27 March 2020

AN OPEN LETTER TO LANDLORDS OF ROYAL HOLLOWAY STUDENTS

Dear Landlord

At Royal Holloway, our relationship with our wider community is important to us and we value the ties we have with you and our community as a whole.

As one of the UK’s leading universities, Royal Holloway makes a significant contribution to the local economy. We also support local businesses and organisations as well as key local activities and groups.

As the country, and the world, responds to the outbreak of coronavirus (Covid-19), it is also a difficult time for our student population, many of whom are living away from their families.

Whilst the university remains open, with reduced services, we continue to support those students who currently remain on campus. Royal Holloway is now delivering teaching and learning support online until the end of this academic year and we have announced that end of year assessments will also be online.

Some students remain on campus, but many others who live in our halls have decided to return home and have chosen not to come back to campus for the final term. In response, any student living in university-provided accommodation who does not wish to return to campus has the option to terminate their hall accommodation contract for term three, which would be due to start on 27 April 2020.

Local landlords, from owners of single properties to much larger organisations, play an important role in the residential ecosystem in the area. We are asking you to join with us in supporting our students in this unprecedented situation by also showing flexibility over residential contracts for the remainder of the academic year.

In this time of crisis, our students will be hoping that they can count on your support. We hope you, like us, will be able to provide that support.

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