



**ROYAL HOLLOWAY
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**

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COLLEGE KEY DATES

- ◆ **1849** Bedford College founded by Elizabeth Jesser Reid as the first college in Britain to make provision for the university education of women
- ◆ **1886** Royal Holloway founded by Victorian entrepreneur, Thomas Holloway, a patent medicine manufacturer, as one of the first colleges for the higher education of bright young women. Queen Victoria presides over the grand opening ceremony
- ◆ **1887** The first 28 students arrive in October
- ◆ **1900** Royal Holloway becomes part of the University of London - enabling the award of degrees to women
- ◆ **1965** Royal Holloway begins to admit male undergraduates
- ◆ **1985** Royal Holloway College merges with Bedford College* and they relocate to the Royal Holloway campus

COLLEGE SIZE (PHYSICAL) & LOCATION

- ◆ College campus set in **135 acres** of parkland at Egham, Surrey.
- ◆ We are located **19 miles from London** and **7 miles from Heathrow** Airport.
- ◆ The College also has a **central London base** in **Bedford Square**

RELATIONSHIP TO UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

- ◆ Royal Holloway is one of the four largest multi-faculty colleges of the University of London*
The 'University of London' is a federal university comprising over 60 schools, colleges and specialist institutions which together form the largest university in England
- ◆ Membership enables our students to take advantage of UoL libraries and resources, intercollegiate teaching, ULU (Students' Union) and the UoL Careers Group, the largest careers service in Europe
- ◆ Royal Holloway also runs several Distance Learning Degrees via the University of London External Programme

1994 GROUP MEMBERSHIP

- ◆ Royal Holloway is a member of the 19-strong **1994 Group** so called because in 1994 they decided to form a group to promote small-medium sized research-intensive universities, to distinguish themselves from the Russell Group of large research-intensive universities also formed in 1994.

List of member institutions: University of Bath, Birkbeck College, University of Durham, University of East Anglia, University of Essex, University of Exeter, Goldsmiths College University of London, Royal Holloway University of London, Lancaster University, University of Leicester, Loughborough University, Queen Mary University of London, University of Reading, University of St Andrews, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of Surrey, University of Sussex, University of Warwick, and University of York.

(All are internally renowned for their commitment to innovation and the promotion of a research-intensive learning culture.)

STUDENTS (STATISTICS)

- ◆ Royal Holloway has **7,345** FTE students from 120 countries in the Faculties of Science, Arts, and History & Social Sciences. (this figure is from 1st December 2006 count)
- ◆ Student numbers reflect an average annual increase of 6.4% over the last 5 year period
- ◆ Of Royal Holloway current student numbers, over 1571 are postgraduates on a variety of taught and research degrees
- ◆ Of Royal Holloway current student number approximately 1586 are international students. In addition there are 823 EU students, making a total of non-UK students of 2409 (33% of total population)
- ◆ Student **growth to 8,600** has been incorporated in **the College's five-year plan**.
- ◆ There are currently **2326 student rooms** in College halls of residences (and a further 400 rented rooms belonging to Brunel)
- ◆ The College has invested significantly to keep pace with its continued growth. Two new innovatively-designed Halls of Residence named 'Gowar' and 'Wedderburn' after past Principals were opened in 2004 to replace halls built in the 1960s. They accommodate **567 students**
- ◆ Set to be completed in 2007 is year-round guest accommodation, offering over 22 suites ranging from standard to executive. In addition, more en-suite accommodation is being built to replace old halls of residence. The new accommodation will be a similar design to the Gowar and Wedderburn halls and will provide over **450 rooms** for conferences in student vacations
- ◆ Students who firmly accept a conditional or unconditional offer of a place at Royal Holloway by the UCAS deadline of 31st May are prioritised for a place in a hall of residence for their first year
- ◆ International students may reside in College accommodation for three or four years. A proportion of final year undergraduates also live in Halls.

DEPARTMENTS & STAFF (STATISTICS)

- ◆ There are 18 Academic Departments and 1388 members of staff, including 534 Academic teaching staff (Academics and other related staff) plus a further 132 Research staff.

- ◆ The College is one of the largest employers in the borough and 42% of our staff live within 10 miles of the campus.

