

Photographic Portraits in Hall: 2026

In order to celebrate the life and achievements of recent generations of Pembroke students, the Governing Body determined in 2017 to hang, each year, a different selection of photographic portraits in our Hall. The six alumni have been chosen from a long list held by the Art Committee in consultation with all Fellows, MCR, JCR and Alumni.

These images offer our current students - we hope - an inspiring picture of the many walks of life in which Pembroke students have successfully found their place in the wider world.

WEST WALL



Angela Olasubomi Daniel (m.2017, MSc Major Programme Management)

Angela Daniel holds several significant non-executive roles within the social impact sector, including serving as a Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Audit Committee at North London Foundation NHS Trust, and as Chair of the Property Management Committee at Places for People Group. She is also an Alumni Ambassador for Pembroke College and previously chaired the College's BlackPembroke network. Angela is a senior finance executive leading the Finance function for the Europe Asset Management division of a global insurance group. A Fellow of the ACCA, she previously worked at JP Morgan Chase and Accenture, and holds degrees from Cardiff University and Pembroke College, Oxford.

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Ian Flitcroft (m.1982, Medicine)

Professor Ian Flitcroft is a paediatric ophthalmologist and principal investigator with over 30 years' experience in experimental and clinical myopia research, spanning computational modelling, optical control of eye growth, and large-scale clinical trials. Based in Dublin at the Centre for Eye Research Ireland (CERI), he leads the Big Data group developing AI-driven tools for myopia risk assessment and management. In 2020 he founded Ocumetra, a digital health company transforming how myopia is monitored and treated worldwide. Beyond medicine, Ian has co-founded a successful software start-up acquired by Mastercard and is the author of the acclaimed novel *The Reluctant Cannibals*, set among Oxford academics.

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EAST WALL



Peter Ricketts (m.1971, English)

Peter Ricketts read English Literature at Pembroke 1971-74. He was a British diplomat for over 40 years, spending much of his career dealing with international security issues. He was Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee in 2000, UK Permanent Representative to NATO from 2003-6 and Permanent Under Secretary at the FCO 2006-10. He was appointed Britain's first National Security Adviser in 2010 and was British Ambassador to France from 2012 to 2016. Peter is a now cross-bench member of the House of Lords, and until recently chaired the European Affairs Committee. He is Vice-Chairman of the Royal United Services Institute, President of the Normandy Memorial Trust. His book *Hard Choices: what Britain does next*, was published in 2021.

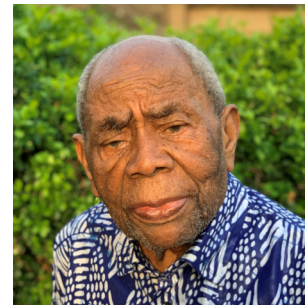
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Natasha Finlayson (m.1982, Modern History)

Natasha Finlayson OBE has extensive leadership, policy influencing and communications experience in the charity sector. She has been Chief Executive of the national charity Working Chance, which helps women who have criminal convictions to find sustainable employment and live purposeful lives, since 2019. Before this she spent 11 years as Chief Executive of Become, the national charity for children in care and care leavers. She has served as an advisor to two Children's Commissioners and has sat on the advisory boards of two national inquiries into the criminalisation of young people in care and on several government taskforces. Natasha worked alongside Esther Rantzen at ChildLine for 16 years, helping to change attitudes towards child abuse, and has also worked for King Charles on health policy. She was awarded an OBE for services to children and families in 2019.

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David Okali (m.1966, Forestry)

David Okali is an Emeritus Professor of Forest Ecology at the University of Ibadan, a former President of the Nigerian Academy of Science, and a widely published author. After obtaining his degrees, Professor Okali pursued an academic career at the University of Ibadan, and was also a Visiting Professor at Yale University. He chaired Nigeria's UNESCO 'Man and the Biosphere' program committee and the Nigerian Environmental Study and Action Team, reflecting a deep commitment to advancing environmental science, sustainability and education. David received his BA in Forestry from Pembroke College in 1968.

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Kevin Brennan (1979, PPE)

After Pembroke, where he was JCR President and President of the Oxford Union Society, Kevin taught History and Economics in a Cardiff Comprehensive School. He was elected as Labour Member of Parliament for Cardiff West in 2001. In Government he served in the Whips' Office 2005-7 and as a Minister in the Cabinet Office, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and the Department for Children, Schools, and Families 2007-10. In opposition, he served in various shadow ministerial positions from 2010 to 2019. He was a leading member of the DCMS Select Committee 2019-23 initiating its groundbreaking report on the Economics of Music Streaming before his retirement at the 2024 election. A keen musician and songwriter Kevin founded the parliamentary rock band MP4. In 2021 Revolver Records released his solo album *The Clown and the Cigarette Girl*. He received the Ivors Academy Honour in 2023 for his campaigning on behalf of songwriters and composers. Kevin was made a Life Peer with the title Lord Brennan of Canton in February 2025.

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