

Keith Burnett

Sir Keith Burnett, CBE, FRS (born 30 September 1953)^[1] is a British physicist and past Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sheffield.^[2] Burnett announced his retirement in January 2018 and he stepped down in September of that year^[3] when he was succeeded by Koen Lamberts^[4].

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Biography

Burnett was born in Llwynypia in the Rhondda Valley. He studied Physics at Jesus College, Oxford obtaining a BA degree in 1975 then a DPhil degree in 1979. He held academic positions in Physics at the University of Colorado, Imperial College and the University of Oxford before taking up his present post on 1 October 2007.^[2] During his time at the University of Oxford he was appointed Chairman of Physics and then Head of the Division of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences.^[5] His research includes the study of Bose–Einstein condensates.

Memberships

He was Chair of the board of the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) from October 2009 to September 2011.^[6]

On 1 November 2010 he was appointed as a non-executive director of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority,^[7] a position he was due to hold until October 2013.^[8] However,as of Feb 2014, he is still listed on the management.^[9]

He is also currently a member of the United Kingdom government's Council for Science and Technology,^[8] and in September 2016 was elected president of the Science Council.^[10] He was appointed to the Advisory Council of Infrastructure UK in 2012 to advise the UK treasury on investments including on energy, transport, waste, flood, science, water and telecoms.^[5] In March 2015 he joined the management board of HEFCE.^[11]

Sir Keith Burnett



Keith Burnett, December 2008

Born	30 September 1953 (age 66) <div>Llwynypia, Wales</div>
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Nationality	British
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Alma mater	University of Oxford (BA, DPhil)
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Awards	Young Medal and Prize (1997)
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Scientific career

Fields	Physics
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Institutions	University of Sheffield University of Oxford University of Colorado Imperial College
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Personal

He is married and has two children. His interests include the Chinese language and culture.^[5]

Honours

He was awarded the Young Medal and Prize in 1997 for his physics research^[12] and in 2001 was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.^[5] He was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 2004 for services to physics,^[13] and knighthood for services to science and higher education in the 2013 New Year Honours.^{[14][15]}

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