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## **COLLEGE NOTICE**

### **FACULTY PRINCIPAL FOR ENGINEERING**

The College is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor John Wood CBE FREng as the new Faculty Principal for Engineering. He joins us from the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils (CCLRC) where he has been Chief Executive since 2001.

Graduating at Sheffield with a first class degree in materials in 1971, Professor Wood took his PhD at Cambridge where he spent his early academic career. He joined the Open University in 1978 and was appointed Cripps Professor of Materials Engineering and Head of Department at Nottingham in 1998. He became Dean of Engineering in 1998.

A fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Professor Wood has enjoyed a distinguished career with a number of public and industrial appointments to his credit - in the UK, Europe and worldwide. He was elected unanimously as Chair of the European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures and advises Commissioners and EU government officials on science policy and strategy. As Chairman of the Office of Science and Technology's Foresight Panel on Materials he regularly advises the UK Government and the DTI. Among his many honours and prizes he received the William Johnson International Gold Medal in 2001 for his "lifetime achievement in materials processing" and was appointed CBE in the recent New Year's Honours List.

Professor Wood will formally join the College in the late Summer. He will succeed Professor Dame Julia Higgins who will be retiring as Faculty Principal after a long and distinguished career in the College at the end of September.

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