

Royal Holloway Link





Royal Holloway Link is a two year programme starting in Year 12 with 4 subject streams to choose from, which aims to give students a real taste of university. The programme provides an insight into a chosen subject area, and advice and guidance on the application process to higher education. With input from current students and university staff, you will learn about different aspects of university life, and through the summer residential you'll get to experience living on campus for yourself. The programme is made up of multiple events across the two years to coincide with your studies, with some activities being online to minimise disruption to your time in the classroom.

Year 12

January

What: Introduction to the programme, including the first taster session for your chosen subject area and an opportunity to meet fellow students on Link, as well as student ambassadors from Royal Holloway.

Where: Royal Holloway

March

What: Subject taster session.

Where: Online

June/July

What: Your subject-specific summer residential will take place. Come to our amazing campus for a range of activities, including subject taster sessions, meeting current university students, staying overnight in student accommodation and a variety of social activities.

Where: Royal Holloway



February

What: Sessions on Applying to university and The affordability of university.

Where: Online



April

What: The university experience: Royal Holloway students discuss university life beyond the degree, from sports to societies.

Where: Online





Year 13

October

What: *Choosing a university*
This session will explore the different things to consider when making your choices on your UCAS application.

Where: Online



November

What: This will be a chance to meet your mentor and take part in some personal statement workshops. Mentoring will continue throughout Year 13 to give you support with making decisions and ask any questions about the university application process. Your mentor will be a current university student studying a similar degree to your area of interest.

Where: Royal Holloway



December

Mentoring



January

Mentoring



February

Mentoring



March

What: *Revision tips from Royal Holloway students.* In this interactive workshop our student ambassadors will share their best revision tips and exam preparation advice, which you will then put to the test to see what works best for you!

Where: Online



April

What: *Wellbeing session*
You will receive tips on looking after your wellbeing during the exam period and talking through future plans.

Where: In person



September

We might see you at Royal Holloway!



Choose one of the following subject streams



Engineering and Maths

See inside some of Royal Holloway's best equipped, state-of-the-art buildings and gain an understanding of how these subjects can be used to solve real-world problems, working in groups and taking part in seminar style learning.

This subject stream is for students interested in:

- Computer Science
- Maths
- Engineering
- Physics



History, Politics and Literature

This stream is for those interested in events of the past and how this is relevant in our society today, as well as delving into modern politics. You will experience engaging seminars that will get you working in groups, thinking in new ways and questioning assumptions that you may have. This stream will give you skills in understanding literature, formatting a point of view and understanding counterarguments.

This subject stream is for students interested in:

- Classics
- English Literature
- History
- Politics and International Relations
- Philosophy





Law and Social Sciences

Gain an insight into Royal Holloway's national and international reputation for expertise within law, criminal justice, human rights, and more. This stream is a great way to gain new knowledge as well as exploring the social factors that influence human behaviour.

This subject stream is for students interested in:

- Law
- Criminology
- Social Science



Earth sciences and Geography

See how graduates of earth sciences are becoming the leaders of the movement to understand climate change. Learn more about different aspects of geography, including human geography, from our world-leading department.

Requirements: Studying at least one science qualification.

This subject stream is for students interested in:

- Geography
- Earth sciences
- Geology



Biological sciences and Health studies

Get hands-on experience of what it is like to carry out experiments in state-of-the-art labs and explore the extensive facilities on offer. Learn more about the subjects on offer at the university from our new health studies department.

This subject stream is for students interested in:

- Biology and Biological sciences
- Health studies





What are the benefits?

- A rare opportunity to experience university for yourself before you even apply.
- Gain knowledge and skills to help you with your university application.
- The opportunity to take part in subject tasters in our state-of-the-art facilities.
- Stay in university accommodation.
- The opportunity to talk to current students.
- The opportunity to fully immerse yourself into the life of a university student through engaging in social activities, including sport and society tasters, along with other students on the Link programme.

You may also be eligible for a contextual offer up to two grades lower than the standard offer. [Click here](#) for more details.

How can I apply?

To apply you can fill out the application form [on our website](#). Application's close: 11.59pm 2 December 2022.



Who can apply?

To apply for the Royal Holloway Link programme you must:

- Study A Level's or equivalent, predicted no lower than CCC (or equivalent)
- Have 5 GCSEs grades 9 - 4 (A* - C)
- Be a UK resident and be currently studying or have previously studied at a UK school/college

Applicants from all backgrounds are welcome, but we will prioritise students who meet the following criteria:

- Your parents/carers have not attended university
- You have a disability or health condition that impacts on your daily life
- Your home postcode matches the definition of a lower participation in higher education neighbourhood (POLAR 4, Q1). You can [click here](#) to check your postcode
- You are a mature student or will be when you start university (if you are 21 or over from September 2023)
- You are a recipient of free school meals
- You are or have ever been in local authority care
- You are a young carer or have caring responsibilities for another individual
- Your postcode matches the definition of an area of multiple deprivation (IMD deciles 1-4). You can check your IMD [here](#).

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