

Royal Holloway  
University of London

COUNCIL

**Faith Policy**

1. The College is a secular institution committed to the pursuit of learning. It does not ally itself with any particular faith. It does however commit itself to an active support for the study and celebration of mainstream religious faiths within its community, recognizing that such celebration is a source of individual strength, communal resource and intellectual and artistic excellence. The College will however actively discourage the activities of groups that could reasonably be judged to be harmful either to individual members or to the aims of the College as a whole.
2. Our active support includes:
  - Support for students and staff seeking to observe any recognised mainstream faith.
  - Recognition and support for ministers of these faiths, in agreement with the College's approach to faith matters to serve their congregation and answer enquires from others within the College.
  - Support for academic, artistic and other endeavours to increase our understanding of faith, refine the practice of faith and to promote dialogue between faiths.
  - A request that those who undertake the support of a faith within the College Community commit themselves to the active support of those following different faiths and to offer, where appropriate, caring ministry to all students, irrespective of their faith.
  - A commitment to oppose within College negative expressions of faith, including disrespect for the life and faith choices of others, harassment of individuals, recruitment of individuals to causes that might reasonably be expected to be harmful to them and others, and attempts to stifle free academic study and debate.

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