests within the field of University business.

The complete list of nominations will be published in the *Reporter* on Wednesday, 18 November 2026.

If the election is contested, it will be conducted by ballot under the Single Transferable Vote regulations. Online voting will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 23 November 2026 and close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 3 December 2026. Hardcopy voting papers and supporting materials will be distributed not later than Monday, 23 November 2026 to those who opt by 30 October 2026 to vote on paper (see p. 24); the last date for the return of voting papers is **5 p.m. on Thursday, 3 December 2026**.

³ See: <https://www.reporter.admin.cam.ac.uk/annual-reporting>.

⁴ Nomination forms are available at <https://universityofcambridgecloud.sharepoint.com/sites/RegentHouse/SitePages/elections.aspx> (University account required).

Election to the Board of Scrutiny

The timetable for the election to the Board of Scrutiny has changed since first publication on 30 September (*Reporter*, 6837, 2026–27, p. 19). The election to the Board will now follow the timetable for the Council election noted above, with voting opening at 10 a.m. on 23 November and closing at 5 p.m. on 3 December 2026.

Regent House membership: 14 October 2026 deadline for corrections to the Roll

The draft Roll of the Regent House for the 2026–27 academic year (i.e. the list of names proposed to be placed on the Roll when it is promulgated in November) was published within *Reporter* Special No. 1 on 1 October 2026 (see <https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2026-27/special/01/>).

The draft Roll is based on data derived from CHRIS, the University's HR database, and takes account of the provisions on membership contained in the University's *Statutes and Ordinances*. Some significant changes to the eligibility criteria for membership of the Regent House came into effect in November 2022, including the move to a grade-based model (Grade 9+) for University staff. Links to the rules governing membership are provided in the Notice by the Director of Governance and Compliance in the Special issue.

Current and prospective members of the Regent House are asked to check the draft Roll and membership provisions and to make sure that their entries are correct. Notice of any corrections or amendments should be sent by email to the Director of Governance and Compliance via UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk as soon as possible; any corrections received by **12 noon on Wednesday, 14 October 2026** will be included in the definitive Roll, which is to be promulgated on 6 November this year.

The Roll promulgated on 6 November 2026 constitutes the list of eligible voters for elections to the Council or Board of Scrutiny and any ballots of the Regent House that may be called during the year¹ until the promulgation of the next Roll in November 2027. Once promulgated, the November 2026 Roll cannot be changed and corrections, amendments or additions are not permitted.

¹ See the Ballots Notice on p. 24.

Publication of Faculty membership lists

Further to the Notice published on 23 September 2026 (*Reporter*, 6836, 2026–27, p. 10), preliminary lists of Faculty members are now available on the *Reporter* website at <https://www.reporter.admin.cam.ac.uk/faculty-membership-lists>, where further information, including deadlines and links to the lists on Faculty webpages can also be found.

Any corrections or amendments should be sent to the Secretary of the Faculty Board concerned by the stated deadline. The final list for each Faculty will be promulgated by the Secretary of the Faculty Board no later than 6 November 2026.

Ballots of the Regent House

Online voting is the default voting method in ballots of the Regent House. On the occasion of a ballot, those on the Roll of the Regent House (see the Regent House membership Notice above) will receive an email alert shortly after voting opens, containing links to the ballot information and to the voting portal.

If members wish to receive, or to continue to receive, hardcopy voting papers and supporting materials, they should submit a request to opt out of online voting **by 5 p.m. on Friday, 30 October 2026**. Requests to receive hardcopy voting materials should be sent by email to ballots@admin.cam.ac.uk, and include confirmation of the voter's CRSid and the College or Departmental postal address to which voting materials should be sent. Requests to opt out received by the 30 October deadline will be effective until the promulgation of the Roll in November 2027.

Regent House Petitions site

The Regent House Petitions site is designed to help members of the Regent House circulate and sign proposals relating to the University's governance processes and is available to those on the current Roll of the Regent House¹ at <https://universityofcambridgecloud.sharepoint.com/sites/RegentHousePetitions> (Regent House members only). This site contains guidance and example petitions along with general links to information on the role and powers of the Regent House.

¹ The current list (Roll) of members of the Regent House was promulgated on 6 November 2025 and is available as part of *Reporter* Special No 2 (2025–26) at <https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2025-26/special/02/>. Access to the Petitions site will be amended to align with the new Roll when it is promulgated on 6 November 2026 (see the Regent House membership Notice above).

Lecture-list, 2026–27

The lecture-list for the 2026–27 academic year is available at <https://www.timetable.cam.ac.uk> (University account required). Queries regarding lecture-lists and their availability should be directed to the Departments concerned.

Notice by the Editor of the *Reporter*

The *Cambridge University Reporter* is published weekly, usually on Wednesdays, during the Term. Special issues – including the preliminary and promulgated Rolls of the Regent House, and Fellows of the Colleges – and *ad hoc* 'extraordinary' issues, are also published during the academic year.

Editorial

Notices for inclusion in the *Reporter* and queries concerning content should be sent to Reporter.Editor@admin.cam.ac.uk. Items for publication should be sent in as early as possible; short notices will be accepted up to 4 p.m. on Friday for publication the following week. Information on format and submissions is available at <https://www.reporter.admin.cam.ac.uk/content-and-submissions>. Inclusion is at the discretion of the Editor.

Restricted information

Certain material published in the *Reporter* is restricted to those with access to the University of Cambridge network (i.e. the Cam domain) and holders of active University accounts. Separate pdf versions are provided as appropriate.

Mailing list

An email alert notifying subscribers of the weekly publication of the *Reporter* and of the occasional issue of Advance Notices, Special and extraordinary issues is available. To subscribe, please visit the *Reporter* homepage and complete the two-stage sign-up process using the form in the right-hand column (<https://www.reporter.admin.cam.ac.uk>).

Independent review of certain University processes

The terms of the independent review of relevant University processes are available to view online at https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/cam-only/reporter/documents/et-review/EmploymentTribunalReview_ToR.pdf (University account required), following approval by the Audit Committee, endorsement by the Council and subsequent review by the independent chair. At a meeting on 21 September 2026, the Audit Committee approved the membership of the independent review panel to conduct the review, comprising: Laura Whyte (Chair), Cindy Butts, Mary Curnock Cook CBE, Helen Fairfoul OBE and Professor Colin Riordan CBE.

University salaries and stipends

The Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) has proposed a pay settlement for the 2026–27 pay round of 2% for the salaries and stipends of non-clinical staff, effective from 1 August 2026. The New Joint Negotiating Committee for Higher Education Staff (New JNCHES) trade unions remain in dispute over the offer. However, UCEA has confirmed that the formal dispute resolution procedure set out in the New JNCHES agreement has been exhausted and has therefore advised that implementation of the pay settlement should proceed.

