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NOTICES**Calendar**

28 February, *Saturday*. Congregation of the Regent House at 10 a.m.

4 March, *Wednesday*. End of third quarter of Lent Term.

16 March, *Monday*. Scarlet Day. Congregation of the Regent House at 2.45 p.m. (ceremonial installation of the Chancellor).

17 March, *Tuesday*. Discussion by videoconference at 2 p.m. (see below).

20 March, *Friday*. Full Term ends.

25 March, *Wednesday*. Lent Term ends. Last ordinary issue of the *Reporter* in Lent Term.

Discussions (Tuesdays at 2 p.m.)

17 March

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

28 February

16 March, 2.45 p.m. (ceremonial installation of the Chancellor)

28 March

11 April

Discussion on Tuesday, 17 March 2026

The Vice-Chancellor invites members of the Regent House, University and College employees, registered students and others qualified under the regulations for Discussions (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2024, p. 111) to attend a Discussion by **videoconference** on Tuesday, 17 March 2026 at 2 p.m. The following items will be discussed:

1. Report of the Council, dated 18 February 2026, on the demolition of the former Cavendish Laboratory buildings in Cambridge West (*Reporter*, 6815, 2025–26, p. 348).
2. Report of the Council, dated 18 February 2026, on changes to Statutes J 4 and C XV (*Reporter*, 6815, 2025–26, p. 349).

Those wishing to join the Discussion by videoconference should email Discussions@admin.cam.ac.uk providing their CRSid (if a member of the collegiate University), by 10 a.m. on the date of the Discussion to receive joining instructions. Alternatively contributors may email their remarks to Discussions@admin.cam.ac.uk, by no later than 10 a.m. on the day of the Discussion for reading out by the Proctors,¹ or may ask someone else who is attending to read the remarks on their behalf.

In accordance with the regulations for Discussions, the Chair of the Board of Scrutiny or any ten members of the Regent House² may request that the Council arrange for one or more of the items listed for discussion to be discussed in person (usually in the Senate-House). Requests should be made to the Director of Governance and Compliance, on paper or by email to UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk from addresses within the cam.ac.uk domain, by no later than 9 a.m. on the day of the Discussion. Any changes to the Discussion schedule will be confirmed in the *Reporter* at the earliest opportunity.

For general information on Discussions see the *Reporter* website at <https://www.reporter.admin.cam.ac.uk/discussions>.

¹ Any comments sent by email should please begin with the name and title of the contributor as they wish it to be read out and include at the start a note of any College and/or Departmental affiliations held.

² <https://www.scrutiny.cam.ac.uk/> and https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/regent_house_roll/.

Fellowship Secondment Programme for Emerging Academic Leaders

19 February 2026

In July 2024, the Council approved the creation of a new part-time fellowship secondment programme sponsored by the Vice-Chancellor, to provide emerging academic leaders with experience of working at a senior level within the University and having responsibility for delivering University- or School-wide initiatives.¹ These opportunities are intended to create an internal pipeline of future academic leaders at the University. The programme comprises up to six Fellowship Secondments, each supported by a Pro-Vice-Chancellor (PVC) or Head of School (as appropriate). The first two Fellows were selected in May 2025 and a further two in October 2025. Applications are now invited for a fifth Fellow with the following portfolio:

Professional Services Review (supported by the PVC for Resources and Operations)

The Fellow will play a crucial role in supporting the University's review and redesign of its professional services operating model by an external specialist/consultancy that will be commissioned in mid-2026. The Fellow will bring deep institutional understanding and academic insight to ensure that the consultancy's longlist, shortlist, and Strategic Outline Business Case are grounded in the practical realities of Cambridge's structures, governance, and working culture. Working alongside the external specialist, the PVC for Resources and Operations and the Directors of UAS Divisions, the Fellow will contribute to option development, stakeholder engagement, and the assessment of feasibility, ensuring that proposed operating model changes are both ambitious and implementable.

Attributes and experience

The successful candidate is likely to be a senior academic (Grades 10–12), with a desire to obtain greater experience of working across the University and the Colleges and a view to taking on a leadership role in the future. The individual will have a curiosity about how the University currently works and how it can be best supported by its professional services, with the ability to influence and persuade and build consensus. Strong communication skills and the ability to prioritise will be essential.

