

# St Edmund's College

## University of Cambridge

Dear ,

Spring has truly sprung here in Cambridge and St Edmund's green spaces are looking delightful. The daffodils (pictured below) have given way to hearty tulips and the trees are nearly in full bloom, even though the British weather remains changeable as ever. Huge thanks to Robert our gardener whose hard work keeps the place green and pleasant for us all.

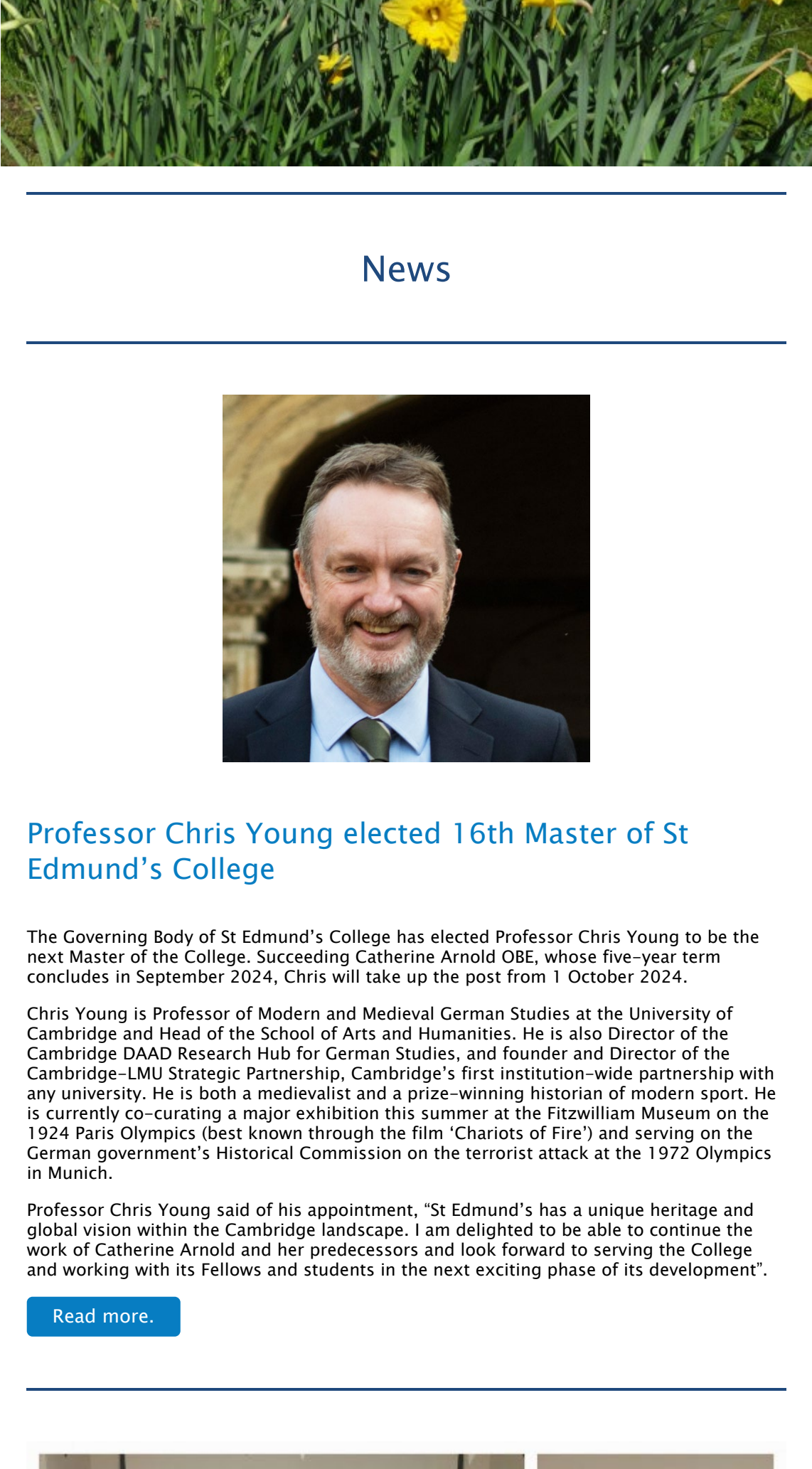
This newsletter looks back to Lent term, now finished, and forward to Easter and the summer to come, with stories from College and our alumni community, as well as future events for alumni across the world. It was a real pleasure to meet and speak with some of you at our last London drinks get-together for alumni, and we have a host of new opportunities for you to connect with the College and your peers in the coming months.

