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Dear Members of Court,

Re: University Court 2026

I very much hope you can attend this year's Annual Meeting of Court on **Friday, 11 December 2026**, at the **Sloane Robinson Building, University of Bristol, Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus, Cattle Market Road, Bristol, BS1 6AZ**. An outline schedule of the meeting can be found below.

The annual meeting will include both formal business and a themed workshop. We will meet in person in the **Bill Brown Forum** from **9.30am to 2.00pm**. Those who are unable to attend in person will be able to join an online stream of the event via Microsoft Teams.

Workshop details

In 2026, the University of Bristol marked 150 years since the founding of University College Bristol. From just two professors, five lecturers, fifteen subjects, and just over 300 students in October 1876, the University has evolved into a world-leading institution. The opening of our new campuses at Temple Quarter, Bristol, and Mumbai, India, marked a significant milestone in that journey, creating new opportunities for research, education, innovation and global engagement.

We invite attendees at this year's Annual Meeting of Court to reflect on Bristol's long tradition of collaboration in research, education and civic impact, and to consider how the University can build on this legacy as it enters its next chapter.

The workshop will focus on the **Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus (TQEC)**, exploring its significance to the University, the city and region, and its contribution to our strategic ambitions. The session will provide an opportunity for Court members to engage with University leaders and share their perspectives on the opportunities presented by this major development.

The proposed format for the workshop is:

- **A short strategic introduction** in the Bill Brown Forum, setting the context for TQEC, its significance to the University, and its role within the wider development of the Temple Quarter area.
- **Facilitated roundtable discussions** with Court members rotating between three themed discussions:
    - Research and Innovation
    - Education and Skills
    - Engagement, Place-making and Inclusive Regeneration
- **A closing plenary discussion** in the Bill Brown Forum, providing an opportunity to reflect collectively on how TQEC aligns with the University's strategic priorities and future ambitions.

A final agenda will be issued at least seven days before the meeting. Meeting papers will be provided in digital format only.

Under the University's Statutes, members of Court are required to give the Secretary a minimum of twenty days' written notice of any business they wish to raise at the meeting. The deadline for submitting business is **Friday 20 November 2026**.

I look forward to welcoming you to the University and to what promises to be an engaging and thought-provoking discussion.

Please contact the Governance Team via email (governance@bristol.ac.uk) for further information and advice if you wish to raise any business at the meeting.

Questions will be taken at the meeting. Members of Court also can submit a question in advance. Advance questions must be submitted not less than ten days before the meeting date. You can submit a question online by **Tuesday 1st December 2026**. Where possible, questions will be responded to electronically outside of the meeting.

Please register your attendance by completing this form. We would be grateful if you could complete the RSVP form by **Wednesday 18th November 2026**.

Finally, I'd like to remind members that we will reimburse reasonable travel expenses but will not reimburse any accommodation costs or those relating to international travel. I have included a link to the University Travel and Expenses Policy. Please contact our governance team if you need any advice before confirming your attendance.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Michael Flay
University Secretary

Annual Meeting of Court

Bill Brown Forum, Sloane Robinson Building

Friday 11 December 2026

09:30 am	Registration
10 am	Welcome from the Chancellor
10:05 am	Annual reports to Court and other formal business
11:20 am	Open Forum Question Time
11:30 am	Comfort Break
11:50 am	Workshop: Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus
1:25 pm	Close and Informal networking buffet Lunch
2 pm	Departures