The stipends and salaries of certain University staff require the approval of the Regent House. The Council is accordingly submitting a Grace (Grace 1, p. 31) to the Regent House for the approval of an increase of 2% to these stipends and salaries. An updated Cambridge general stipend and salary scale, showing the proposed new stipends and salaries for each spine point, is included in this Notice. Changes will also be applied to associated payments directly linked to a single spine stipend/salary point.

If the Grace is approved:

- the corresponding increases will be implemented in the stipends of those offices which do not require the approval of the University as well as in the salaries of analogous unestablished staff; and
- it is expected that the increase will be paid to staff in the November 2026 payroll, backdated to 1 August 2026.

SCHEDULE

Notes to the University of Cambridge Single Salary Spine as at 1 August 2026

Note 1:	An asterisk (*) denotes a contribution point and progress through these is awarded on merit.
Note 2:	Grade T is for staff who are studying for an approved qualification or undergoing 'in-service' training.
Note 3:	Assistant Professors and Associate Professors (Grade 9) will be appointed to Grade 9. Associate Professors (Grade 10) will be appointed to Grade 10. Professors (Grade 11) will be appointed to Grade 11. The minimum for Professors (Grade 11) will be point 63 of Grade 11. Prior to 1 October 2024, Professors (Grade 11) could only be appointed to point 2 in Grade 11 (spine point 63). The minimum for Professors at Grade 12 will be spine point 68 in band 1 of Grade 12.
Note 4:	Academic-related professorial-equivalent staff will be appointed on the contribution bands of Grade 12 according to the HERA points boundaries for each level.
Note 5:	Specific arrangements will apply to progression in service-related points on some grades in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding.
Note 6:	Incremental progression through the service related points occurs on the incremental date which will normally be on the anniversary of appointment or 1 April, 1 July or 1 October respectively for staff engaged on terms and conditions for Manual, Clerical/Secretarial and Technical Division appointments.
Note 7:	Points 32 and 50 were aligned to the National Single Pay Spine for Higher Education Academic and Support Staff, as negotiated by the Universities and Colleges Employers Association on behalf of UK higher education employers, with effect from 1 January 2014.
Note 8:	UCEA has removed spine points 13 to 18 from the National Spine and therefore they are no longer included in Grade 1.
Note 9:	Direct employees of the University appointed to Grade 1 will not be paid below spine point 21 from 1 November 2022.
Note 10:	Direct employees of the University appointed to Grades 2 or 3 will not be paid below spine point 25 from 1 January 2026.

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Point on scale	Grades														Point on scale	Single spine salary				
	T	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				From 1 August 2025	From 1 August 2026		
													Band 1	Band 2		Band 3			Band 4	
Cambridge extension to national spine	100																*	100	£213,260	£217,525
	99																*	99	£207,054	£211,195
	98																*	98	£201,027	£205,048
	97																*	97	£195,178	£199,082
	96																*	96	£189,496	£193,286
	95																*	95	£183,986	£187,666
	94																*	94	£178,632	£182,205
	93																*	93	£173,435	£176,904
	92																*	92	£168,389	£171,757
	91																*	91	£163,491	£166,761
	90																*	90	£158,735	£161,910
	89																*	89	£154,117	£157,199
	88																*	88	£149,635	£152,628
	87																*	87	£145,282	£148,188
	86																*	86	£141,053	£143,874
	85																*	85	£136,954	£139,693
	84																*	84	£132,969	£135,628
	83																*	83	£129,102	£131,684
	82															*	*	82	£125,347	£127,854
	81															*	*	81	£121,701	£124,135
	80															*	*	80	£118,162	£120,525
	79															*	*	79	£114,727	£117,022
	78															*	*	78	£111,388	£113,616
	77															*	*	77	£108,153	£110,316
	76														*	*	*	76	£105,009	£107,109
	75														*	*	*	75	£101,954	£103,993
	74														*	*	*	74	£98,989	£100,969
	73														*	*	*	73	£96,113	£98,035
	72														*	*	*	72	£93,321	£95,187
	71														*	*	*	71	£90,604	£92,416
	70														*	*	*	70	£87,972	£89,731
	69														*	*	*	69	£85,414	£87,122
	68												Grade 11	*	*	*	*	68	£82,932	£84,591
	67												6*	*	*	*	*	67	£80,525	£82,136
	66												5*	*	*	*	*	66	£78,186	£79,750
65											Grade 10	4*	*	*	*	*	65	£75,914	£77,432	
64											6*	3*	*	*	*	*	64	£73,708	£75,182	
63											5*	2*	*	*	*	*	63	£71,566	£72,997	
62										Grade 9	4*	1*	*	*	*	*	62	£69,488	£70,878	
61										13*	3	*	*	*	*	*	61	£67,468	£68,817	
60										12*	2	*	*	*	*	*	60	£65,509	£66,819	
59										Grade 8	11*	1	*	*	*	*	59	£63,606	£64,878	
58										14*	10*	*	*	*	*	*	58	£61,759	£62,994	
57										13*	9	*	*	*	*	*	57	£59,966	£61,165	
56										12*	8	*	*	*	*	*	56	£58,225	£59,390	
55										11	7	*	*	*	*	*	55	£56,535	£57,666	
54										10	6	*	*	*	*	*	54	£54,893	£55,991	
53										Grade 7	9	5	*	*	*	*	53	£53,301	£54,367	
52										14*	8	4	*	*	*	*	52	£51,753	£52,788	
51										13*	7	3	*	*	*	*	51	£50,253	£51,258	
50										12*	6	2	*	*	*	*	50	£48,822	£49,798	
49										Grade 6	11*	5	1	*	*	*	49	£47,389	£48,337	
48										12*	10	4	*	*	*	*	48	£46,049	£46,970	
47										11*	9	3	*	*	*	*	47	£44,746	£45,641	
46										10*	8	2	*	*	*	*	46	£43,482	£44,352	
45										Grade 5	9*	7	1	*	*	*	45	£42,254	£43,099	
44										11*	8*	6	*	*	*	*	44	£41,064	£41,885	
43										10*	7	5	*	*	*	*	43	£39,906	£40,704	
42										9*	6	4	*	*	*	*	42	£38,784	£39,560	
41										8*	5	3	*	*	*	*	41	£37,694	£38,448	
40										7*	4	2	*	*	*	*	40	£36,636	£37,369	
39										Grade 4	6	3	1	*	*	*	39	£35,608	£36,320	
38										10*	5	2	*	*	*	*	38	£34,610	£35,302	
37										9*	4	1	*	*	*	*	37	£33,951	£34,630	
36										8*	3	*	*	*	*	*	36	£33,002	£33,662	
35										7*	2	*	*	*	*	*	35	£32,080	£32,722	
34										Grade 3	6	1	*	*	*	*	34	£31,236	£31,861	
33										10*	5	*	*	*	*	*	33	£30,378	£30,986	
32										9*	4	*	*	*	*	*	32	£29,588	£30,180	
31										8*	3	*	*	*	*	*	31	£28,778	£29,354	
30										7*	2	*	*	*	*	*	30	£28,031	£28,592	
29										Grade 2	6	1	*	*	*	*	29	£27,319	£27,865	
28										10*	5	*	*	*	*	*	28	£26,707	£27,241	
27										9*	4	*	*	*	*	*	27	£26,093	£26,615	
26										8*	3	*	*	*	*	*	26	£25,804	£26,320	
25	See Note 10		7*	2													25	£25,249	£25,754	
24				6	1												24	£24,685	£25,179	
23				5													23	£24,215	£24,699	
22				Grade 1	4												22	£23,742	£24,217	
21	See Note 9	8*	3														21	£23,350	£23,817	
20			7*	2													20	£23,061	£23,660	
19			6*	1													19	£22,768	£23,660	
18			5														18	£22,458	£22,907	
17			4														17	£22,389	£22,837	
16			3														16	£22,124	£22,566	
15			2														15	£21,913	£22,351	
14	T Grade	1															14	£21,522	£21,952	
13	T13																13	£21,140	£21,563	
12	T12																12	£20,546	£20,957	
11	T11																11	£20,058	£20,459	

