ARIADNE’S THREAD

The main focus of the programme centres on the theme of Ariadne’s Thread, which, named for the Greek legend of Ariadne, is the solving of a problem using logic across many means - a physical labyrinth, a logic puzzle, or an ethical dilemma.

40 YEARS OF WOMEN AT DOWNING

In 2020, Downing will mark the 40th anniversary of the admission of women to the College, acknowledging and celebrating Downing’s women, past, present and future.

EVENTS 2019

BARBARA HEPWORTH: DIVIDED CIRCLE AT THE HEONG GALLERY

15 November 2019 to 2 February 2020

This exhibition has formed in response to Barbara Hepworth’s large-scale bronze sculpture Two Forms (Divided Circle) 1969, an edition of which is on loan to Downing College from the Hepworth Estate. A Gallery display of significant works made by Hepworth during the later stages of her career, exploring asymmetry, dualities, movement and spirituality.

CAN AGE-RELATED CHANGES IN METABOLISM TRIGGER ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE?

Thursday 21 November, 2019, 6pm–8.30pm, London

Join outgoing Everitt-Butterfield Fellow Dr Priyanka Joshi for a talk about her research and findings in the field of Alzheimer’s during her three years as the first Everitt-Butterfield Fellow, followed by a drinks reception.
EVENTS 2020

ARIADNE’S THREAD LAUNCH AND DISCUSSION: THE CLIMATE CRISIS: PREVENTION OR INTERVENTION

Tuesday 28 January
6pm–8.30pm, Downing College

The launch event of the central theme of 40 years of women at Downing. Join Claire Perry O’Neill, President of the 2020 UN Climate Change Conference, and Professor Sir David King, Former Master of Downing College, Emeritus Professor in Physical Chemistry and former Chief Scientific Adviser to the government, to consider the challenges of and solutions to the climate crisis.

WE ARE HERE AT THE HEONG GALLERY

6 March to 23 May
Downing College

An exhibition that celebrates women in the visual arts in the Cambridge Colleges.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

Sunday 8 March
#IWD2020 • #EachforEqual

Join us in a collective celebration of International Women’s Day.

ARIADNE’S THREAD ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: AI FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL GOOD

Sunday 22 March
From 3.30–7pm, Downing College

A roundtable event to discuss the adaptive brain, featuring women working at the forefront of AI, including Zoe Kourtzi, Professor of Experimental Psychology at the University of Cambridge Department of Psychology, Principal Investigator in the Adaptive Brain Lab.

40 YEARS OF WOMEN AT DOWNING: ARCHIVE EXHIBITION IN THE MAITLAND ROBINSON LIBRARY

April 2020 onwards
Downing College

A fascinating exploration of Downing women past and present, focusing on the most significant change in the history of the College - the admission of women, as students and Fellows.

ANNUAL REUNION*

Saturday 4 April
3pm onwards, Downing College

Female graduates from 1980 are particularly encouraged to join this year’s Annual Reunion, which will feature a panel discussion chaired by former Downing Fellow and first female Dean, Professor Phyllis Lee. There will also be a special drinks reception hosted by the Master for female former students.

*For qualifying alumni.
Please see website.
EVENTS 2020

ARIADNE’S THREAD: WEEKEND CONFERENCE
Saturday 18 to Sunday 19 July
Downing College

The main feature of events to acknowledge 40 years of women at Downing. Join us for a weekend of talks, performances, exhibitions and a party!

ALUMNI WEEKEND
Saturday 26 September
Downing College

Join us for Alumni Weekend, highlighting women at Downing.

ARIADNE UNWRAPPED
November 2020 to February 2021
Downing College

This exhibition at the Heong Gallery accompanies the launch of Gavin Turk’s new public sculpture, Ariadne Wrapped, which is a comment on value, gender, and the Western male gaze.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
Thursday 3 December
7pm-9pm, London

An Advent Carol Service to bring our year of celebration and focus on Downing women to a close.

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