RESEARCH ASSESSMENT EXERCISE PERFORMANCE

- ◆ Royal Holloway was one of only ten university institutions across the country whose **departments all earned top three ratings for research** with scores of 4,5 and 5* **in the most recent (2001) Research Assessment Exercise**
- ◆ French, Geography, German and Music all received the top score, 5*, denoting world class research - and all Science Faculty departments were awarded a 5 or 5*

LEAGUE TABLE PERFORMANCE 2006

Ranked in the Top 12 in the UK

In the **Times Top Universities 2007 League Table**, published 5th June 2006, Royal Holloway is ranked in 12th position in the country, in a table of 109 institutions. View the tables here: www.timesonline.co.uk/uniguide

The full results are published in the **Times Good University Guide 2007**, a publication which is widely regarded to provide a useful source of information for prospective students

In **The Guardian** league table published in May 2006 Royal Holloway was positioned in the top 20 (17th) out of 119 UK institutions. Visit the [Guardian online](http://www.guardian.co.uk/uniguide)

The Sunday Times Good University Guide published in September 2006 placed Royal Holloway 25th out of 119 UK institutions. The tables and articles featured in *The Times* are available on the Times website: www.timesonline.co.uk/uniguide

Top 10 for Research

The results of the most recent **Research Assessment Exercise** (RAE, 2001) placed Royal Holloway 9th in an elite group of ten university institutions whose departments all earned the top three ratings for research, with scores of 4, 5 and 5*. [See RAE](#)

Student Satisfaction

The College was ranked in the top 5 for Student satisfaction in the first National Student Survey (2005). Unfortunately along with a number of other high profile institutions (Oxford, Cambridge, LSE etc) the College was not included in the 2006 survey based on the number of questionnaires completed.

INNOVATIVE RESEARCH

- ◆ Important advances in development of genetic vaccines with implications for treatment of HIV and in molecular cell biology for treatment of breast cancer
- ◆ Development of a DNA 'patch' to modify the faulty genetic code which causes muscular dystrophy
- ◆ Investigating the impact leadership and management can have in the area of health care, especially in regard to patient care.

- ◆ Pioneering research relating to hybrid metallic nanostructures
- ◆ International collaboration on the ATLAS project - development of a particle detector installed at the Large Hadron Collider, an underground accelerator ring with 27 kilometres circumference, at CERN, Geneva.
- ◆ Lifespan Research investigating social and psychological factors influencing mental health
- ◆ Training and consultancy to industry and government for smart cards and other security applications
- ◆ Biodiversity conservation projects funded by the Darwin Initiative to improve sustainable development in South America and East Asia
- ◆ GM technology research in food crops to combat cancer and heart disease
- ◆ CHARM (Centre for the History and Analysis of Recorded Music) to promote the study of music as performance through recordings
- ◆ Development of machine learning theory, providing applications for the health sector and industry
- ◆ Groundbreaking discoveries dating human occupation of Britain back as far as 700,000 years

WIDENING PARTICIPATION

Royal Holloway encourages applications of all social, educational and ethnic backgrounds. The College is an active member of initiatives promoting fair access to academic opportunities for all, including Aimhigher and a number of compact schemes.

The College offers an exceptional range of bursaries worth up to £4,000 per year for well-qualified candidates applying for undergraduate study, together with an innovative Masters Scholarship scheme designed to alleviate debt for students who wish to progress to a taught Masters degree. Full details of these are provided in our Prospectuses and on the College website.

UK ACADEMIC ALLIANCES

- ◆ A £4 million unique alliance between **St George's, University of London, Kingston University and Royal Holloway, University of London**, offering new opportunities in biological and biomedical sciences, leadership and management education for health professionals and inter-professional practice and learning. The consortium will create a shared, highly advanced, electronic learning environment and communications network for students and staff across the three partners. These initiatives will support the growing need for a diverse and flexible workforce within the NHS and the public sector.
- ◆ Royal Holloway has strong alliances **in the UK** with the **Royal College of Music**; we jointly partner the **University of London Institute, Paris** with Queen Mary, University of London and have research links with the **British Library** and the **V&A Museum**.