Student Academic Subject Representatives: Elections

The Cambridge Students' Union gives notice that elections for student academic representatives (subject and school) will be held on 19–22 October 2026. Nominations must be received by **9 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 October 2026**. A full list of roles and more details about the process for election are available on the Cambridge Students website at <https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/student-elections>.

VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Vacancies in the University

A full list of current vacancies can be found at <https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs>.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Innovation) in the Vice-Chancellor's Office; tenure: 0.8 FTE for three years in the first instance; closing date: 26 October 2026; further details: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs/pro-vice-chancellor-innovation-ae51267>; quote reference: AE51267

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Staff and Community) in the Vice-Chancellor's Office; tenure: 0.8 FTE for three years in the first instance; closing date: 26 October 2026; further details: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs/pro-vice-chancellor-staff-and-community-ae51282>; quote reference: AE51282

Founding Dean of the Rokos School of Government and Rokos Professorship of Government; tenure: from October 2027; informal enquiries: Professor Nigel Peake, Convenor of the Board of Electors (email: np100@cam.ac.uk) and Dr Elisabeth Kendall, Mistress of Girton College (email: mistress.office@girton.cam.ac.uk); closing date: 26 October 2026; further details: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs/founding-dean-of-the-rokos-school-of-government-and-rokos-professorship-of-government-50944>; quote reference: 50944

Kidani Professorship of Integrated Cancer Medicine in the Department of Oncology; tenure: from 2027 (date to be agreed); informal enquiries: Professor Rebecca Fitzgerald, Director of the Early Cancer Institute (email: rcf29@cam.ac.uk); closing date: 26 October 2026; further details: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs/kidani-professorship-of-integrated-cancer-medicine-rd50746>; quote reference: RD50746

Professorship of Mechanical Engineering (1997) in the Department of Engineering; tenure: from 1 October 2027 or as soon as possible thereafter; informal enquiries: Calum Convey, Perrett Laver (email: calum.convey@perrettlaver.com); closing date: 30 October 2026 at 9 a.m.; further details: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs/professorship-of-mechanical-engineering-1997-nm51179>, quote reference: NM51179, and <https://plusportal.perrettlaver.com/>, reference 8564

Professorship of Veterinary Science (and Head of the Department of Veterinary Medicine); tenure: from 2027 (date to be agreed); closing date: 19 October 2026; further details: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs/professorship-of-veterinary-science-pp51038> and <https://opportunities.mcleanpartnership.com/vetsci/>; quote reference: PP51038

The University actively supports equality, diversity and inclusion and encourages applications from all sections of society.

The University has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK.

AWARDS, ETC.

Sedgwick Prize: Submissions by 1 November 2026

(Statutes and Ordinances, 2025, p. 977)

The Woodwardian Professor of Geology gives notice, on behalf of the Examiners, that the subject for the Sedgwick Prize for 2026 is either 'A proposal (with budget) for a programme of geological field-work' or 'A proposal (with budget) for the use of collections in Earth Sciences research'.

Submissions should be sent to the Director of Governance and Compliance via the Sedgwick Prize Administrator (email: EarthSciencesBOM@esc.cam.ac.uk) to arrive no later than **Sunday, 1 November 2026**. Enquiries about the Prize may be sent to Professor David Hodell, Woodwardian Professor of Geology (email: dah73@cam.ac.uk).

The Prize is open to University officers and Fellows of Colleges, and to other persons employed by the University to carry out research in the Faculty of Earth Sciences and Geography, who have resided sixty days during the twelve months preceding 1 November 2026. It is open to candidates to incorporate in their essays material which they have already published, but they are expected to submit a connected presentation of their case.

The value of the Prize is likely to be £20,000. This Prize is offered every second year and is often split among several applicants.

EVENTS, COURSES, ETC.

Announcement of lectures, seminars, etc.

The University offers a large number of lectures, seminars and other events, many of which are free of charge, to members of the University and others who are interested. Details can be found on individual Faculty, Department and institution websites, on the What's On website (<https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson/>) and on Talks.cam (<https://www.talks.cam.ac.uk/>). A variety of training courses are also available to members of the University, information and booking for which can be found online at <https://www.training.cam.ac.uk/>.

Brief details of upcoming events are given below.

Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics

Andrew Chamblin Memorial Lecture 2026: ‘Singularities in space and time’ by Professor Gary Horowitz, University of California, Santa Barbara, on Friday, 16 October 2026 at 5 p.m., in person at the Centre for Mathematical Sciences, Wilberforce Road, and online via livestream; admission free; further details: <https://www.maths.cam.ac.uk/events/andrew-chamblin-memorial-lecture-2026>

Faculty of Classics

Inaugural Lecture: ‘Anarchical Antiquity’ by Professor Josephine Crawley Quinn, Professor of Ancient History, on Thursday, 8 October 2026 at 5 p.m., in person at the Old Divinity School Lecture Theatre, St John’s College; all welcome; further details: <https://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/events/inaugural-lecture-professor-josephine-crawley-quinn-professor-ancient-history>

NOTICES BY FACULTY BOARDS, ETC.

