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
Here at the College we are committed to providing an entrance to campus at Spring Rise that is both secure and safe for our students and which minimises the impact the gate has on residents like you. The planning application we have summarised here is based on discussions and feedback with you and I hope you feel it reflects the concerns you raised.

Helen Groenendaal, Community Liaison & Support Officer

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