

The Proctors

The Proctors are University officers nominated by the Colleges and elected by the Regent House. They are independent of the University administration but are members of the Board of Scrutiny and other Boards, Syndicates and Committees, and they attend meetings of the University Council as observers. The Proctors manage business at Congregations of the Regent House, including degree ceremonies, and they represent the Regent House at University Sermons and other public occasions.

Traditionally responsible on behalf of the Regent House for seeing that the *Statutes and Ordinances* are observed, the Proctors are particularly concerned with protecting lawful free speech and also with maintaining order at University events. The Junior Proctor has particular responsibilities in connection with University Clubs and Societies and with the Students' Union.

The Proctors are assisted by Pro-Proctors and Deputy Proctors, and by University Constables appointed by the Vice-Chancellor under the Universities Act 1825. Within the precincts of the University and four miles around the Constables have the legal powers of any constable—as, for the maintenance of discipline among the members of the University, do the Proctors and Pro-Proctors—and it is an offence to assault or obstruct them in the execution of their duties.

In 2025–26, the Proctors are:

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The Pro-Proctors are Dr Martin Dixon (Q), Dr Daniel Trocmé-Latter (HO) and (for ceremonial only) Mr Timothy Milner (DAR). The Deputy Proctors are Professor Markus Gehring (HH), Dr Fraz Mir (K), Dr Seb Falk (G) and Dr Mark Purcell (PEM).

Matters of concern may be addressed to either or both of the Proctors as set out below; but enquiries concerning registered University clubs and societies or the Cambridge Students' Union should be addressed to the Junior Proctor. The Proctors are available to meet members of the University during Full Term.

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