- ◆ The **John Adams Institute for Accelerator Science** is jointly hosted by the Physics Departments of the University of Oxford and Royal Holloway. It is a Centre of Excellence in the UK for advanced and novel accelerator technology, providing expertise, research, development and training in accelerator techniques, and promoting advanced accelerator applications in science and society.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC LINKS

- ◆ Royal Holloway has forged many successful **international collaborations**, entering into formal agreements with **Yale, New York University, University of Alberta, Hong Kong University, University of Korea** and **Tokyo's Keio and Waseda Universities** to name but a few. These international partnerships will enable us to develop teaching programmes, student exchanges, research projects and business and enterprise initiatives.
- ◆ We have well over 50 agreements at the moment covering Socrates, Study Abroad, exchange and wider agreements. These include: Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto; Renmin University, Beijing; University of Sydney; University of Melbourne; University of Queensland; Arizona State University; National University of Singapore and Moscow State University.

UK ENTREPRENEURIAL ALLIANCES

- ◆ The College is also actively developing new partnerships with businesses in the hi-tech Thames Valley belt and Surrey region. As part of the **Surrey Enterprise Hub**, we channel research and consultancy directly from academics to industry; and we have received funding for the knowledge transfer agency, '**West Focus**'. With seven institutions involved, this represents the largest university consortium of its kind in the UK. The College jointly established **LCACE** – the London Centre for Arts and Cultural Enterprise, a knowledge transfer agency for London's arts and cultural industries.

CONFERENCE & BANQUETING

- ◆ Royal Holloway provides an excellent **conference and banqueting venue** offering modern facilities in an historic setting
- ◆ The new **Windsor Building** (completed in September 2006) has an auditorium seating 400 and eight large seminar rooms. A short walk away is the large catering Hub which has a café bar, retail outlet and a servery area. To complement these conference facilities are the en-suite Gowar and Wedderburn Halls completed in 2004 to a very high standard.
- ◆ We cater for **banquets, conferences - during college vacations, training courses, wedding services and receptions**

PICTURE GALLERY

- ◆ The Picture Gallery at Royal Holloway contains a **unique collection of 75 famous paintings** which give an insight into Victorian representation of contemporary life, exploration and romanticised mythology. Artists include: David Roberts, Millais, Frith, Fildes, Long, Landseer and Leader

The value of the collection is over £16.6 million

Between 1993 and 1995 a Turner, Constable and Gainsborough were sold (for a combined total of £21million) to establish a large capital fund to generate income to maintain the original Founder's Building and paintings

The Picture Gallery recently went online as a Virtual Gallery and can now be viewed at www.rhul.ac.uk/picture-gallery

CHAPEL

The **College Chapel** was the last part of the College to be completed in 1886. The barrel-vaulted plaster ceiling on either side of the Chapel contains fine reliefs by Italian sculptor, Fucigina. Its ceiling was restored in 2000.

FAITH

- ◆ Royal Holloway has formed a **Faiths Council**. Seeking to link itself to all the mainstream faith groups, this body seeks to ensure that each faith has a voice at the College and to sponsor additional interfaith events to encourage dialogue and debate between the faiths.
- ◆ The Chapel is **multi-denominational** and is used during term time for Sunday services and morning prayers (Mon-Sat)
- ◆ The College also has a **Muslim Prayer Room** on campus and is working towards increasing these facilities with the local community.

THE CAMPUS (NATURAL ENVIRONMENT)

- ◆ The College occupies a **campus set in 135 acres of parkland**. There are many areas of woodland and open spaces – home to a variety of bird, animal and plant life – so our biologists, geographers and geologists have fieldwork opportunities in our own grounds

There are **over 200 species and varieties of shrubs** and **150 different trees**. The laurels, hollies and exotic conifers in parts of the grounds are remnants of Victorian plantings.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The College has invested **£100 million** in the estate during the period 2002-08. The main thrust of the Estate Development Strategy is to upgrade our facilities to meet current and future needs, without compromising the campus' existing character.

The recently completed **Windsor Building** is the College's largest investment in a general purpose building on the campus since the Founder's Building, completed 120 years ago. It provides the latest state-of-the-art teaching facilities for students and flexible space for conferences.

A number of major projects are underway:

- **School of Management Extension – Phase 1**

The extension to the School of Management is conceived in two phases: the first to be undertaken now and the second at a later date. This proposal runs in line with School's anticipated further expansion and development and will accommodate a potential increase in general academic stock.