Terms of appointment

This Fellowship Secondment will be at the equivalent of 20% FTE for two years (equivalent to one day a week), renewable for a further year. In addition to a Leadership Allowance,² the Fellow will receive professional development support, including participation in the University's Senior Leadership Programme Level 3 course.³

The Vice-Chancellor expects to make the secondment appointment during the Easter Term, with a start date to be agreed with the Fellow but expected to be from June 2026.

Expressions of interest and further information

The Vice-Chancellor welcomes expressions of interest. This is an internal scheme open to individuals from within the University and the Colleges.

Requests for further information about the role and/or expressions of interest, including a curriculum vitae and covering letter, should be sent by email to the Resourcing Team in the Human Resources Division at seniorrecruitmentfellows@admin.cam.ac.uk by **12 noon on Wednesday, 25 March 2026**.

¹ *Reporter*, 6751, 2023–24, p. 859.

² Variable according to base pay; to be calculated as the difference for each successful Fellow between 20% of base pay and £25k p.a. payable by their current employer as an uplift to base salary.

³ See the Senior Leadership Programmes overview at: <https://www.ppd.admin.cam.ac.uk/leadership-development/leadership-development-programmes/senior-leadership-programmes-overview>.

Employment Rights Act 2025

19 February 2026

The Council and the General Board, after consultation with the University and Staff Joint Board, have approved revisions to the following policies to reflect legislative changes arising from the Employment Rights Act 2025, effective from 6 April 2026:

- Paternity and Co-Parent Leave Policy
- Ordinary Parental Leave Policy
- Shared Parental Leave Policy
- Sickness Absence Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Disciplinary Policy
- Grievance Policy
- Staff and Student Relationships Policy
- Assistant Staff Rules

These changes ensure compliance with statutory requirements, including 'day one rights' for paternity and parental leave, adjustments to shared parental leave, reforms to statutory sick pay and enhanced whistleblowing protections. The revisions do not alter any procedures set out in the Statutes or Special Ordinances. Updated policies will be published on the Human Resources website prior to the commencement date.

Future of the Vet.M.B. course

24 February 2026

At a meeting on 23 February, the General Board had a detailed discussion about the future of veterinary education at Cambridge. It has agreed next steps in light of the analysis put forward by both the School of the Biological Sciences and the Department of Veterinary Medicine, and the concerns of many in the Cambridge community and the veterinary profession more widely.

The General Board acknowledged the long-standing and serious challenges facing veterinary education at Cambridge, and thanked the School of the Biological Sciences for its work and support of the Department of Veterinary Medicine during a critical phase of the accreditation process and in appraising the options. In addition, having heard the strength of feeling in the community around Cambridge continuing to offer veterinary education, the General Board agreed the following:

- The University will continue to admit students onto the course. Offer letters will go out imminently for students to enter the course this autumn.
- As both the Department and the School recognise, there is a need for new leadership in the Vet School to be put in place to support the Department in addressing its many challenges, and that transition should begin.
- The General Board will share the analysis conducted by the School and the Department with the Regent House.
- The General Board recognises that the School of the Biological Sciences cannot be solely responsible for the future of veterinary education.
- Further analysis, supported by external experts, is required to develop and evaluate alternative models for the future of veterinary education at Cambridge. The General Board will hold the Vet School to account and keep the Regent House informed on progress.
- The financial and operational reorganisation of clinical services, outlined in the Department's submission, should move forward. All immediate cost savings identified by the Vet School should go ahead without delay.

Senate-House Yard and the University Combination Room: Notice of closure on Monday, 16 March 2026

Both the Yard and the Combination Room will be closed on Monday, 16 March 2026 from 12 noon to 5 p.m., due to the Congregation for the ceremonial installation of the Chancellor. Access to the University Offices will be from Trinity Lane.

VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Election

The following election has been made:

Professor ALVIN JACKSON, FBA, FRSE, FRHistS, M.A., D.Phil., *University of Oxford*, Sir Richard Lodge Professor of History, University of Edinburgh, elected Childers Professor of Irish History with effect from a date to be determined.

