

Dr Nick Sanders
The Chancellor's Medal (11am)

As a member of the University Council, Dr Nick Sanders made a significant and sustained contribution to the work and life of the University.

Nick served on the University Council from 2004 to 2010, and from 2011 to 2014. He brought to his Council membership the invaluable combination of knowledge and insight gained from a long and distinguished career in the sphere of education policy.

For over 15 years Nick was a Director in the Department for Education and Skills, working on schools policy, education finance and, latterly, on higher education. Between 1993 and 1999 he served as Principal Finance Officer, at a time when there was a significant focus on doubling the participation rate in higher education. He was Schools Director from 1993 to 1999, with teacher training as one of his responsibilities. From 1999 to 2003 he acted as Director for Higher Education, leading the Department's policy and delivering on higher education and student finance, and representing the Department on the Boards of HEFCE and the Student Loans Company. Earlier in his career, he spent three years as a private secretary at 10 Downing Street, serving James Callaghan and Margaret Thatcher. His contribution to making and maintaining Warwick as a pre-eminent centre of academic excellence is in many ways an extension of a career dedicated to education.

As a member of the Council, Nick was actively engaged in a number of its committees including the Art Collection Committee, Audit Committee, the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Health and Safety Committee, the Health and Safety Executive Committee and UPS Trustees.

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Orator: **Mr Ken Sloan**
Registrar and Chief Operating Officer