

## CSAR Visit to the Ray Dolby Centre, Cavendish Laboratory

**Description** The Ray Dolby Centre (RDC) is the new centrepiece of the Cavendish Laboratory - named in recognition of the £85M donated to the project by sound pioneer Ray Dolby - which replaces existing facilities for the Department of Physics at Cambridge West.

The building is designed to support more than 1000 scientists and students engaged in world-leading research within research groups, each with their laboratories, cleanrooms, office and support accommodation.

Its public wing houses lecture theatres, seminar rooms, a learning resource centre, outreach spaces and a café. It also hosts the redesigned Cavendish Museum, a new exhibition of scientific objects, archival imagery, and untold stories, tracing the Laboratory's legacy from its founding 150 years ago to the present day.

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**Location** JJ Thomson Avenue, Cambridge CB3 0US

**Date** Wednesday 18th March 2026

**Start Time** 10.00 - duration: 2 hours (approx.)

**Organiser** John Grieve

**Participants** max 20 - CSAR Members +/- non-Members (Members have priority)

### Programme

- Introduction to the RDC
- Tour of the building (including a short tour of the new Cavendish Museum)
- Talk: Sir Richard Friend, Research Professor, Cavendish Laboratory; CSAR President
- Q&A
- Lunch (for those who wish) at Cavendish Café (top floor of RDC)

**Cost** £15 per head (not including lunch)

**Access** by car: park at Madingley Road Park & Ride and walk across to the RDC

by bus: the U2 Bus route passes the RDC