Community Matters

Community, Wellbeing & Student Outreach
Support & Advisory Services
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“The campus is a beautiful, friendly working environment”

“Egham in general is a lovely place to live and I feel very secure here”
COMMUNITY TEA PARTY
The Students' Union invite local residents to regular community tea parties. Children are able to have their face painted, enjoy the bouncy castle and do some colouring in while parents relax with a cup of tea and a cupcake.

Insanity Radio broadcast through the afternoon with performances from Absolute Harmony and the Royal Holloway Gospel Choir amongst others.
COMMUNITY HUB LAUNCH: British Legion building, Englefield Green

The Community Action team supported the launch of the new community hub in the Forest estate in Englefield Green in October 2012. The hub at the British Legion Building launched new services in 2012 as part of the BLB 60th anniversary celebrations. The student volunteers are also involved in the regular activities that happen at the venue such as the Youth Cafe.
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INSANITY RADIO WORKSHOPS

Insanity Radio 103.2FM held a series of workshops, where the team handed over the desk to a new generation of DJs and radio producers. Members from Staines Nacro Centre - a crime reduction charity that works with ex-offenders, disadvantaged people and deprived communities - were invited into the studio to learn how to produce a radio show.
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ANNUAL BIG SPRING CLEAN

The annual Big Spring Clean involves students going out into the local community and doing their bit to spruce up the neighbourhood. Student clubs and societies play a key part in this. Recently, the Women's Football team got stuck into tidying up the gardens and planting saplings at St Cuthbert's Primary School and the Biological Sciences society cleaned up the basketball pitch at Egham Youth Centre.
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EGHAM YOUTH DROP-IN & CORBY DRIVE YOUTH CLUB

We contributed money to the Egham Youth Drop in to enable them to purchase much needed resources such as ingredients for cooking, and materials for craft and sports activities.

We donated money to the Corby Drive Youth Club by helping them to buy sports equipment including a parachute for team building exercises and to replace equipment damaged by a roof leak.
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FOREST ESTATE LITTER PICK

Staff and students participated in the Forest Estate litter pick in February 2012, helping to collect lots of rubbish from the estate and enjoying a BBQ with residents once the hard work had been completed!

“HUGE THANKS, to you both and the brilliant work of the students this morning. We wouldn’t have made much impact at all on our own.”
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OLD SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

We welcomed local residents to our Old School Sports Day where they could try out the inflatable bungee run, design Olympic bunting which was displayed around campus, use pedal power on the smoothie bike to create their own smoothie, jump on one the 'crazy bikes' and hear from alumna Sophie Christiansen, a star of the 2008 and 2012 Paralympics.
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RANKED AMONG TOP 20 SAFEST UNIVERSITIES

Royal Holloway is ranked in 18th place, for having one of the lowest levels of crime during the year May 2012 to April 2013. The results are based on Police data measuring reported incidents of burglary, robbery and violent crime per thousand residents within a three mile radius of the university campus.

If weighed against a smaller subset of 22 universities classed as 'London universities', spanning central and greater London, Royal Holloway has a significantly lower rate of reported crime and would rank in top place as the safest university in that group.

“It is great to see the hard work and dedication of all involved in making Royal Holloway University one of the safest universities in the country being recognised in this way at a national level.”

Runnymede Borough Commander, Inspector Roger Nield
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VOLUNTEERING
Royal Holloway Community Action currently has over 2000 registered volunteers, and more than 170 community partners. The Community Action team are here to help facilitate an active volunteering culture through the College into the local community.
PARTNERSHIP WORKING

The Community Wellbeing team work to promote positive and harmonious relationships between student and non-student residents and are committed to close partnership work with Runnymede Borough Council (Environmental Protection), Surrey Police (Neighbourhood teams), Safer Runnymede and the Students’ Union RHUL to achieve this.
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PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

The Royal Holloway & Runnymede Consultative Group was set up in 2006 to help demonstrate how we seek to continually maintain a good working relationship between the College and local community and to keep ourselves and the local community up to date with new initiatives that may impact on them.

The meetings have been very productive, allowing us to air a number of issues to the advantage of both the College and its students and the local community.
COMMUNITY LIAISON

SAFETY 91% student satisfaction (Autumn 2012 Student Barometer)

“Great community, everyone here is friendly and familiar. Tight knit community”

“My private accommodation has provided several problems, however these have been handled....thanks to university guidance”

“It is great to know about all you & your office are doing to foster good partnership relations for residents in the Egham area.....thanks for your very professional response.”

“RHUL effort in this direction is much valued and has made a good difference.”

“Thank you for your kindness. I cannot express how grateful I am for the time you spent solving this issue. It was comforting to know that you and the university were here for us”
STUDENT EXPERIENCE – What OUR students say….

“There is a very friendly and helpful community on campus”

“It is a small but friendly university community and I have had very positive experiences here”

“The staff are very supportive and if I have a problem or query I know there are many people I can ask advice from”

“It’s a beautiful university in a great setting with fantastic staff. Great atmosphere and wonderful people”

“Unlike other universities, it makes sure students don’t fall behind in work, and I think it gets the best out of students in terms of their potential, if you put the work in”

“RH is the most welcoming & wonderful place”
“The surroundings are beautiful and it is a really pleasant place to live”

“It’s generally a really beautiful, supportive and friendly place”

“Lovely, student friendly community atmosphere”

“It is a wonderful university with a really friendly atmosphere....and the university is located in a beautiful area”

“As a campus university, the student community is extremely tight-knit, which is evident in the friendly and welcoming nature of the students and staff here”

“The university....has an amazing environment around it”