If you have any news, stories, or updates that you would like to share with the the Eddie's Alumni community, please do [get in touch!](#)

Yours,

William

Development Assistant



## News



### Professor Chris Young elected 16th Master of St Edmund's College

The Governing Body of St Edmund's College has elected Professor Chris Young to be the next Master of the College. Succeeding Catherine Arnold OBE, whose five-year term concludes in September 2024, Chris will take up the post from 1 October 2024.

Chris Young is Professor of Modern and Medieval German Studies at the University of Cambridge and Head of the School of Arts and Humanities. He is also Director of the Cambridge DAAD Research Hub for German Studies, and founder and Director of the Cambridge-LMU Strategic Partnership, Cambridge's first institution-wide partnership with any university. He is both a medievalist and a prize-winning historian of modern sport. He is currently co-curating a major exhibition this summer at the Fitzwilliam Museum on the 1924 Paris Olympics (best known through the film 'Chariots of Fire') and serving on the German government's Historical Commission on the terrorist attack at the 1972 Olympics in Munich.

Professor Chris Young said of his appointment, "St Edmund's has a unique heritage and global vision within the Cambridge landscape. I am delighted to be able to continue the work of Catherine Arnold and her predecessors and look forward to serving the College and working with its Fellows and students in the next exciting phase of its development".

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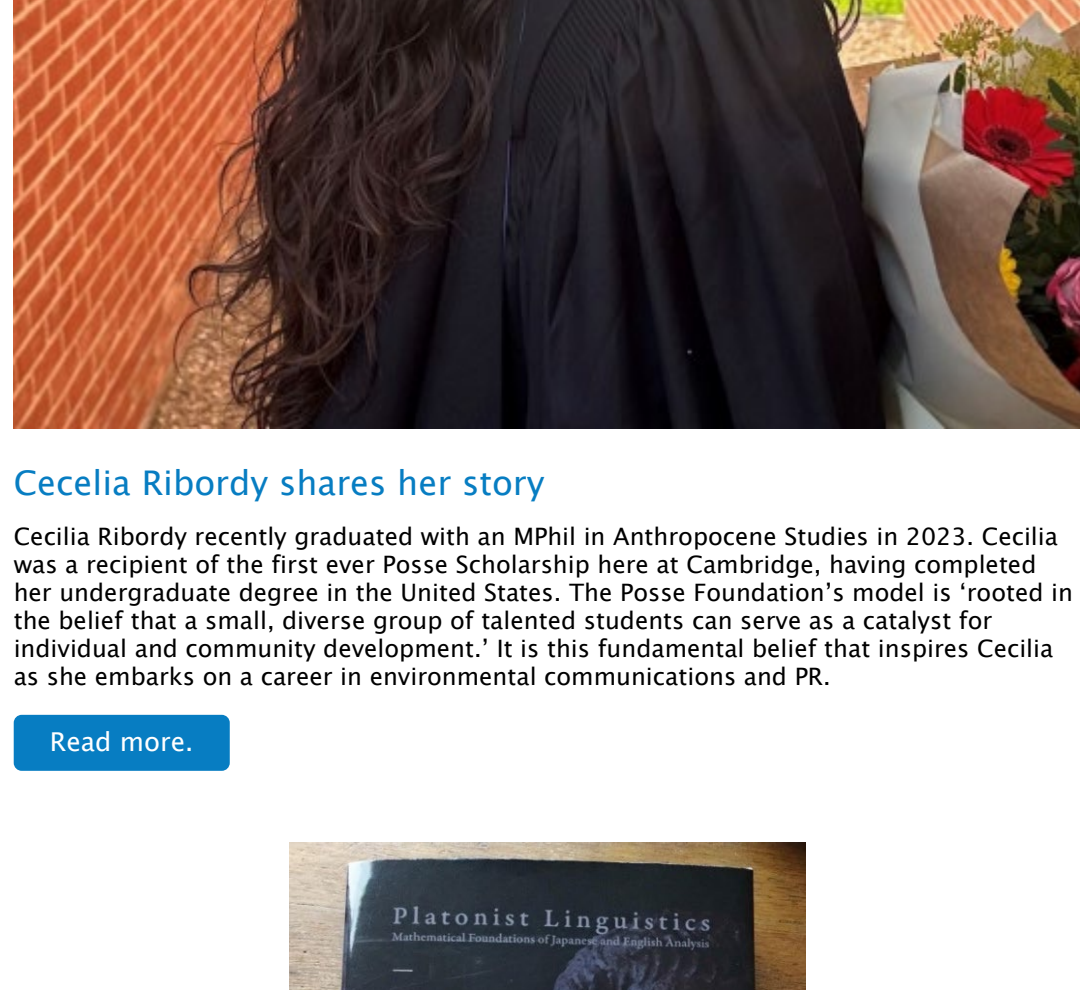


