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NOTICES

Calendar

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.
3 November, *Tuesday*. Discussion by videoconference at 2 p.m. (see below).

Discussions (Tuesdays at 2 p.m.)

3 November (see below)
15 December

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

23 and 24 October
28 November

Dates of Discussions, 2026–27

Further to the Notice published on 8 July 2026 (*Reporter*, 6832, 2025–26, p. 611), the Council gives notice of revised dates of Discussions in November and March in the current academic year. These Discussions will now take place a week earlier, on 3 November 2026 and 9 March 2027, to better accommodate the flow of business.

VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Vacancies in the University

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

Directorship of the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology and Professorship of Material Culture in the Department of Social Anthropology; tenure: from 1 October 2027 or as soon as possible thereafter; informal enquiries: Professor Matei Candea, Head of Department (email: mc288@cam.ac.uk); closing date: 17 December 2026; further details: https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs/directorship-of-the-museum-of-archaeology-and-anthropology-and-professorship-of-material-culture-jf51186; quote reference: JF51186

Dobson Professorship of Materials Science and Metallurgy in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy; tenure: from 2027 or as soon as possible thereafter; informal enquiries: Professor Jason Robinson, Head of Department (email: hod@msm.cam.ac.uk); closing date: 30 November 2026; further details: https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs/dobson-professorship-of-materials-science-and-metallurgy-lj50922; quote reference: LJ50922

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.

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.

Cambridge University Libraries

Sandars Lectures 2026: 'Flax to folio: The global diffusion of early paper and the history of textiles', two lectures delivered by Professor Marina Rustow (Princeton University), will take place on Tuesday, 17 and Wednesday, 18 November 2026 from 5–6 p.m., in person in the Umney Theatre, Robinson College, and online via livestream; all welcome, free, registration required; further details and individual lecture titles: https://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/sandars

Faculty of Classics

Corbett Lecture 2026: 'Elemental betweenness: From artefacts to atmospheres in the Aegean Bronze Age', delivered by Professor Carl Knappett (University of Toronto), will take place on Thursday, 29 October 2026 from 5–6 p.m., in person in Room G.19, Faculty of Classics; all welcome, booking not required; further details: https://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/events/corbett-lecture-2026

NOTICES BY THE GENERAL BOARD

Academic (teaching and scholarship) career path: Concurrent offices

By Grace 1 of 12 May 2021, the Regent House approved the introduction of an academic (teaching and scholarship) career path. In the Report setting out that proposal, the Council and the General Board noted that there were some cases in which it could be appropriate for staff to hold academic offices to provide parity with their academic (research and teaching) peers, specifically where the individual's current position was already established (see paragraph 11, *Reporter*, 6612, 2020–21, p. 454). Within that group of officers in teaching-focused roles was a small group of individuals who held named offices with specific duties set out in General Board Regulations.

The General Board, as the competent authority, was asked to consider an exception to the general rule, set out in Statute C I 7, that no University office 'shall be tenable concurrently with any other University office'. The requested exception was to allow certain named offices in General Board institutions, which are not specified in Schedule C (i) 1, to be held concurrently with an academic office, given that the named offices continue to be of value to the University.

The General Board has agreed that where an officer holds the office listed in the Annex to this Notice and transfers to an academic (teaching and scholarship) employment contract, that officer may hold that office concurrently with an office specified in Schedule C (i) 1 (referred to below as the academic office) as an exception under sub-paragraph (*b*) of Statute C I 7, provided that:

(*a*) the academic office is at the same grade as the named office at the date of transfer to the new employment contract (recognising that this might not remain the case if the officeholder were to be promoted);

(*b*) the officeholder continues to carry out the duties of the named office in addition to acquiring the rights and obligations of the academic office (the individual would hold the titles of both offices);

(*c*) no additional stipend is payable for the academic office; and

(*d*) the academic office terminates on the individual ceasing to hold the named office.

ANNEX

Clinical Sub-Dean, Faculty of Clinical Medicine (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2025, p. 613)

NOTICES BY FACULTY BOARDS, ETC.

Annual meetings of the Faculties

Biology

The Chair of the Faculty Board of Biology gives notice that the Annual Meeting of the Faculty will be held at **1 p.m. on Monday, 9 November 2026** at Downing College.

The main business is to elect two members of the Faculty Board in class (*c*) in accordance with Regulation 1 of the General Regulations for the Constitution of the Faculty Boards (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2025, p. 597) via a procedure approved by the Faculty by which one of those elected is nominated by the Department of Pathology and one by the Department of Pharmacology to serve from 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2030.

