Cambridge University Welcomes the Rudd Family!

The Andrew and Virginia Rudd Research & Professional Practice Centre was established at the University of Cambridge in 2020, thanks to a generous donation from Andrew and Virginia Rudd.

Welcome

It was an honour to warmly welcome Virginia and her daughter Natalie to the Rudd Centre earlier this November. Although Andrew was unable to attend, his presence was felt throughout the day. The visit included a trip to the Faculty of Education, where the Rudd Centre is housed. Virginia and Natalie viewed the renovations for the brand new, contemporary research centre, project managed by Patrick Boydell from the Faculty of Education. Researchers and students based in the Rudd Centre welcomed Virginia and Natalie with a showcase of posters of their research areas, and were delighted to get the chance to mingle and chat.

Grand Tour

A tour of the rooms and grounds of St John’s, followed by lunch in the Quiller-Couch room in the St John’s Old Divinity Building, was a welcome introduction to the venue of the 09 March 2023 Inaugural Research & Policy Conference, which will focus on the challenges, opportunities and real-world impacts of research aimed at promoting evidence-based policies to support families and children.

"We are only able to conduct this innovative research due to the gracious benefaction of Virginia and Andrew Rudd and family."

The tour and meal were followed by a fascinating presentation by Sir John Aston, who provided insights into the impactful research that he and his team are conducting at Cambridge. Sir John conducted a tour of the Faculty of Mathematics, where attendees explored the field in which Andrew Rudd established a very successful career.

The day was rounded off by punting and a fantastic dinner in the Wordsworth room at St. John’s College with friends from the Centre for Science and Policy (CSaP), Ms Jo Lee, Professor John Goodwin, Dame Sally Morgan and members of the Rudd team.
Register now for our inaugural conference in March 2023!

Everyone at the Rudd Centre looks forward to welcoming Virginia with her family again in March 2023! We also keenly anticipate welcoming you in March for our Inaugural Research & Policy Conference, which will highlight how we can effectively engage evidence-based research and policy focused strategies to enhance mental health and support mental ill health, to promote positive life chances for children and adolescents, parents and families.

Visit the Conference’s Eventbrite here!