

# Widening Access

Summer newsletter



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## Quick update

The Royal Holloway campus is slowly opening back up and we are pleased to be offering students larger scale open days and some campus tours for family groups.

**We have also been joined by a new member of the team, Ebony Beckford who is leading on our community work especially in West London.**

Our big plans for next year include new summer schools, expanding the online offer and the launch of our long term outreach programme.

**Jonathan Plummer, Widening Access Manager**

[Visit our Widening Access web pages](#)

## Discover

Our new Discover series has been a huge success so we are adding 2 more subject webinars presented by current undergraduate students from Royal Holloway.

Each webinar will be approx. 45 minutes long and aimed at anyone who is currently studying, planning on taking one of the advertised subjects. Or simply curious!

Our passionate students will be presenting aspects of their studies that are bound to interest, excite and challenge your students

**Discover: English with Amelia**

8th June 4:00—5:00

**Discover: Electronic Engineering with Mohammed**

15th June 4:00—5:00



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## Summer webinars

Delivered live by staff and student ambassadors from Royal Holloway, our webinars will be 45-50 minutes long with time for questions at the end. For more details and to book [go to our webinars page](#)

<b>My Uni Experience: Transitioning to university</b>	<b>26 May 5pm</b>
<b>My Uni Experience: Commuting vs Accommodation</b>	<b>27 May 5pm</b>
<b>Discover English with Amelia</b>	<b>8 June 4pm</b>
<b>Parents &amp; Supporters Webinar: Student Finance</b>	<b>8 June 6pm</b>
<b>My Uni Experience: Clearing and Adjustment</b>	<b>9 June 5pm</b>
<b>My Uni Experience: Foundation Years</b>	<b>10 June 5pm</b>
<b>Discover Electronic Engineering with Mohammed</b>	<b>15 June 4pm</b>
<b>Parents &amp; Supporters: Choosing a course and is university affordable?</b>	<b>22 June 5:30pm</b>

## Chat to our students and staff

Live chat with our students and staff today to ask questions about university study and student life.

You can search for students on a variety of our subjects to find the right person to talk to.

Follow this link to start: [Live chat](#)



**James**

Law with Criminology

[Chat with James](#)

I COME FROM  
Cotswolds, UK

PREVIOUS QUALIFICATION  
GCE Advanced Level (A-Level)

ABOUT ME

Hi! My name is James & I'm a third-year Law w/ Criminology (LLB) stude...



**Jasmine**

Media Arts

[Chat with Jasmine](#)

I COME FROM  
Reading, UK

PREVIOUS QUALIFICATION  
GCE Advanced Level (A-Level)

ABOUT ME

A second year Film, TV and Digital Production Student. I love musical ...





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## Year 10 Girls into Physics summer programme

We are very happy to announce that we have secured **25 free** places for female Year 10 students in local schools that work with Royal Holloway to take part in the Smallpeice Trust Girls into Physics summer programme.

Standard cost is £200 per student but **25 x FREE** places via Widening Access at Royal Holloway, University of London

This online opportunity will inspire the next generation of female scientists through a series of online activities, information sessions and advice from Royal Holloway scientists and current students.

[Visit website for more information](#)



**Year 10  
Girls into Physics summer  
programme**

**13th – 15th July 2021  
ONLINE**

**To secure FREE places for your  
students please contact  
Jonathan Plummer via  
[jonathan.plummer@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:jonathan.plummer@rhul.ac.uk)**





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## Visit our beautiful campus this summer

We are pleased to announce that our campus is open for some limited and covid-secure interactions this summer:

Open days | Campus tours | + Virtual events

For more information visit our [webpages](#)

## Next year

Our campus will (hopefully) be fully open from September 2021 onwards for us to welcome even more of our local schools to our incredible campus.

Once open you'll be able to book:

1. Half or full days campus visits
2. Interactive campus tours
3. Subject taster and information days



Plus we'll be offering our Spring & Summer University residentials again for year 10-12.

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## Booking activity

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Please get in touch with us to book activity that individuals, classes or entire year groups can sign up to. We have activity for years 7-13 available at a time that suits you.

Full details are on our [webpages](#) and in our offer leaflet.

You can book via our new online booking forms

## Booking for next year

We know how quickly the school calendar fills up and that is why we are available to take bookings for activities now for next autumn term and beyond.

**We'll be in touch with you very soon to discuss this further.**

## How to use our Personal Statement Review Service:

As always, we want to help your students improve their personal statements and reduce the stress that this element of a university application can bring. This year, instead of traditional personal statement surgeries where we meet with students in person, we are encouraging students to use our [Online Personal Statement Review Service](#).

Students can easily upload a draft of their personal statement and will be given feedback within 5 days from one of our team. We will provide advice on what they have done well and what they can develop upon in their draft statements, giving them hints and tips on how to improve. It's all explained in our short video [here](#). Feel free to distribute the link to the video and/or the service itself to your students.

## Flexible admissions for 2021 undergraduate entry

In light of the fact that exams will no longer go ahead this year, we would like to reassure students that we will be offering flexible admissions for 2021 undergraduate entry. We guarantee that students holding an offer, will have their place confirmed, even if one of their final A-level (or equivalent) grades is one grade below their UCAS offer. For more information please go to our [website](#).

## If you would like to order a prospectus please go to:

<https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studying-here/prospectuses-and-brochures/order-a-prospectus/>

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## Contextual offer

Our contextual offer is a reduction of up to 2 grades lower\* compared to the original entry requirements advertised on our website and undergraduate prospectus.

**\*Subject specific grades and GCSEs are not part of the contextual offer**

## Who is eligible?

Students must meet 2 **Widening Access criteria**, which are:

- Attend an aspiring school (available on our [website](#))
- Have a disability or health condition that impacts daily life
- Been in local authority care for more than 3 months
- Mature student (21 or over at time of course start)
- Parents/carers have not attended a university
- Home postcode is in a POLAR 4 Q1 area (you can search on our [website](#))

## How do students apply?

They do nothing extra.

1. Just make Royal Holloway one of their 5 choices on UCAS when they apply
2. Ensure their application is as complete and accurate as possible: we look at specific pieces of data
3. If they meet the course entry requirements and the Widening Access criteria, we will do the rest
4. The offer they receive will be a contextual one

## Discover more

For full details about contextual offers visit our website [here](#) or search "Royal Holloway contextual offer"

You can also email us via [schools@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:schools@rhul.ac.uk)

Thank you for reading, we look forward to working with you soon.

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