### St Edmund's Celebrates International Women's Day

On Friday 8 March the College celebrated International Women's Day and invited inspiring speakers from across our community to discuss how we inspire inclusion, this year's International Women's Day theme.

Speakers included Rev Dr Carole Irwin, Dr Kristen Macaskill, Ms Ngobile Msoni and Ms Tehreem Qureshi, drawn from across the St Edmund's community, who reflected on their careers and personal journeys. The panel discussion was followed by a drinks reception and formal dinner in College, and was well attended by students and senior members.

Tehreem's inspiring work challenging gender stereotypes and supporting women in Pakistan has been featured on the College website [here](#).

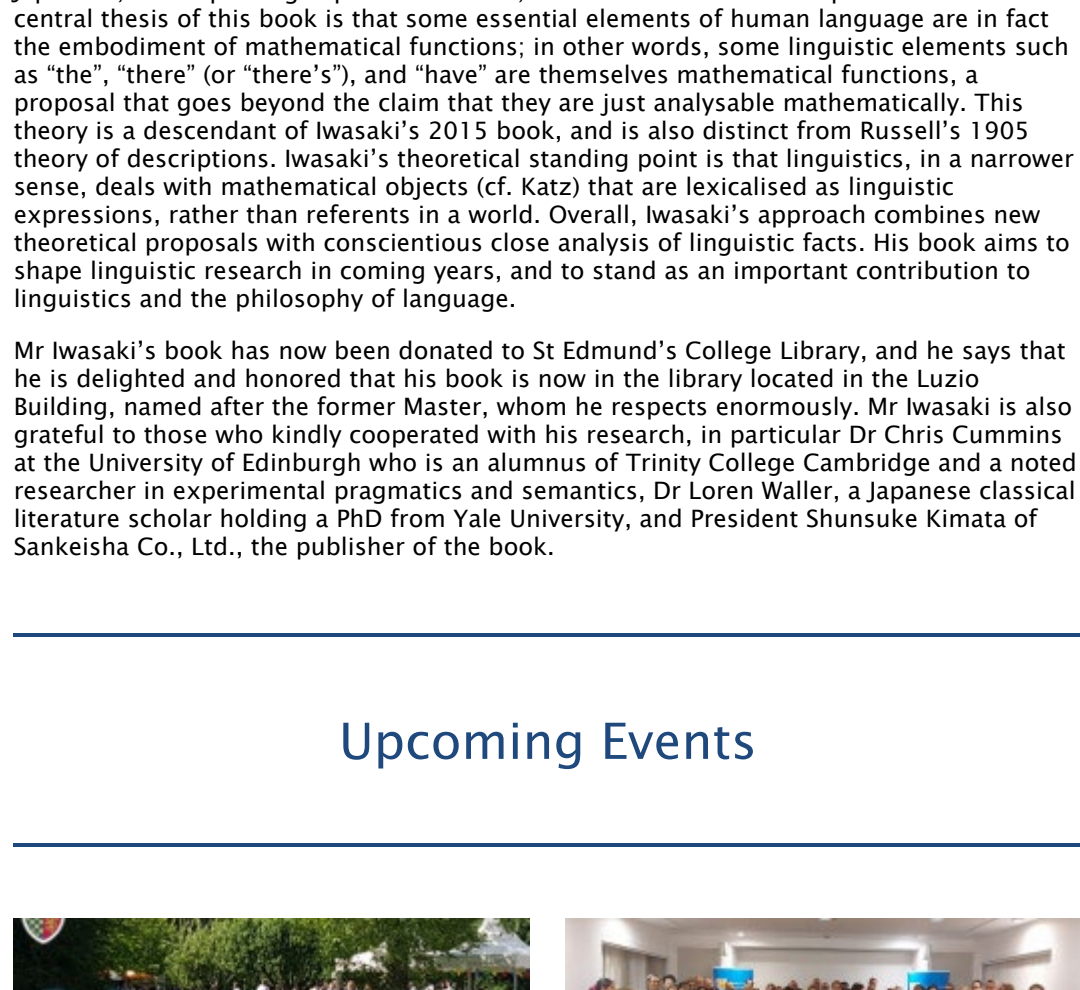


### St Edmund's v Hughes Hall Supreme Court Moot Victory

Congratulations are in order to first-year students Zachary Yong and Jack Morgan (pictured) who were awarded the prize for best moot team at the annual St Edmund's v Hughes Hall Moot which took place in the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom on 18 May 2024.

In addition to the competition element, 15 PhD, STEM, Human, Social and Political Sciences (HSPS) and Law students were given an exclusive tour of the Supreme Court, including access to the usually private Supreme Court library, and various courtrooms such as the Privy Council Chamber.

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### St Edmund's College appoints new Senior Tutor

Dr Finn studied history as an undergraduate at the University of Liverpool, before moving to Magdalene College, Cambridge for an MPhil and PhD. A Kennedy Scholar at Harvard in 2002-2003, he also read for a second undergraduate degree in Theology at Exeter College, Oxford. He has taught widely in UK higher education, and was a Bye-Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, and a Junior Research Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. He has also served as Director of Liberal Arts at the University of Exeter, and Deputy Head of the School for Cross-Faculty Studies at the University of Warwick.

