

Unconfirmed

**Clare College
Cambridge**

Monday 8 November 2021

A meeting of the Governing Body was held this day.

Present: Ms Minghella, Professor Preston, Professor Hedley, Professor Parker, Professor Ogilvie, Professor Jacobs, Professor Thompson, Professor Griffiths, Dr Burrows, Professor Lestas, Professor Tasioulas, Professor Carroll, Ms Wyburd, Professor Gibson, Professor Goodman. Professor Hughes, Professor Paulson, Professor Maniscalco, Professor Dunajski, Rev'd Dr Smith, Professor Greenham, Dr Harris, Professor Phillips, Professor Cacho, Professor Sterckx, Professor Watson, Professor Stranks, Professor Franklin, Dr Follini, Dr Moore, Mr Ball, Professor Berman, Professor Budvytis, Dr Foyster, Dr Klee, Professor Laman, Professor Lawson, Professor Lockwood, Mr McCarthy, Professor Philpott, Dr Pollard, Professor Turner, Dr Wimpenny

Student Reps: Ms Rafalin (UCS), Ms Mason (MCR)

Apologies: Dr Zhang, Professor Jahn, Professor Holdstock, Professor van Veen, Professor Lazar, Professor Friend, Dr Stillman, Dr Carter, Mr Ross, Professor Rowitch, Dr Wolf, Professor Shorttle, Professor Cabrera Serrenho, Professor Howarth, Professor Clayton, Dr Riley, Professor Thomason

On Leave: Professor Sanson, Professor Chesters, Professor Frolova-Walker, Professor Prabhu, Dr Guy

MINUTES

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

1. ***Declarations of Interest***

There were no declarations of interest.

2. ***Matters arising from the Unreserved Minutes of 14 June 2021***

There were no matters arising.

3. ***Master's Remarks***

The Master thanked Fellows and Staff for their warm welcome to Clare. She noted that there were certain areas of College activity which she would start to address in the new year with Fellowship input: teaching, learning and research; access and inclusion; sustainability.

4. ***Old Court Update***

The Estates Director provided an update on the Old Court works. Her progress report was illustrated with a short film from Barnes, the building contractors. Work on Phase 1B of the project continues, although delays have occurred, most recently through curtailment of the thrust boring under the north passageway. This activity will restart on 22 November. Meanwhile, the installation of a lift in the Old Court stairway is almost complete. £18.5m of the £25m required to complete Phase 1B has been raised so far.

5. ***PREVENT***

The Governing Body agreed to delegate to College Council the authority to sign off the Annual PREVENT submission.

6. ***Admissions Report & Discussion Document***

Professor Griffiths presented a report on the 2020-21 Admissions Round. He thanked all those working in the Tutorial Office for their dedication and support during another difficult admissions period, and welcomed the new members of the Admissions team.

He drew the Governing Body's attention to the following:

- The College correctly anticipated that A levels would again be disrupted, and therefore reduced the number of offers from around 180 to 140 to allow for large numbers of students making their predicted grades. A total of 147 offers were made, with 133 students taking up their places. It was decided that a smaller cohort was desirable and the summer pool was not used to recover numbers. Despite the reduced intake, the ratio of State to Independent students (68.5%) remained consistent with OfS targets.
- The College did not meet its POLAR4 target, but exceeded the targets for other indices, including IMD (Index of Multiple Deprivation).
- The relatively low admissions from our link schools in Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Coventry is disappointing, and an analysis of demographics shows that applications are still heavily skewed towards London and the south-east of England. In an attempt to widen participation there are plans to increase the College's outreach activities, for example sharing a pre-interview preparation day with Caius.
- The record number of applications for 2021-22 (946) might partly be accounted for by the increased reach achieved by the College's use of virtual platforms for Admissions Talks and other Open Day activities. The improved Admissions pages on the website are also likely to have made a difference.
- All interviews this year will be virtual. No decision has yet been made for the 2022 admissions season.

7. ***Any other Unreserved Business***

There was no other unreserved business.