NOTICES BY THE GENERAL BOARD

Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences

The General Board, on the recommendation of the Management Committee for the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences and the Council of the School of the Physical Sciences, has agreed that the office of Deputy Director of the Institute should be replaced with an unestablished post (or posts), with the terms of the appointment and duties to be determined by the Management Committee, to provide greater flexibility.

The General Board has agreed to make the following changes to the General Board Regulations governing the Institute (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2024, p. 665), to revise references to the Deputy Directorship.

(a) By amending the last sentence of Regulation 1 for the Scientific Steering Committee to read as follows:

The Scientific Director of the International Centre for Mathematical Sciences shall have the right to attend meetings if they have not been appointed as a member.

(b) By replacing the words 'or Deputy Director' from Regulation 5 for the Scientific Steering Committee with 'or a senior member of the staff of the Institute'.

(c) By amending Regulation 1(b) for the Management Committee to read as follows:

(b) another senior member of the staff of the Institute, nominated by the Director;

(d) By amending Regulation 4 for the Management Committee to read as follows:

4. A person appointed by the Director shall serve as Secretary of the Committee.

(e) By replacing Regulations 3 and 4 for the Staff of the Institute with new Regulation 3, to read as follows:

3. There shall be a post of Deputy Director of the Institute, to be appointed by the Management Committee on such terms and with such duties as the Management Committee shall determine, which shall include the option to appoint more than one Deputy Director.

A reference to the office of Deputy Director of the Institute has also been removed from the General Board's Notice providing a Schedule of offices whose holders may apply for study leave (reproduced in *Statutes and Ordinances*, 2024, p. 682).

REGULATIONS FOR EXAMINATIONS

Sociology for the M.Phil. Degree

(*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2024, p. 534)

With effect from 1 October 2027

The General Board, on the recommendation of the Degree Committee for the Departments of Archaeology, Social Anthropology, and Sociology, has approved the amendment of the special regulations for the course in Sociology for the degree of Master of Philosophy by advanced study to amend the scheme of examination to bring it under the Ordinance for Assessment Formats, as follows:

SOCIOLOGY

1. The scheme of examination for the one-year full-time and two-year part-time course of study in Sociology for the degree of Master of Philosophy shall be as follows:

- (a) each candidate shall, at the commencement of study, select one of the pathways specified at the end of these regulations, and offer
- (b) assessments permitted under the Ordinance for Assessment Formats, as prescribed by the Degree Committee for the pathway chosen in accordance with (a); and
- (c) a dissertation, of not less than 10,000 and not more than 15,000 words, including footnotes and appendices but excluding bibliography, on a topic approved by the Degree Committee. Topics must receive approval not later than the beginning of the Full Easter Term.

The Degree Committee shall publish the lists of topics prescribed for the pathways no later than the first day of the Full Michaelmas Term preceding the examination.

2. The examination may, at the discretion of the Examiners, include an oral examination on the dissertation and on the general field of study within which it falls.

PATHWAYS

Political and economic sociology

The sociology of media and culture

The sociology of marginality and exclusion

NOTICES BY FACULTY BOARDS, ETC.

Mathematical Tripos, Part III, 2026: Essay titles

In accordance with Regulations 17 and 18 for the Mathematical Tripos (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2024, p. 384), the Examiners have published a list of essay titles on which candidates may submit an essay. The full list of essay titles and further guidelines are available at <https://www.maths.cam.ac.uk/postgrad/part-iii/files/essays/essays.pdf>.

A candidate who proposes to submit an essay should inform the Chair of Examiners not later than 12 noon of 7 May 2026 by means of a form which will be provided, countersigned by their Director of Studies. Candidates should submit their essay so as to reach the Chair of Examiners not later than 12 noon of 7 May 2026.

GRACES**Graces to be submitted to the Regent House at a Congregation on 28 February 2026**

The Council has sanctioned the submission of the following Graces to the Regent House at a Congregation to be held on 28 February 2026.

That the following person be admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by incorporation:

9. ARUSHI GARG, Fellow of Wolfson College, University Associate Professor in the Institute of Criminology, Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Oxford (2021).

