

Armourers and Brasiers' Cambridge Forum 2026



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Tuesday 16 June

Cavendish Laboratory, Department of Physics
Ray Dolby Centre, JJ Thompson Avenue

The Armourers and Brasiers' Cambridge Forum is an annual event for the materials science community, incorporating talks, poster sessions, networking opportunities, and the chance to hear from early-career researchers. It aims to raise the profile of materials science in the UK's academic and industrial communities, while being international in scope. The Forum attracts high-level involvement from industry, research councils and other influential bodies. It incorporates the Kelly Lecture, which this year will be delivered by Professor A. Lindsay Greer, Professor Emeritus of Materials Science, University of Cambridge.



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1:15pm	Registration
1:45pm	Welcome address
	Session I
1:50pm	<i>The Mary Rose: The science that preserves a Tudor time capsule</i> Dr Eleanor Schofield FEng FIMMM Head of Conservation & Collections Care at the Mary Rose Trust
2:20pm	<i>Title to be confirmed</i> Prof. Serena Cussen FRSC FIMMM School of Chemistry, University College Dublin
2:50pm	Brief Encounters! A series of 3-minute talks by early-career researchers
3:20pm	BREAK including refreshments and poster session
	Session II
3:50pm	<i>Sustainable steel: Reuse, remanufacturing and recycling</i> Prof. Claire Davis FEng FIMMM Warwick Manufacturing Group, University of Warwick
4:20pm	<i>Materials Matter: a National Strategy for the Next Industrial Age</i> Prof. David M. Knowles FEng FIMMM CEO, Henry Royce Institute
4:50pm	Armourers & Brasiers' Materials Science Venture Prize
5:05pm	BREAK
	The Twenty-Seventh Kelly Lecture
5:20pm	<i>Seeing 'through a glass, darkly': benefits from glasses that are metallic</i> Professor A. Lindsay Greer Professor Emeritus of Materials Science, University of Cambridge.
6:20pm	Closing remarks