Annual meetings of the Faculties

Divinity

The Secretary of the Faculty of Divinity gives notice that the Annual Meeting will be held at **3 p.m. on Thursday, 29 October 2026**, via Teams.

The business to be discussed will include the Chair’s report and the election of two members of the Faculty Board in class (c), to serve for four years from 1 January 2027, in accordance with Regulation 1 of the General Regulations for the Constitution of the Faculty Boards (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2025, p. 597).

Nominations must be seconded, and the consent of the candidate obtained in advance, and should reach the Faculty Manager, Dr Peter Harland (email: pjh42@cam.ac.uk), not later than Monday, 19 October 2026. Notice of any other business to be discussed should reach the Faculty Manager by the same date.

Mathematics

The Chair of the Faculty Board of Mathematics gives notice that the Annual Meeting of the Faculty will be held at **1.45 p.m. on Thursday, 19 November 2026** in meeting room 5 of the Centre for Mathematical Sciences. The Annual Meeting will be followed by a Faculty Board meeting for members of the Faculty Board and invited observers only.

The business of the Annual Meeting will include the election, in accordance with Regulation 1 of the General Regulations for the Constitution of the Faculty Boards (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2025, p. 597), of:

- One member of the Faculty Board in class (a)(ii) to serve from 1 January 2027 for two years.
- Four members of the Faculty Board in class (c) to serve from 1 January 2027 for four years.

Nominations for these elections, signed by the proposer and seconder, and by the nominee indicating willingness to serve if elected; and notice of any other business, should be sent to the Secretary of the Faculty Board (secretary.board@maths.cam.ac.uk) not later than Monday, 9 November 2026.

Electronic calculators in University examinations, 2026–27

The Faculty Boards and other authorities concerned give notice that in the following examinations / online assessments in 2026–27, candidates will be permitted to use a designated calculator during their examination / online assessment.

Tripes Examinations

Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology Tripos, All Parts (Calculators are not permitted in the Mathematics papers borrowed from the Natural Sciences Tripos, Part IA)
 Computer Science Tripos, Parts IA, IB, II and III
 Design Tripos, Parts IA and IB
 Economics Tripos, Parts I, IIA and IIB
 Engineering Tripos, Parts IA, IB, IIA and IIB
 Human, Social and Political Sciences Tripos, Parts IIA and IIB
 Land Economy Tripos, Parts IA, IB and II
 Management Studies Tripos
 Manufacturing Engineering Tripos, Parts IIA and IIB
 Medical Sciences Tripos, Parts IA and IB
 Second M.B. Examination
 Natural Sciences Tripos, Part IA (Calculators are not permitted in the subject Mathematics. Nor are they permitted in the *Introduction to experimental psychology: From brain to cognition* paper borrowed from the Psychological and Behavioural Sciences Tripos, Part IA)
 Natural Sciences Tripos, Parts IB, II and III (Calculators are not permitted in the Mathematics papers borrowed from the Mathematical Tripos. Nor are they permitted in the subject Mathematics for Part IB of the Natural Sciences Tripos)
 Veterinary Sciences Tripos, Parts IA and IB
 Second Veterinary M.B. Examination

Masters and other Examinations

Final M.B. Examination
 Final Veterinary M.B. Examination
 M.A.St. in Astrophysics (Calculators are not permitted in the Mathematics papers borrowed from the Mathematical Tripos, Part III)
 M.A.St. in Physics (Calculators are not permitted in the Mathematics papers borrowed from the Mathematical Tripos, Part III)
 M.B.A. Examination
 Executive M.B.A. Examination
 Master of Finance
 M.Phil. in Advanced Chemical Engineering
 M.Phil. in Advanced Computer Science
 M.Phil. in Advanced Materials for the Energy Transition
 M.Phil. in Biotechnology
 M.Phil. in Economic Research
 M.Phil. in Economics
 M.Phil. in Economics and Data Science
 M.Phil. in Energy Technologies
 M.Phil. in Finance and Economics
 M.Phil. in Land Economy Research
 M.Phil. in Machine Learning and Machine Intelligence
 M.Phil. in Management
 M.Phil. in Micro- and Nanotechnology Enterprise
 M.Phil. in Nuclear Energy
 M.Phil. in Planetary Science and Life in the Universe
 M.Phil. in Scientific Computing (Paper 2 and Paper 3)
 M.Res. in Photonic and Electronic Systems
 M.Res. in Sensor Technologies and Applications
 Advanced Diploma in Economics

For the above examinations the following calculators marked in the approved manner are permitted:

CASIO fx 991 (any version) CASIO fx 115 (any version) CASIO fx 570 (any version)

(1) Land Economy Tripos

The permitted calculators for use in the Land Economy Tripos will be the standard University calculator CASIO fx 991 (any version), CASIO fx 115 (any version), or CASIO fx 570 (any version); the Hewlett Packard HP 10bII or HP 10bII+. Candidates may take only one model of calculator into the examination hall.

(2) Mathematical Tripos

The use of electronic calculators will NOT be permitted in any papers set for the Mathematical Tripos. Candidates for Part IA of the Mathematical Tripos who offer Physics from the Natural Sciences Tripos Part IA will be permitted to use the calculator(s) permitted for that examination (see above).

(3) Medical Sciences Tripos, Parts IA and IB; Veterinary Sciences Tripos, Parts IA and IB; Second M.B. and Second Vet.M.B. Examinations

The permitted calculators for use in the Medical Sciences Tripos and Veterinary Sciences Tripos and Second M.B. / Second Vet.M.B. Examinations will be the standard University calculator CASIO fx 991 (any version), CASIO fx 115 (any version), or CASIO fx 570 (any version), or the CASIO fx 83 (any version) or CASIO fx 85 (any version).

(4) Master of Finance Examinations

The permitted calculators for use in the Master of Finance Examinations will be the standard University calculator CASIO fx 991 (any version), CASIO fx 115 (any version), or CASIO fx 570 (any version); or the Texas Instruments BA II Plus or the Texas Instruments BA II Plus Professional. Candidates may take only one model of calculator into the examination hall.

(5) M.Phil. Examinations in Land Economy Research

The permitted calculators for use in the M.Phil. Examinations in Land Economy Research will be the standard University calculator CASIO fx 991 (any version), CASIO fx 115 (any version), or CASIO fx 570 (any version); or the Hewlett Packard HP 10BII. Candidates may only use one model of calculator.