Nominations, for which the consent of the candidate must be obtained, signed by the proposer and seconder, together with notice of any other business, should be sent to the Secretary, Dr Fiona Russell, Faculty of Biology, 17 Mill Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1RX, to arrive not later than 12 noon on Monday, 2 November 2026.

Computer Science and Technology

The Chair of the Faculty Board of Computer Science and Technology gives notice that the Annual Meeting of the Faculty will be held at **2.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 November 2026** in Lecture Theatre 1 of the Department of Computer Science and Technology, William Gates Building, JJ Thomson Avenue.

Included on the agenda will be the election of four members of the 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, confirmed by the proposer and seconder, and for which the consent of the candidate must be obtained, should be sent by email to the Secretary of the Faculty Board at departmental-secretary@cst.cam.ac.uk not later than Wednesday, 4 November 2026.

OBITUARIES

Obituary Notices

Professor Patricia Elizabeth Easterling, M.A., FBA, Honorary and former Professorial Fellow and sometime Vice-Principal and Director of Studies in Classics of Newnham College, Emerita Regius Professor of Greek, formerly President of the Classical Association and of the Hellenic Society and Chair of the Council of University Classics Departments, died on 18 August 2026, aged 92 years.

Professor Dean Ullathorne Hawkes, M.A., Ph.D., RIBA, FRSA, Emeritus Fellow and former Director of Studies in Architecture of Darwin College, member of Clare College, former University Lecturer in the Department of Architecture, founding member and sometime Director of the Martin Centre for Architectural and Urban Studies, Passive and Low Energy Architecture and Spink Award-winner, died on 4 October 2026, aged 88 years.

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

END OF THE OFFICIAL PART OF THE 'REPORTER'

REPORT OF DISCUSSION

Tuesday, 6 October 2026

A Discussion was scheduled by videoconference with Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Nicola Padfield, *F*, presiding and the deputy for the Director of Governance and Compliance, the Senior Proctor and the Junior Proctor as the attending officers.

Remarks were received as follows:

Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2025

(*Reporter*, 6833, 2025–26, p. 640).

Professor G. R. Evans (Emeritus Professor of Medieval Theology and Intellectual History):

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor's Annual Address to the University is published but does not have a place among Reports. Nevertheless in her Address on 1 October the Vice-Chancellor found opportunities to touch on matters which might need or give rise to Reports. What might those be?

She included resources in her list of 'necessities' and 'opportunities'. 'As University finances have become tighter, philanthropy has become ever-more important', she suggested. She listed some 'very big gifts' received during the year and explained the uses to which they were being put. Fundraising successes were noted, including those of Colleges.

The inclusion of certain provision has led to controversy eventually requiring a Report and the establishment of the Judge Business School. Partnerships with external entities were also celebrated in the speech, noting 'relationship with government around research and innovation infrastructure' shifting 'into partnership mode'.

In a respectful note on the University's 'democratic governance' she added the need for it to operate 'in keeping with modern demands' for 'transparency, legibility, timeliness and accountability'. But there is a wide range of possibilities of cooperation and collaboration, some of which may make one partner subordinate to or dependent on another. In seeking to make a particular provision the University may have to sacrifice its independence. The controversy over the future of the Vet School turned in part on such concerns.

So the celebration of the University's achievements may perhaps benefit from a footnote here and there.

Dr W. J. Astle (MRC Biostatistics Unit):

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, I apologise that these remarks do not directly address the topic of the item. However, they concern a Grace intended to reconfigure the senior administrative offices of the University, including those senior officers responsible for finance, so there is a tangential connection.

At its meeting on 21 September, the Council agreed to publish a Notice endorsing a ruling by the Vice-Chancellor that a proposed amendment to Grace 2 of 29 July 2026, initiated by the Regent House, was incompatible with the main purpose of the Grace and therefore inadmissible. Notes of dissent are not attached to Council Notices, so I wish to express my opinion here that the Council should not have involved itself with the Vice-Chancellor's ruling, whatever the merits of the original Grace, the proposed amendment, or the ruling itself.

In the absence of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor is, by custom, the Chair of the University.[1] She is, therefore, the presiding officer of the governing body, the Regent House. Her power to rule amendments inadmissible derives from that status, not from her role as Chair of the Council.[2] The Council is an administrative body inferior to the Regent House. It ought not to intervene in the procedures of the governing body, to which it is accountable.