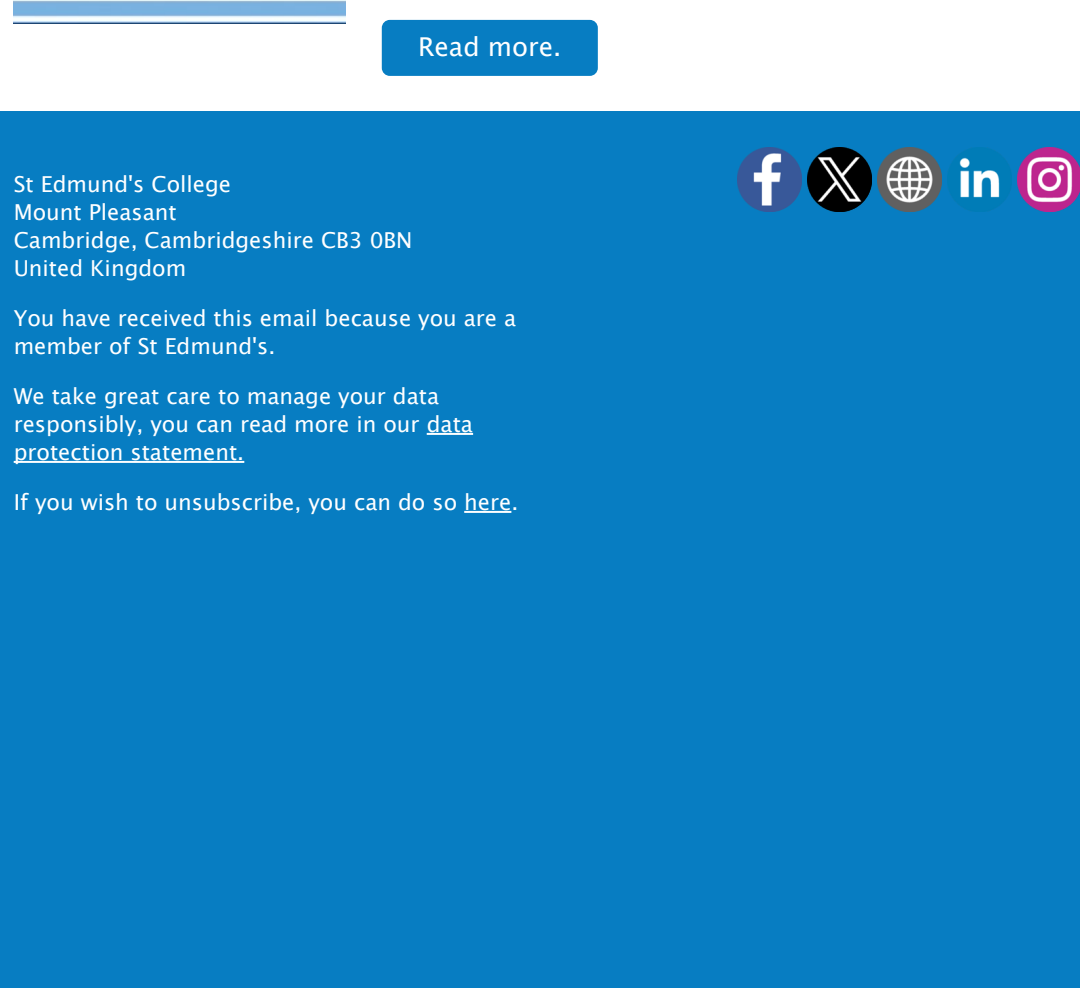
Mike said:

"I am delighted to join St Edmund's as Senior Tutor, and to have the opportunity to play a key role in building on the great work already undertaken in the College to develop the educational experience for our students.

As our contemporary world faces unprecedented challenges, and having worked across academia, politics, and the third sector in previous roles, I'm looking forward to working with the whole of our college community to advance the College's mission of empowering global talent to shape the future."

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## Alumni Stories



### Cecelia Ribordy shares her story

Cecilia Ribordy recently graduated with an MPhil in Anthropocene Studies in 2023. Cecilia was a recipient of the first ever Posse Scholarship here at Cambridge, having completed her undergraduate degree in the United States. The Posse Foundation's model is 'rooted in the belief that a small, diverse group of talented students can serve as a catalyst for individual and community development'. It is this fundamental belief that inspires Cecilia as she embarks on a career in environmental communications and PR.