- **New Halls of Residence**

Student accommodation on the Athlone, Cameron and Williamson site is currently being upgraded with a new 466 en-suite bedroom development, Butler, Tuke and Williamson Hall, built to the same specification as the recently completed Gowar and Wedderburn. The new residence will provide high-quality student accommodation that is also marketable during vacations. As part of this project the 'Athlone Turret' is being converted into high quality ensuite guest accommodation.

- **Bourne Laboratories upgrade**

This project will ensure the sustainability of the work of the School of Biological Sciences. The upgrade includes modernisation of the building's essential services, works demanded by changes in statute or regulation/guidance and the provision of comfort cooling.

- **New catering Hub**

Athlone's existing kitchen and dining facilities have undergone complete refurbishment, to construct a restaurant to seat a minimum of 400 people, a café bar, retail outlet and a servery area.

- **Boilerhouse Renovation**

Renovations include the provision of dressing rooms, general improvements and essential facilities for use as a drama and creative arts space, to meet the requirements for a public performance licence.

- **Runnymede 1 Refurbishment**

This was a substantial project, involving the refurbishment and/or replacement of fixtures and fittings in bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchens, to maintain the quality of the accommodation.

- **Huntersdale Upgrade**

This enabled the premises to meet future space requirements.

Other projects have been identified as priorities:

- **Library Extension**

An extension to the Bedford Library is planned, subject to the success of the fundraising campaign, which will rationalise the library provision and enhance our core learning provision and pedagogic support.

- **Students' Union and Sports Facilities**

The extension of these facilities will be necessary to accommodate future increases in student numbers.

**Alumni from Royal Holloway College (1886-1985), Bedford College (1849-1985) and
Royal Holloway & Bedford New College (since 1986)**

1950-Present:

- **Baroness Ashton of Upholland (1977 BC)**, *Minister for Early Years & School Standards*
- **Professor David Bellamy OBE (PhD 1960 BC)**, *Botanist and Activist*
- **Norman Baker MP (1978 RHC)**, *MP for Lewes (Liberal-Democrat)*
- **Greg Barker MP (1987)**, *MP for Bexhill and Battle (Conservative)*
- **Susan Bullock (1980 RHC)**, *International Opera Singer*
- **David Chaytor MP (1970 RHC)**, *MP for Bury North (Labour)*
- **Professor Janet Finch CBE (1967 BC)**, *Vice-Chancellor, Keele University*
- **Emma Freud (1984 RHC)**, *TV & radio presenter and script writer*
- **The Baroness Fookes of Plymouth DBE (1957 RHC)**, *Conservative peer. MP 1979-97, former Deputy Speaker, House of Commons*
- **Jane Gardam FRSL (1949 BC)**, *Distinguished novelist, 2005 Orange Prize winner*
- **Janice Hadlow (PhD research 1978-81 RHC)**, *Head of BBC 4*
- **Lady Heseltine (1956 BC)**, *Art historian, married to Lord Heseltine*
- **Stewart Jackson MP (1988)**, *MP for Peterborough (Conservative)*
- **Dame Felicity Lott (1968 RHC)**, *International Opera singer*
- **Anna Hemmings (2001)**, *Marathon world champion canoeist*
- **Rt Rev Declan Lang, the Bishop of Clifton (1973, RHC)**, *Catholic Bishop*
- **Angela Mason OBE (1965 BC)**, *Director of the Women and Equality Unit, DTI, formerly Chief Executive of Stonewall*
- **Baroness Morgan of Drefelin (1983 BC)**, *Labour peer, formerly Chief Executive of Britain's largest breast cancer charity, Breakthrough Breast Cancer*
- **Dr Jackie Naylor (1977)**, *Group Research Director, GlaxoSmithKline*
- **Mary Nightingale (1985)**, *TV News Presenter*
- **Jeremy Northam (1984 BC)**, *Film actor: 'The Winslow Boy', 'Emma', 'An Ideal Husband', 'The Golden Bowl', 'Enigma', 'Gosford Park'*