(6) Other subjects

Papers from the examinations named above may be taken by those who are candidates for other examinations. The restriction on the use of calculators will apply when any paper or subject is offered from an examination which is the subject of this Notice.

It is the responsibility of each student to equip themselves with a suitable approved calculator as described above. Spare calculators will no longer be available for students to borrow in the exam venue.

Each such calculator permitted in an examination must be marked by the Department in the approved fashion so that they are clearly identified as being permitted during the examination. Departments can request calculator stickers from Exam Operations; it is the responsibility of each Department to ensure calculators are correctly marked.

No other calculator may be brought into the examination venue.

Sale of approved calculators

Approved calculators (marked in the approved fashion) may be purchased from the following locations:

- Department of Chemistry (Natural Sciences Tripos)
- Department of Engineering (Engineering Examinations)
- Department of Land Economy (Land Economy Tripos and M.Phil.)

Approved calculators bought elsewhere will need to have the approved marking applied by the relevant Department prior to the start of the examinations.

OBITUARIES

Obituary Notices

Professor ANDREAS VON HIRSCH, M.A., LL.D., Honorary Fellow of Wolfson College, member of Fitzwilliam College, Emeritus Honorary Professor of Penal Theory and Penal Law, Founding Director of the Centre for Penal Theory and Ethics, the Institute of Criminology, died on 23 June 2026, aged 91 years.

Professor KENNETH NOEL CORBETT BRAY, B.A., FRS, former Professorial Fellow of Girton College, member of Selwyn College, Emeritus Hopkinson and Imperial Chemical Industries Professor of Applied Thermodynamics, sometime Chair of the British Section of the Combustion Institute, died on 3 August 2026, aged 96 years.

DAVID ERNEST HANKE, Ph.D., Emeritus Fellow and former Director of Studies in Biological Sciences of Jesus College, member of Gonville and Caius College, formerly University Senior Lecturer in the Department of Plant Sciences, died on 4 August 2026, aged 79 years.

Professor JASON ATTA KWEI ARDAY, FRSA, former Fellow of Jesus College, formerly Professor of Education (2002), died on 14 August 2026, aged 41 years.

ROBERTA SYLVIA WELLS, Ph.D., Emeritus Fellow and former Senior Tutor of Clare Hall, formerly Lecturer in History and Undergraduate Tutor of Homerton College, member of Murray Edwards College, sometime University Lecturer in the Faculty of Education, died on 15 August 2026, aged 81 years.

Professor JOHN ILIFFE, M.A., Ph.D., Litt.D., Fellow and formerly College Lecturer and Supervisor in History of St John's College, member of Peterhouse, Emeritus Professor of African History, sometime a Fellow of the British Academy, Herskovits Prizewinner, died on 20 August 2026, aged 87 years.

CHARLES ALEXANDER AYLMEYER, M.A., of Pembroke College, member of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and sometime Under-Librarian and Head of the Chinese Department in the University Library, died on 22 August 2026, aged 72 years.

RUTH MARY LEIGH WARREN, M.A., B.Chir., M.D., FRCP, FRCR, Life and former Supernumerary Fellow and sometime Director of Studies in Clinical Medicine of Girton College, formerly Consultant Radiologist and Associate Lecturer in the Faculty of Clinical Medicine, Ralph Noble Prizewinner and Clinical Excellence Award-holder, died on 29 August 2026, aged 84 years.

JOANNA ELIZABETH HORNSBY, Honorary Member of Magdalene College, died on 6 September 2026, aged 71 years.

GRACES

Grace submitted to the Regent House on 7 October 2026

The Council submits the following Grace to the Regent House. This Grace, unless it is withdrawn or a ballot is requested in accordance with the regulations for Graces of the Regent House (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2025, p. 113), will be deemed to have been approved at **4 p.m. on Friday, 16 October 2026**. 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.[§]

1. That (i) the stipends for all non-clinical University staff whose stipends are spine points on the Cambridge general stipend and salary scale be increased as set out in the Schedule to the Council's Notice (p. 25); and (ii) the stipends for non-clinical officers whose stipends are not spine points on the general scale, except the stipend of the Deputy High Steward, be increased from the 1 August 2025 values by 2% with effect from 1 August 2026, until further notice.

[§] Accessible by members of the Regent House at <https://universityofcambridgecloud.sharepoint.com/sites/RegentHousePetitions> [University account required].

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Approval of Graces submitted to the Regent House on 23 September 2026

The Graces submitted to the Regent House on 23 September 2026 (*Reporter*, 6836, 2026–27, p. 15) were approved at 4 p.m. on Friday, 2 October 2026.

Congregation of the Regent House on Thursday, 1 October 2026

A Congregation of the Regent House was held in the Senate-House at 9.55 a.m. for the election of the Proctors and Deputy Proctors and the admission of the Pro-Proctors for 2026–27. After the Congregation had been dissolved, the Vice-Chancellor administered to the University Constables, in the presence of the acting Registry for the Congregation, the oath required by the Universities Act 1825. She then delivered an address to the University.

MARTIN JAMES CHRISTIAN PARKER DIXON, of Sidney Sussex College, and BENJAMIN JAMES SPAGNOLO, of Trinity College, retired from the office of Proctor and surrendered the insignia of their office to the Vice-Chancellor.

MARTIN JOHN DIXON, of Queens' College, and DANIEL TROCMÉ-LATTER, of Homerton College, were elected to the office of Proctor for the year 2026–27, were admitted to that office by the Vice-Chancellor, and received the insignia of their office.

SHAILAJA FENNELL, of Jesus College, and BRYAN KARETNYK, of Murray Edwards College, were admitted to the office of Pro-Proctor for the year 2026–27.

BENJAMIN JAMES SPAGNOLO, of Trinity College, MARK EDWARD PURCELL, of Pembroke College, MARTIN JAMES CHRISTIAN PARKER DIXON, of Sidney Sussex College, and MARKUS WILHELM GEHRING, of Hughes Hall, were elected as Deputy Proctors for the year 2026–27 and made their public declaration in accordance with Statute C IV 3.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS TO THE UNIVERSITY ON THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2026

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Deborah Prentice, delivered the following address:

Good morning. A very warm welcome to the new academic year and special congratulations to the proctors for this year, newly elected.

I spent quite a while deciding on my topic for this year's address. As I imagined standing here before you in my cassock, gown and bands, looking for all the world like a nineteenth-century parson delivering the weekly sermon, I wanted to choose a topic that was both timely and timeless: something that speaks to our moment but also to the current shape and direction of the University.