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### A New Research Book on Linguistics

Mr Eiichi Iwasaki, former Visiting Scholar of St Edmund's College, has published a new scholarly book, *Platonist Linguistics: Mathematical Foundations of Japanese and English Analysis*. Nagoya: Sankeisha Co., Ltd. (Dec 2023)

This work, his fifth sole-authored academic monograph, proposes a new linguistic theory through the analyses of a variety of thought-provoking language facts both in English and Japanese, encompassing copular sentences, as well as existential and possessive ones. The central thesis of this book is that some essential elements of human language are in fact the embodiment of mathematical functions; in other words, some linguistic elements such as "the", "there" (or "there's"), and "have" are themselves mathematical functions, a proposal that goes beyond the claim that they are just analysable mathematically. This theory is a descendant of Iwasaki's 2015 book, and is also distinct from Russell's 1905 theory of descriptions. Iwasaki's theoretical standing point is that linguistics, in a narrower sense, deals with mathematical objects (cf. Katz) that are lexicalised as linguistic expressions, rather than referents in a world. Overall, Iwasaki's approach combines new theoretical proposals with conscientious close analysis of linguistic facts. His book aims to shape linguistic research in coming years, and to stand as an important contribution to linguistics and the philosophy of language.

Mr Iwasaki's book has now been donated to St Edmund's College Library, and he says that he is delighted and honored that his book is now in the library located in the Luzzio Building, named after the former Master, whom he respects enormously. Mr Iwasaki is also grateful to those who kindly cooperated with his research, in particular Dr Chris Cummins at the University of Edinburgh who is an alumnus of Trinity College Cambridge and a noted researcher in experimental pragmatics and semantics, Dr Loren Waller, a Japanese classical literature scholar holding a PhD from Yale University, and President Shunsuke Kimata of Sankeisha Co., Ltd., the publisher of the book.

## Upcoming Events



### Save the Date: College Garden Party

Do you remember the beauty and tranquility of St Edmund's in the Summer? Strolling through the dappled shade of the orchard, throwing down a picnic blanket and relaxing with friends in the sunshine? Why not recreate and share the experience with family and friends, old and new.

Date: 16 June 2024.

Registration for the annual garden party will open soon.



### Save the Date: Alumni Society Festival, Concert & Dinner

Our annual tie-in with the University Alumni Festival, St Edmund's once again opens its doors to all alumni to return for our annual concert and formal dinner. Why not get together with a group of your friends, or bring family to your old home in Cambridge, to sample the delights of College's best formal dining experience and music from one of St Edmund's premier musicians.

Date: 28 September 2024.

Events from Alumni societies across the world.

You can find out more at [alumni.cam.ac.uk/events](https://alumni.cam.ac.uk/events) – if you are attending, [drop as a note](#) so we can connect you with other Eddie's who might be interested!



### San Francisco, CA: Carbon Capture?

25 April 2024, the University Club of San Francisco.

Carbon Capture: Is this the Future of Clean Energy?

Cambridge Alumni of Northern California invites you to the University Club of San Francisco during San Francisco Climate Week to a Panel Discussion of the promising technology of Carbon Capture on April 25.

[Register now.](#)



### Earth Sciences Alumni Day and Dinner

Saturday 11 May 2024, Department of Earth sciences

Whether you've been to many Earth Sciences Alumni Days or this will be your first, the Alumni Day and Dinner will be a wonderful opportunity to revisit not only the department but many fellow alumni – sit in your favoured seat in the lecture theatre for a talk, walk once again through to stone displays in the common room, find familiarity and see what's changed.

[Register here.](#)



### Milan: Pop-Up Drinks with the VC

Thursday 16 May, 2024: Venue TBC

Join Professor Deborah Prentice and fellow Cambridge alumni for an unforgettable evening of conversation in the heart of this wonderful City on Thursday 16 May.

This opportunity to meet reception will be a great opportunity to drink and network with fellow alumni, welcome our new Vice-Chancellor and celebrate our enduring connection to Cambridge.

[Save the Date](#)



### The Edition 2022

For more stories like these, check out the most recent copy of *The Edition!*

The Edition is our College magazine, for donors, alumni, and all members and friends of St Edmund's. This is our opportunity to share news and stories about life at St Edmund's, recognise our benefactors and express our gratitude for their support, and to help you keep in touch with your home from home in Cambridge.

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