- **Simon Nye (1980 BC)**, *TV Scriptwriter, including 'Men Behaving Badly'*
- **Vivienne Parry (1978 BC)**, *Columnist, News of the World; TV writer & producer. Formerly science presenter BBC's 'Tomorrow's World'*
- **Ian Payne (1985 RHC)**, *Football anchorman, Sky TV*
- **Jean Rook (1954 BC)**, *Legendary Daily Express columnist, known as the "First Lady of Fleet Street" (deceased)*
- **Mark Strong (1985 RHC)**, *Actor, notable on TV: 'The Long Firm'; 'Prime Suspect'; 'Our Friends in the North'; 'Falling Apart'; 'Births, Deaths & Marriages'; 'Emma'*
- **Rudy Tambala (1984 RHC)**, *Head of Virgin Digital*
- **Joby Talbot (1992)**, *Concert and film composer, first Classic FM Composer in Residence*
- **Dr Simon Thurley (1985 BC)**, *Chief Executive, English Heritage*
- **Sarah Tyacke CB (1968 BC)**, *Keeper of Public Records*
- **KT Tunstall (1996)**, *Singer/songwriter and winner of 2006 Brit Award for Best Female Solo Artist*
- **Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe (1967 BC)**, *Chief Executive, Universities UK*
- **Francis Wheen (1978 RHC)**, *Award winning Journalist, 'Private Eye', 'The Guardian'; Karl Marx biographer; panellist on Radio 4's 'The News' Quiz*
- **Roger Wright (1977 RHC)**, *Controller, BBC Radio 3*

Pre-1950 Graduates:

- **Elizabeth Blackwell (1857 BC)**, *The first woman to complete a course of study at a medical college and receive the M.D. degree.*
- **Dr Sophie Bryant (1881, DSc 1884 BC)**, *First woman to be awarded a Doctorate of Science by London University*
- **Professor Helen Cam CBE (1907 RHC)**, *First female professor at Harvard*
- **Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett (1907 RHC)**, *Novelist: Her first novel, 'Dolores' was influenced by her time at Royal Holloway as it was set in a women's college. Wrote a further 25 novels 1925-1969*
- **Richmal Crompton (1914 RHC)**, *Novelist: Author of 'Just William' books*
- **Emily Wilding Davison (1893 RHC)**, *Leading suffragette, died after throwing herself under the King's horse at The Derby, June 8th 1913*
- **Baroness Denington of Stevenage (1929 BC)**, *Chairman, GLC*

- **Teresa Dillon (1918 BC), Una Dillon CBE (1926 BC), Heather Dillon (1943 BC),** *Sisters, founders of Dillon's University Bookshop, now Waterstones*
- **George Eliot (1850 BC),** *Novelist: 'Middlemarch', 'Silas Marner', 'The Mill on the Floss', 'Adam Bede'*
- **Frances Stevenson, Countess Lloyd-George CBE (1910 RHC),** *Consort and Private Secretary to David Lloyd-George 1913-43, they were finally able to marry in 1943 (he died 1945). Subject of a recent book*
- **Dame Kathleen Lonsdale (1922 BC),** *One of the first two women elected to the Royal Society*
- **Dame Margaret Miles (1933 BC),** *Pioneer of comprehensive education. Headmistress of the first girl's comprehensive school*
- **Dinah Maria Mulock Craik (1854 BC),** *Poet and novelist, 'John Halifax, Gentleman'*
- **Professor Lillian Pickford (1925 BC),** *Pioneer of neuro-endocrinology, the first woman elected to the Pharmacological Society and the first female professor in the faculty of medicine at Edinburgh University*
- **Thea Porter (1949 RHC),** *Internationally renowned clothes designer*
- **Dame Mildred Riddelsdell DCB CBE (1935 BC),** *Civil servant, the third woman to head a government department as a permanent secretary and the first to be made a Dame Commander of the Order of the Bath*
- **Athene Seyler (1909 BC),** *Well known film and stage actress, typically playing eccentric old ladies*
- **Dame Mary Smieton DBE (1922 BC),** *Civil servant, the second woman to head a government department as a permanent secretary*
- **Dame Freya Stark (1913 BC),** *Writer and pioneering traveller*
- **Ethel Watts (1913 BC),** *First woman to qualify as a chartered accountant*
- **Dame Marjorie Williamson DBE (1936 RHC),** *Principal of Royal Holloway College 1962-73*