It was a difficult summer for this University, one in which we lost Professor Jason Arday after a stormy and vitriolic public debate. I have spent the aftermath listening and speaking with colleagues and students, and I know it has been – and is – a very challenging time for many across the University. While this is not the time to go into details about the tragedy, as we launch independent reviews and await their recommendations, I know it is on many people's minds, and in their hearts. So I needed a topic that would meet people where they are, and also capture where the University is right now, in its long evolution and current context.

The topic I landed on finally is change. We live in a time of the most profound transformation where – every day, it seems – we are told how AI, or perhaps some other technology, will forever change the direction of humanity. While Cambridge is, as always, right at the cutting edge of technological and societal change, thanks to our brilliant people and their research, that scale of global change is not my main focus today.

Instead, I want to ask, when and how does the University of Cambridge change? When do we collectively decide to do something different or new? This University has a complicated relationship to change, which I learned as soon as I was elected to the Office of Vice-Chancellor. Even before I arrived, I began to receive advice on what I should and shouldn't say at Cambridge and in particular words I should avoid using. 'Executive' was one such word, especially preceded by 'Chief'. 'Strategy' – very bad word, referred to as the s-word, to be avoided at all costs. And 'change': people at Cambridge don't like change, I was told. If you must discuss it, call it something else.

Cambridge does change, of course. It hasn't survived for 817 years by staying the same. Moreover, in many ways, the University is all about change. A Cambridge education changes lives. Research conducted at Cambridge changes the world. Cambridge innovation changes industries. We embrace change as a measure of our effectiveness and our success. And yet, it's also true that change can be challenging and many are sceptical of it, even when it's clearly warranted.

There is an interesting psychology at work here, and in my former role as a psychology professor, I would have loved to spend the next twenty minutes unpacking it. But in my current role as Vice-Chancellor, I am instead going to make the case for greater openness to change at Cambridge. I think there is much we can do to solve perennial problems, expand what the University can achieve, and make people's lives at the University better.

Before launching into the case for change at Cambridge, let me clarify what should and shouldn't change in an organisation like this one. Cambridge is known the world over for the vitality and longevity of its mission. This will not change. Academic excellence is central to that mission, and we remain as committed to excellence as ever. What we value, what we study, the freedom academics have to choose their own path and follow it wherever it may lead, these things are sacrosanct. But how we do things – how we organise ourselves as a University, manage our staff, fund our operations, deploy new technologies – these things should change, as the world around us changes.

Change happens at Cambridge mainly in response to two conditions: opportunity and necessity. Opportunity and necessity are powerful narratives at this University because they are the two arguments everyone recognises as reasons for doing something different or new.

Necessity comes in many forms, and the most effective for producing change are those least open to argument. Regulatory and legal requirements are at the top of this list. Higher education is a highly regulated environment. The requirements of the Office for Students and employment law, as well as the organisations that accredit many of our courses, are constantly changing, and we must stay aligned with them to operate. These shifting external requirements have been responsible for a lot of the change seen at the University in recent decades. Legal and regulatory demands have influenced the size and shape of the administration and the growth and content of University policies. They have influenced what is taught and how it is taught in accredited courses. They have influenced the relationship between the University and the Colleges, as we both respond to the regulator. In an organisation in which many kinds of change are optional, time-insensitive, and contested, compliance demands have a significant impact on the direction of travel.

A second necessity is resources. The University operates at the edge of its resource envelope, and this makes us both vulnerable and responsive to changes in incentives. In the last few years, for example, we have seen major changes in government funding for research, with a marked shift away from funding for our Ph.D. students and toward large grants, multi-institution grants, and grants aligned with the government's industrial strategy. The University has had to adapt quickly to these changes, supporting investigators to conceptualise and construct competitive proposals and seeking new funding streams, including College resources and philanthropy, to fund Ph.D.s. This changing funding landscape is having a marked effect on the size and shape of our research enterprise.

A final necessity is organisational effectiveness, or more simply modernisation. The University needs to keep up with the times, which means modernising systems and processes, upskilling our workforce, and updating our estate. We virtually all agree on that. The challenge comes in agreeing the inevitable trade-offs that come with modernisation and then implementing the change across a complex, decentralised organisation.

On the heels of the pandemic, the University launched a suite of organisational change programmes that are now coming to fruition. The upgrade to our research operations delivered over a year ago, to positive reviews across the organisation. The upgrade to our financial systems will deliver this spring; this will be a major change, not just in how the systems work but in people's understanding of how resources flow through the University. It will take several years to be fully implemented and longer than that to be fully absorbed. The upgrade to our HR system will follow on the financial system, and the programmes focused on professional services and the estate after that.

On the horizon, the Regent House will vote on the creation of a Chief Operating Officer position in Michaelmas Term. This post has been seen as a necessity since before I came to the University, and it has taken this long to work through the governance channels. I am hopeful that we will have a COO in place by this time next year, which will enable us to move forward on other high-priority initiatives, including the creation of an environmental sustainability strategy which students and staff across the University have long asked for. The COO will also be key to the modernisation of our digital capabilities, another high-priority initiative for many in the community.

Let's leave necessity for the moment and turn to opportunity. Opportunity at Cambridge is created by new resources and is the primary way innovative and impactful things happen. New resources come in a variety of forms:

One is philanthropy. Collegiate Cambridge has always relied heavily on philanthropy; I am reminded of that every November when I stand in Great St Mary's Church and commemorate our benefactors. As University finances have become tighter, philanthropy has become ever-more important.

Last year, the University had its best philanthropic fundraising year ever, with £300 million raised. This included some very big gifts that you probably heard about: for the new Rokos School of Government, a hugely exciting endeavour, now searching, I should say, for its inaugural Dean; for the Centre for Autism Research, which we just launched last week with donor Lisa Yang; and for the Precision Breast Cancer Institute, from Andrew Barnes, in honour of his partner Charlotte Lockhart. Those gifts made headlines. What you may not have heard as much about were all the gifts for professorships, studentships, research projects, collections, right across the University, enabling new professors, new students, new ideas, and new resources to flow into this amazing institution. The School of Arts and Humanities raised £14 million last year, their best year ever. Kettle's Yard raised over a million through its Artists for Kettle's Yard campaign. Across the University, we raised £29 million in student support alone. Add to that the £111 million raised by the Colleges and you get a sense of just how much philanthropy matters to the continued vitality of our academic mission.