The Charities Act 2011 may make the members of the Council the trustees of the University, but that does not make the Council the governing body. Nor does it give the Council a general power to overrule the Regent House, contrary to the *Statutes and Ordinances*. By law, charity trustees are obliged to comply with, and to exercise their powers within, the provisions of their charity's governing documents.[3]

Several members of the Regent House have suggested to me that the incident deserves to be reviewed by the Commissary. I think that is true, but I also think that the delay caused by an application to the Commissary is unlikely to be in the best interests of the University, because of the urgent need to fill the senior administrative offices and because it is unlikely to lead to a different result. The concern is whether the ruling would have been made in the first place had the Council not given its endorsement.

Relatedly, the preamble to this year's Proposed Roll of the Regent House (*Reporter*, 2026–27, Special No 1, p. 6), describes the Regent House as 'the legislative and principal electoral body of the University'. According to web.archive.org, at some time between 13 November and 28 December 2025, the same phrase replaced the words 'the governing body' on the University governance webpage.[4] The phrase has also been introduced to the booklet on the Regent House distributed to its new members.[5] The Regent House is, by statute, the governing body of the University.[6] It has executive as well as legislative powers.[7] So, will the Council please ensure that it is accurately described in University publications?

[1] Statute C III 3 (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2025, p. 18), requires the Vice-Chancellor to 'perform the customary duties of the office'.

[2] See Regulation 11(*a*) of the Ordinance on Graces and Congregations of the Regent House (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2025, p. 114).

[3] See Charity Commission guidance: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved-cc3a#making-decisions-as-a-trustee and https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/decision-making-for-charity-trustees-cc27/decision-making-for-charity-trustees. Section 353 (1) of the Charities Act 2011 defines a charity's trusts to include the provisions 'regulating its purposes and administration', therefore including the provisions of the University's *Statutes and Ordinances*.

[4] https://www.cam.ac.uk/about-the-university/how-the-university-and-colleges-work/governance.

[5] The Regent House: A University governance guide, available at: https://universityofcambridgecloud.sharepoint.com/sites/RegentHousePetitions/SitePages/Governance-and-the-Regent-House.aspx (Regent House members only).

[6] See Statute A III 1 (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2025, p. 5).

[7] See Statute A III 3 (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2025, p. 5).

COLLEGE NOTICES

Elections

Corpus Christi College

Elected to an Honorary Fellowship with effect from 4 June 2026:

Murray Gold, M.A., *CC*

The Rt Hon. Sir Jeremy Stuart-Smith, M.A., *CC*

The Baroness Willis of Summertown, CBE, B.Sc., *Southampton*, Ph.D., *CC*, FRS

Elected to a Fellowship in Class A with effect from 1 October 2026:

Owen Edward Griffiths, B.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., *JN* (Fellow in Philosophy)

Elected to a Fellowship in Class B from 1 September 2026 until 31 July 2030:

Tania Rachel Shew, B.A., *Sussex*, M.Phil., *Oxford*, Ph.D., *Manchester* (Hong Kong Link Early-Career Research Fellow and College Lecturer in History)

Elected to a Fellowship in Class B from 7 October 2026 until 31 December 2028:

Takashi Sebastian Lawson, M.Eng., *Oxford*, M.Res., Ph.D., *CC* (Non-Stipendiary Early Career Research Fellow, Materials Science)

Elected to a Fellowship in Class B from 7 October 2026 until 31 August 2030:

Yi Ning Chang, B.A., Ph.D., *Harvard* (Stipendiary Early-Career Research Fellow, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies)

Elected to a Fellowship in Class F from 7 October 2026 until 30 September 2029:

Brendan Charles Gillott, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., *CC* (Fellow in English)

Elected to a Fellowship in Class F from 7 October 2026 until 30 September 2031:

Michael Edward Sinclair, B.Sc., *Bradford*, M.A., *Cambridge* (Finance Bursar)

Hughes Hall

Elected to a Fellowship in Class A with effect from 1 October 2026:

Lorenza Antonucci, B.Sc., M.Sc., *Bocconi*, M.Sc., *LSE*, Ph.D., *Bristol*

Elected to a Research Fellowship with effect from 1 October 2026:

Tiago Azevedo, M.A., *Porto*, Ph.D., *CHU*

Mikkel Kenni Bruun, M.A., *W*, M.Res., *UCL*, Ph.D., *PEM*

Kaili Clackson, M.A., M.A., Ph.D., *Essex*

Maria Liapopoulou, B.A., *Thessaloniki*, M.Sc., Ph.D., *Imperial*

Elected to a Research By-Fellowship with effect from 1 October 2026:

William Chan, B.A., *Lingnan*, M.A., Ph.D., *Warwick*

Tabitha Jones, M.Eng., *Oxford*, M.Res., Eng.D., *UCL*

Sarah Madden, M.Chem., *Oxford*, M.Res., Ph.D., *HO*

Philippa Mullins, B.A., *Oxford*, M.Sc., Ph.D., *LSE*

Newnham College

Elected to a Bye Fellowship with effect from 30 September 2026:

Jillian Lauer, Ph.D., *Emory*

Elected to a Junior Research Fellowship with effect from 1 October 2026:

Aliya Abdukadir Ali, B.A., *SOAS*, M.Phil., Ph.D., *CL*

Sing Teng Chua, B.Sc., B.Eng., *NUS*, Ph.D., *HH*

Nicole Stybnarova, LL.M., *Charles*, M.Phil., *Oxford*, Ph.D., *Helsinki*

Elected to a Travelling Research Fellowship with effect from 1 October 2026:

Sarah Paris, B.A., *Manchester*, M.Sc., *UCL*, Ph.D., *CTH*

Constanza Toro Valdivieso, Licentiate in Veterinary Sciences, D.V.M., *Mayor*, Ph.D., *N*

Callie Vandewiele, B.A., *Pacific*, M.Phil., Ph.D., *N*

Robinson College

Elected to a Fellowship in Class B with effect from 1 October 2026 for two years:

Freddy Foks, B.A., *KCL*, M.Phil., *HO*, Ph.D., *TH*

Selwyn College

Elected to a Fellowship with effect from 1 October 2026:

Joanne L. Jones, B.Sc., M.B. Ch.B., *Bristol*, Ph.D., *JE*, MRCP

Samuel McDermott, M.A., *TH*, M.Sc., Ph.D., *Sheffield*

Eden Smith, B.A., B.C.L., *Oxford*

Jeffrey Tse, B.Math., *Waterloo*, M.Sc., D.Phil., *Oxford*

Trinity College

Elected to a Fellowship under Title C with effect from 1 July 2026:

Carolina Kansikas, M.Res., Ph.D., *Warwick*, B.Sc., M.Sc., *Aalto*

Elected to a Fellowship under Title C with effect from 1 September 2026:

Daniel Larsen, B.A., *Nebraska*, M.Phil., Ph.D., *CHR*

Henry Lee-Six, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., Ph.D., *T*

Katherine Mennis, B.A., D.Phil., *Oxford*, M.Phil., *CHR*

Ken To, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., *R*, M.Phil., Ph.D., *CC*

Elected to a Fellowship under Title A with effect from 5 October 2026:

Pin Yu Chew, B.A., M.Sci., Ph.D., *CTH*

Joakim Faergeman, B.Sc., *Aarhus*, Ph.D., *UT Austin*

Tianzheng Fu, M.Res., Ph.D., *HH*, B.Eng., M.Eng., *Tongji*

Wojciech Jan Jankowski, M.A., M.Sci., *T*

Luka Pajovic, M.A., *T*, M.Arch. II, *Yale*

Alejandro Ruben Quintana, A.B., *Harvard*, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., *Yale*

Ophelia Evelyn Sommer, B.A., M.Sci., *T*

Marco Federico Vona, M.A., M.Math., *T*

Trinity Hall

Elected to a Research Fellowship with effect from 1 October 2026:

Jethro Calacday, B.A., *Ateneo de Manila*, M.A., *Yale*, Ph.D., *T*

Daniel Duffy, B.A., M.Sci., M.Phil., Ph.D., *DOW*

Elected to a Staff Fellowship with effect from 1 October 2026:

Benjamin Gray, M.A., M.Phil., D.Phil., *Oxford*

Elizabeth Ingleson, B.A., *UNSW*, Ph.D., *Sydney*

Caren Norden, Dipl.-Biochem., *Hannover*, Ph.D., *ETH Zürich*

Emily Senior, B.A., M.A., *Wales*, *Cardiff*, Ph.D., *Warwick*, P.G.C.E.H.E., *Birkbeck*

Katherine Schon, M.A., Ph.D., *PEM*, B.M. B.Ch., *Oxford*

Elected to a Bye-Fellowship with effect from 1 October 2026:

Emma Hodson, M.A., *CAI*, B.M. B.Ch., D.Phil., *Oxford*

Sabrina Puddu, M.Sc., A.A., Ph.D., *Cagliari*, M.A., *Architectural Association*

Lucy Richman, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., *TH*

Jon Roozenbeek, B.A., *Leiden*, M.Sc., *Uppsala*, M.A., *Maastricht*, Ph.D., *DAR*

Gwen Wyatt-Moon, B.Eng., *Swansea*, M.Res., Ph.D., *Imperial*

Elected to a Fellow-Commonership with effect from 1 October 2026:

Elliott Grant, M.A., M.Eng., Ph.D., *TH*

Elected to a Visiting Fellowship with effect from 1 October 2026:

Wilson Poon, M.A., *PET*, Ph.D., *JN*

Elected to an Honorary Fellowship with effect from 1 October 2026:

Jonathan Klein, M.A., *TH*

Vacancies

Churchill College, Clare College, Fitzwilliam College, Murray Edwards College and Trinity Hall: Early Career Research Fellowships 2027 (eight available across the five Colleges); tenure: three years from 1 October 2027; closing date: 9 November 2026 at 5 p.m.; further details: https://jrf.chu.cam.ac.uk/rf_2027/

Peterhouse: Peterhouse Research Studentship Competition; several awards available for Ph.D. study, any subject; tenure: 3.5 years from 1 October 2027; full or partial funding available according to circumstances; closing date: same as funding deadline for the course; further details: https://www.pet.cam.ac.uk/research-studentships

Events

Clare Hall

The Betty Behrens Seminar on Classics of Historiography

Seminars will take place on the following Fridays from 2.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Richard Eden Suite, Clare Hall: 30 October (Professor Katherine Clarke), 13 November (Dr Godfried Croenen), and 27 November (Professor Simon Ditchfield). Further details and booking: https://www.clarehall.cam.ac.uk/events/the-betty-behrens-seminar-on-classics-of-historiography-michaelmas-2026/

Trinity College

Birkbeck Lectures 2026

'Ecclesiastical history in early modern Europe: Forms, practices, contexts', four lectures, delivered by Professor Anthony Grafton (Princeton University), will take place on 20, 22, 27 and 29 October 2026 at 5.30 p.m., in person in the Winstanley Lecture Theatre, Trinity College; free, open to all, no booking required; further details and individual lecture titles: https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/about/public-lectures/birkbeck/

Wolfson College

Unequal pasts, shared futures: The afterlives of enslavement and the politics of repair

Panel discussion with Professor Pedro Ramos Pinto (University of Cambridge) exploring the role of memory, acknowledgement and repair in addressing the enduring legacies of transatlantic enslavement, on 29 October 2026 from 5.30–7 p.m., in person in Lee Hall, Wolfson College; all welcome, free; further details and booking: https://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/about/events/unequal-pasts-shared-futures-afterlives-enslavement-and-politics-repair

Awards

Jesus College

Chadwick essay prizes for University members, 2026–27

The College is offering one or more prizes of £500 for essays concerning Theology, the Philosophy of Religion, the History of Religious Thought or Scriptural Interpretation by members of the University who meet the qualifying criteria. Essays of approx. 4,000 words, submitted in accordance with the rules for the Prize, should be submitted by the first day of Easter Full Term 2027. Further details: https://www.jesus.cam.ac.uk/articles/chadwick-essay-prizes-university-members-2026-2027

EXTERNAL NOTICES

Oxford Notices

Faculty of English and St Catherine's College: Thomas Warton Professorship of English Literature; tenure: from 1 October 2027; closing date: 9 November 2026 at 12 noon; further details: https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk, vacancy ID: 188551

Faculty of Theology and Religion and Christ Church: Regius Professorship of Ecclesiastical History; tenure: from 1 October 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: 188552

Radcliffe Department of Medicine and St Cross College: Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professorship of Developmental and Stem Cell Biology as Applied to Medicine; closing date: 9 December 2026 at 12 noon; further details: https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk, vacancy ID: 187083

St Cross Centre for the History and Philosophy of Physics: The HAPP One-Day Conference on 'Light, mind and image: A history of visual illusion' will take place on Saturday, 21 November 2026 from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., in person at the Mathematical Institute, Woodstock Road, Oxford, and online via livestream; free but booking required; further details: https://stx.web.ox.ac.uk/event/happ-one-day-conference-light-mind-and-image

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