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Dear Fellows,

Election of Council members for 2021

On behalf of the President and Council, I invite you to consider the list of candidates nominated this year and cast your vote online.

We are delighted to introduce the Academy's first digital Council Election in conjunction with our external provider Civica Election Services. I hope that moving to this more accessible and convenient format, particularly in this challenging environment, will enable more Fellows to participate in this year's election.

As you will already be aware, this year's election will fill three vacancies on Council for 2021 and I am pleased that this year's ballot offers you an opportunity to elect a diverse range of Fellows onto Council in terms of subject expertise, gender, geography and ethnicity. My thanks to those Fellows who have helped us to achieve this – either by standing for election, supporting candidates or encouraging the participation of others in any way. We appreciate the time this takes and are mindful of the increased burden it entails.

A full <u>list of candidates and details of their supporting nominators</u> is available on our election platform and also on the <u>Academy website</u>. Candidate statements are included on the ballot list. Please follow the instructions provided to vote electronically.

The ballot will close at 17:00 on 9 November and the results of this year's election will be announced at the Academy's Annual Fellows' Meeting on 3 December 2020 - after which they will appear on the Academy website.

Yours sincerely,



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