Another source of opportunity for the University is partnerships. Cambridge is keen to partner, and many are keen to partner with us. This year, we established the single largest corporate partnership in our history: a partnership with IonQ, to create the IonQ Quantum Innovation Centre and bring the UK's most powerful quantum computer to Cambridge. This is the best kind of partnership, an opportunity to create opportunity. Through the Quantum Innovation Centre, we will enable academics and students to work with industry partners, end-users, and policy experts to use quantum technology to create ultra-secure communication networks, super-powerful computers, and accelerated drug discovery, among other advances. Because this partnership includes a collaboration with the UKRI's Quantum programme through Innovate UK, the Centre will be a national facility, enabling researchers and early-stage companies from across the UK to access the computer. Cambridge will reap enormous benefits from being at the centre of this collaborative effort.

Partnerships are at the heart of our recent efforts to secure funding for Ph.D. students. As our traditional sources of Ph.D. funding have declined, we have turned to partnerships – with corporates, with donors, with Colleges – to plug the gap. AstraZeneca, for example, funded nearly 100 Ph.D. students in the first decade of our partnership with them. The University Contribution Scheme, a joint University-College initiative, generated over £205 million in philanthropic income and supported 171 Ph.D.s in perpetuity. Trinity College stepped up to partner with the University on the Trinity Cambridge Research Studentships programme, which will fully fund 300 Ph.D. studentships over ten years. In a changing funding landscape, these various partnerships are keeping opportunity alive for our talented Ph.D. students.

The University's relationship with government around research and innovation infrastructure has also shifted into partnership mode. Specifically, the UKRI's new funding scheme both incentivises partnerships and bridges partnership arrangements as needed to make them whole. The University has successfully drawn on UKRI funds to close the deal on the IonQ quantum partnership and to upgrade our AI supercomputer earlier this year. The University also partnered with the UK Atomic Energy Authority to develop and deploy Sunrise, the world's largest AI supercomputer dedicated exclusively to nuclear fusion power development. Other government commitments to Cambridge partnerships include £15 million toward the University's planned Innovation Hub and start-up funding for the Manchester–Cambridge partnership through Research England.

I describe these projects in some detail because they reflect an important change, or at least evolution, in our ways of working. More than ever, we are partnering with funders, looking for alignment of goals and incentives, and being rewarded for thinking bigger and longer-term. This is what opportunity looks like in the current landscape, and the University is mastering these ways of working to continue to operate at the knowledge frontier.

In the year ahead, the University has many opportunities to pursue. We expect to reach our fundraising targets for the Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital and the Cambridge Children's Hospital. That will be a joyous day indeed, for these are both hugely ambitious and innovative projects that have been many years in the works and will bring enormous benefit to the local and national community. In addition, in partnership with the Colleges, we will continue to work toward our next fundraising campaign, which is already surfacing exciting proposals right across the Collegiate University.

I have described how Cambridge changes in response to necessity and opportunity. But what about the changes people want, the ones that are generated from the ambitions within our community: a new building to house a growing institute, for example, or sustained funding for a Ph.D. programme, new academic staff, a new course, a new research centre? Can we produce the change people want?

Yes, we can, often. We have three approaches to supporting these kinds of projects.

One, we can make them into opportunities by raising gifts for them. There is a tier of our fundraising operation that focuses precisely on this work. Development staff are embedded within our academic Schools, and their job is to understand the Schools' priorities and develop sources of support for them. This programme of work has really come on in recent years, and has expanded to include not just philanthropy but also support from corporates, foundations, and investors.

Two, for capital projects, we now have a programme for funding capital improvements in our estate. This programme has grown out of several years of work cataloguing and assessing our buildings, and planning for the future. The estate is a great example of where the University's orientation toward necessity and opportunity has shown its limits. We built new buildings and fixed the ones in need of repair, but for most of our history, we did not invest in the estate and did not have a long-term plan. The result is that the University now has more buildings than it needs, many of them not fit for purpose and certainly not fit for the future. Fortunately, we have started to address this situation with the University's first capital plan and should see savings that partially offset the costs of an improved estate. We should also see marked improvements in the environmental footprint of our estate, another critical long-term goal.

Three, for projects like new courses that advance our mission and ultimately earn income, we invest in them. The University has an investment fund, supported primarily by income from our endowment and, most significantly, from Cambridge University Press and Assessment, that we use to invest in the growth and development of the University. As well as supporting capital projects, this fund enables us to pay the upfront costs of a new or renovated course or programme that will eventually pay for itself. The fund is responsible for huge amounts of innovation in our research and teaching across the University, supporting the hiring of new academic staff to teach and research in new fields and enabling centres and institutes to mount interdisciplinary courses that departments and faculties cannot fund. It has supported new and highly successful courses in Data-Intensive Science, Global Risk and Resilience, and Planetary Science and Life in the Universe, for example, with additional courses in development.

Having established these mechanisms to support innovation and change from within the academic University, we now deploy them flexibly and in combination to maximise how much activity we can support and to direct that support to the highest-priority needs. For example, we incentivise principal investigators to write large grants with a 10% match, prioritise building projects in the capital plan that improve efficiency and attract external funding, and match-fund gifts in high-priority areas through the investment fund. Let me pause here to note just how fortunate we are to have the capacity, from both within and outside the University, to grow, innovate, and change. In a very bleak financial landscape for the vast majority of universities in the UK, Cambridge occupies a privileged position. It is what enables us to attract the best academic talent and to remain at the forefront of knowledge creation globally.

Finally, I want to address what I see as the most difficult question about change at this and any university: How do we know when the University needs to change, when the old ways are no longer supporting our mission, but in fact are holding us back?

Universities are inherently conserving organisations. They are built to last, this University in particular. They take the long view. They provide stable ground on which students and staff can grow and change. They are makers of the future but keepers of the past, again this University in particular. Cambridge is both a potent symbol and a source of continuity in the academy, in the country, and in the world. For much of its history, continuity was served by holding fast to its principles and resisting calls for change.

Cambridge today is very much a product of that history. Over a thousand pages of Statutes and Ordinances attest to the fact that the University is strongly rooted in its past. Most universities started later and changed more, sometimes by necessity and sometimes by choice. Not Cambridge.

Instead, there have been periodic reforms to the University's governance, the last major one in the late 1980s. Aside from a brief attempt at reform in the early 2000s, there has not been much appetite for it since.

Does the University need to change? Is change perhaps overdue? The strongest signal that an organisation needs to change is when things go wrong, and therefore we must take the losses, the setbacks, and heaven knows the tragedies very, very seriously. Just as humans are equipped with a negativity bias in their emotional system, organisations need to pay more attention and react more strongly to the bad news than the good. The University is committed to learning from recent negative events, and we are bringing in independent experts to facilitate that learning. We are not marking our own homework here; we want the rigour and clarity that outside experts can provide.

