Message from the Principal

Dear Neighbour,

2015 is an historic year for Runnymede as we celebrate the sealing of Magna Carta, a document that has influenced ideas on freedom and liberty globally for the last 800 years. We will be hosting a number of events for the anniversary which we hope you’ll be able to join us for.

This is also an important year for Royal Holloway. In January our vision to develop our estate over the next 15 years was approved by Runnymede Borough Council. While the overall plan has been agreed, each project will need individual planning permission. Over the coming months we will be talking with you about our proposals and the applications we’re submitting to the Council.

Inside you can read about our proposal for the next few months and how you can have your views heard. I hope you find it useful.

Paul Layzell
Principal, Royal Holloway, University of London
My name is Mike Berry and, as Director of Estates at Royal Holloway, my job is to ensure we do as much as we can to keep you updated on our plans for our estate. Over the spring and summer months we’ll provide more updates and organise meetings that will give you a chance to talk to us about our ideas.

Mike Berry, Director of Estates

Arboretum
Planning application submitted: Early Spring
Work scheduled to begin: Early Spring
Work scheduled to complete: Early Spring
Programme of work:
- planting of 18 replacement trees
- removal or pollarding of dead trees
- improvement and surgery to around 114 trees including additional mulch under tree canopies and removal of dead branches

Car Park 14
Planning application submitted: February
Work scheduled to begin: May
Work scheduled to complete: Autumn
Programme of work:
- create 172 spaces including three parking bays for people with disabilities
- retain Category A trees
- adhere to actions identified within the Ecological Impact Assessment
- replace removed trees with native trees and shrubs
- create temporary drop off for Nursery during construction
- widen Harvest Road to two-way entrance to car park, but not beyond car park entrance
- widening of internal Highfield Road up to the western edge of the car park
- lighting by low maintenance carbon friendly LED units, directed away from South Road

For more information
To read and comment on our detailed planning applications go to, http://planning.runnymede.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/GeneralSearch.aspx and search for ‘Royal Holloway’ under ‘Site Address’. Applications are displayed in date order.
Royal Holloway, University of London will be hosting a number of events which are open to the public to celebrate 800 years since Magna Carta was sealed here in Runnymede.

**Runnymede Festival lectures: Magna Carta**

Join us for a series of lectures looking at freedom and liberty.

*Treating terrorism,*  
**Monday 9 March at 6.15pm**

Based on his experience as a diplomat, including British Ambassador to Israel, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan, and in business, Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles KCMG LVO will offer a personal view of what constitutes terrorism and how best to tackle it.

Followed by:

*The changing place of civil liberties in the 21st century,*  
**Friday 13 March at 6.15pm**

*Meritocracy and the establishment,*  
**Monday 16 March at 6.15pm**

**Runnymede Explored: the Magna Carta app, available from spring 2015**

Created by Royal Holloway students, this exciting new app features seven trails and a field guide to exploring paths around the National Trust's Runnymede site. It includes a Children’s Trail, a History Trail, an Ecology Trail and much more.

**Magna Carta and the loss of liberties in Victorian art,**  
**Monday 1 June to Friday 19 June**

Royal Holloway owns one of the UK’s best private collections of Victorian art. To celebrate Magna Carta our curator, Dr Laura MacCulloch, has created a unique exhibition of some of our most dramatic paintings to give you a fascinating insight into how the Victorians used art to campaign for freedom and liberty.

**Magna Carta in flowers,**  
**Thursday 12 June to Tuesday 16 June**

Enjoy beautiful displays of floral art created by the Surrey Area of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies and displayed at our College Chapel and Windsor Building.

**The Great Charter Festival,**  
**Sunday 14 June, 10am–6pm**

Join us on campus to celebrate 800 years of Magna Carta at our free, action-packed and fun festival. Get involved in hands-on activities and performances, sample food and drink or try your hand in our crafts market place. Something for all the family.

**National security and the Rule of Law: competing interests or complementary priorities?**  
**Tuesday 16 June, 6.15pm**

In the last of our popular series of Magna Carta Lectures, former Home Secretary, Foreign Secretary and Justice Minister, The Rt Hon Jack Straw MP will join us to reflect on his time in government. He will offer insights into how the last Labour Government sought to ensure the safety of the UK while upholding the law, and will consider if recent years have shifted the balance between these two factors. In association with the Magna Carta Trust.

Admission free, by ticket only on a first-come first-served basis. Limited to two tickets per booking.

To book, visit royalholloway.ac.uk/events

For more information on our programme of Magna Carta celebrations go to:
royalholloway.ac.uk/magnacarta

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**Tell us what you think**

Royal Holloway is planning to build new student residences between Harvest Road and Chestnut Drive. You can see the proposed area on the map in the centre pages of this leaflet. We’d like to talk with you about our plans and gather your views on our proposals.

Please join us at the Village Cafe, Victoria Street, Englefield Green on;

- Friday 27 February, from 2pm to 7pm, upstairs in the Café Balcony
- Saturday 28 February, from 10am to 1pm downstairs in the Café

We will be displaying a draft landscape design, proposed site layout and sketch elevations. Members of the design team will also be available on both days for you to talk to.