That the following persons be admitted to the degree of Master of Arts under the provisions of Statute B II 2:

10. LUIGI ALOJ, Clinical Professor of Nuclear Medicine in the Department of Radiology.

11. YUEN YUNG JANE CHUI, Fellow of Wolfson College.

12. CHRISTOPHER JAMES COLERIDGE, Fellow of Wolfson College.

13. SIMON PERRY, Fellow of Robinson College.

14. MATTEO SEITA, Fellow of St John's College, University Assistant Professor in the Department of Engineering.

ACTA**Approval of Grace submitted to the Regent House on 11 February 2026**

The Grace submitted to the Regent House on 11 February 2026 (*Reporter*, 6814, 2025–26, p. 331) was approved at 4 p.m. on Friday, 20 February 2026.

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

END OF THE OFFICIAL PART OF THE 'REPORTER'

REPORT OF DISCUSSION**Tuesday, 17 February 2026**

A Discussion was scheduled by videoconference with Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Richard Penty, *SID*, presiding and the Registrar's deputy, the Senior Proctor and the Senior Pro-Proctor as the attending officers.

Joint Report of the Council and the General Board, dated 3 February 2026, on corrections to Special Ordinances concerning Selection Committees

(*Reporter*, 6813, 2025–26, p. 313).

No remarks were received on this Report.

COLLEGE NOTICES**Elections****Fitzwilliam College**

Elected to a Fellowship in Class A with immediate effect:

Peter Bolgar, M.A., M.Sci., Ph.D., *CTH*
Antonin Machacek, M.Phys., D.Phil., *Oxford*
Stephen Millmore, B.Sc., Ph.D., *Southampton*

Pembroke College

Elected to an Official Fellowship with effect from 17 February 2026:

Amparo Güemes Gonzalez, B.Sc., *Technical University of Madrid*, M.Sc., Ph.D., *Imperial*

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

Samir Canning, B.A., *Columbia*, Ph.D., *UC San Diego*

Elected to an Honorary Fellowship with effect from 11 November 2025:

Sir Christopher Clark, B.A., *Sydney*, Ph.D., *PEM*
Robert Macfarlane, M.A., Ph.D., *PEM*, M.Phil., *Oxford*
Rajesh Thakker, OBE, M.A., M.B. B.Chir., M.D.,
Sc.D., *PEM*, MRCP, FRCP, FRCPEd, FRCPath,
FRS, FMedSci

Elected to a Bye Fellowship from 2 December 2025:

Xavier Buxton, B.A., *PET*, M.St., D.Phil., *Oxford*,
P.G.C.E., *Exeter*

Andrea Greve, B.Sc., *Saarland*, M.Sc., Ph.D., *Edinburgh*

Appointed as a Postdoctoral Research Associate from 1 January 2026:

Daniel Franco-Barranco, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D.,
University of the Basque Country

Vacancies

Robinson College: Baxandall Visiting Fellowship; tenure: for a minimum of one term up to a maximum of eight months; applications are currently being accepted for visits starting in Michaelmas Term (October 2026), Lent Term (January 2027) or Easter Term (April 2027); closing date: 19 April 2026; further details: <https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/about-robinson/job-vacancies/baxandall-visiting-fellowship-2>

SOCIETIES, ETC.**Cambridge Antiquarian Society**

The Society's next talk, entitled 'Underwater archaeology: Crannogs and rivers', will be given by Jezz Davies (Nautical Archaeology Society) on Monday, 2 March 2026 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Law Faculty, Sidgwick Site, CB3 9DZ; free to attend; booking not required; further details: <https://www.camantsoc.org/meetings-and-events/>; enquiries: Ian Mason, Secretary (email: secretary@camantsoc.org)

Cambridge Philosophical Society

'What is digital identity all about?', a talk by Professor Jon Crowcroft, FRS (University of Cambridge), will take place on Monday, 2 March 2026 from 6 p.m. to 7 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/professor-jon-crowcroft>

EXTERNAL NOTICES**Oxford Notices**

Faculty of Theology and Religion and Merton College: Michael Huffington Chair of Eastern Orthodox Christianity; tenure: from 1 September 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter; closing date: 23 March 2026 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk>, vacancy ID: 184742

St Hilda's College: Stipendiary Lecturer in Classics (8 hours); tenure: one year from 1 October 2026; salary: £22,540 to £23,787 depending on experience; closing date: 18 March 2026 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/vacancies/stipendiary-lecturer-in-classics>