Ultimately, though, how Cambridge responds to these events, what we learn from them and how we change, is up to all of us. The University prides itself on being one of the very few largely democratic, self-governing universities remaining in the world. Given current challenges to both universities and democratic governance, I think the project of maintaining that status is more vital than ever. But with it comes two major responsibilities: (1) that we ensure that our governance is robust and in keeping with modern demands for transparency, legibility, timeliness, and accountability, and (2) that we all find ways to participate in this process, as democracy requires. Let's work together to show that Cambridge can be not just a brilliant and innovative community, but also a learning and caring one.

In closing, let me offer my warmest wishes to all of you for a fulfilling year ahead. Thank you.

R. B. SACHERS, *Director of Governance and Compliance*

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COLLEGE NOTICES

Elections

St John's College

Elected to a Fellowship under Title B from 1 September 2026:

Mary Theresa Biberauer, B.A., M.A., *Stellenbosch*,
M.Phil., Ph.D., *JN*

Vacancies

Clare Hall: Non-Stipendiary Research Fellowship
Competitions in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences,
and in the Sciences (up to four posts in each competition);
tenure: three years from 1 October 2027; closing date:
1 November 2026; further details:
<https://www.clarehall.cam.ac.uk/rf/>

Lucy Cavendish College: Junior Research Fellowship (in
selected areas within English, History and Geography);
tenure: from 1 October 2027 for three years (if full-time;
part-time also considered); stipend: £36,498; closing date:
30 October 2026 at 5 p.m.; further details:
<https://www.lucy.cam.ac.uk/vacancies/junior-research-fellowship>

Murray Edwards College: President; tenure: from
October 2027 for five years in the first instance; closing
date: 16 October 2026 at 12 noon; further details:
<https://www.murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk/about-us/work-us>
and <https://roles.saxbam.com/>, reference IABSM

Wolfson College: Non-Stipendiary Junior Research
Fellowship Competition 2027 (any subject; up to ten
posts available); tenure: from 1 January, 1 April or
1 October 2027 (dependent upon funding) for one year,
renewable for a further two years; closing date:
12 October 2026 at 12 noon; further details:
<https://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/jrf-competition-2027>

Memorial Service

Professor Rosamond McKitterick

A memorial service for Professor Rosamond McKitterick,
Fellow and former Vice-Master of Sidney Sussex College,
formerly Fellow and Vice-Principal of Newnham College,
Professor Emerita of Medieval History (*Reporter*, 6831,
2025–26, p. 589), will be held on Friday, 23 October 2026
at 5 p.m. at Great St Mary's, the University Church,
followed by a reception at Sidney Sussex College.
No registration is required for the memorial service.
Those wishing to attend the reception are kindly asked to
register via the following link:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/BFkZDTiP94>

SOCIETIES, ETC.

Cambridge Philosophical Society

'Under control? The hidden technology of automatic
control – past and future', a talk by Professor Malcolm
Smith, FREng, FRS (University of Cambridge), will take
place on Monday, 12 October 2026 at 5.30 p.m., in person
at the Bristol-Myers Squibb Lecture Theatre, Yusuf
Hamied Department of Chemistry, Lensfield Road;
free and open to all; further details:
[https://www.cambridgephilosophicalsociety.org/events/
event/malcolm-smith](https://www.cambridgephilosophicalsociety.org/events/event/malcolm-smith)

OTHER NOTICES

Crane Fund

Apothecary for the Crane Fund

The Crane Fund is seeking a medical professional
(psychiatrist, GP or other suitably qualified healthcare
professional) to act as Apothecary, alongside the existing
Apothecary. The successful candidate is expected to
commence the role during the 2026–27 academic year.

The Crane Fund provides financial assistance for
medical treatment and testing to students at the University
who are experiencing financial hardship.
The Apothecaries review pre-screened applications,
ensuring student eligibility in accordance with NICE
guidelines and assessing supporting evidence including
GP letters, student statements and College Tutor
endorsements. Casework is shared between the two
Apothecaries, with the Fund typically receiving around
30 applications per term. This equates to an average
workload of around 5 to 6 hours per month. The position
carries an honorarium of £1,000 per academic year.
The statutory term for this post is five years.

For more information or to express your interest, please
contact the Secretary to the Crane Fund in the Student
Funding and Fee Policy Team at [financialassistance@
admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:financialassistance@admin.cam.ac.uk) by 30 October 2026.
Further information about the Fund is available at:
[https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/fees-and-
funding/financial-assistance/crane-fund](https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/financial-assistance/crane-fund).

EXTERNAL NOTICES

Oxford Notices

Saïd Business School and Balliol College: Ernest Batten
Professorship of Management Studies (with a focus on
Finance); tenure: from 1 September 2027 or as agreed;
closing date: 12 October 2026 at 12 noon; further details:
<https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk>, vacancy ID: 186112

Department of Physics and New College: Savilian
Professorship of Astronomy; tenure: from September
2027 or as soon as possible thereafter; closing date:
2 November 2026 at 12 noon; further details:
<https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk>, vacancy ID: 186704

Faculty of History and Trinity College: Professorship of the History of Art; tenure: from 1 October 2027; closing date: 19 October 2026 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk>, vacancy ID: 185341

Magdalen College: Fellowship by Examination (JRF) Competition (up to four posts available in selected subjects); tenure: three years from no later than 1 October 2027; stipend: £44,570; closing date: 15 October 2026 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/job-vacancies>

Non-Stipendiary Visiting Fellowships Competition (including Robert S. Campbell Visiting Fellowships in law); tenure: from 1 October 2027 for three months or as agreed (Campbell Fellows may be elected for an academic year); closing date: 11 December 2026; further details: <https://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/job-vacancies>

Merton College: Fellowships for Early Career Researchers 2027 in Sciences (Chemistry or Biology); one post available; tenure: three years from 1 October 2027 or as soon as possible thereafter; salary: £40,514 plus allowances; closing date: 16 October 2026 at 9 a.m.; further details: <https://www.merton.ox.ac.uk/vacancies>

Wolfson College: Home Bursar; tenure: from as soon as possible (no later than February 2027 ideally); closing date: 12 October 2026; further details: <https://www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/vacancy/home-bursar/>

Non-Stipendiary Research/Junior Research Fellowships in Sciences 2027 (Medical Sciences or Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences); up to twelve posts available; tenure: from 1 January 2027 for three years in the first instance; closing date: 25 October 2026 at 5 p.m.; further details: <https://www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/vacancy/non-stipendiary-research-fellowships-in-sciences-2027/>

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