

Colours Ball 2026

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Welcome

Hello everyone, tonight I have the honour to welcome you all back to our annual Colours Ball. A night that isn't just for you to dress fancy and come to the Hilton hotel, but to celebrate everything you've achieved this year. From fixtures and fundraising to unforgettable socials, it has been a year full of energy, and you should be incredibly proud.

We aren't just here to recognise the winners tonight; but to celebrate the impact and spirit you all bring to this campus. Whether your club is big or small, you've created communities where students feel they belong, where campus feels like a second home, and where new skills, interests and friendships can grow. To every single one of you here — committee members, dedicated players, and supportive friends — thank you for being such an important part of the Royal Holloway community.

As Vice President Societies & Sport, it has truly been a privilege to work with you this year and witness everything you've accomplished, it made me realise I should have joined so many clubs when I was a student. I've learned so much from the diverse cultures, passions and interests within our sports community, and how welcoming you all are, which is something I'll always remember.

Wishing you the very best for whatever comes next — and I hope your evening is full of joy, celebration, and great memories! And if anyone here goes to the Olympics in the future, I call dibs on a guest spot.

David Gallardo González

Vice President Societies and Sport

18:00 Doors
20:00 Welcome & Dinner
21:30 Awards Ceremony
22:30 End of Ceremony
23:00 Afterparty
01:00 End of Event



Individual Awards

Freshman of the Year

5x Freshman Awards are awarded to students who are in their first year of membership with a club. They must be enthusiastic and show great commitment on and off the pitch. The recipient must be viewed as being instrumental in the club's future and doesn't seem like they have been a part of the club for only one year.

Crest Awards

Awarded to someone who has gone above and beyond the call of duty of any member/committee member throughout their years of participation, showing outstanding dedication and commitment to their group.

Vice President's Cup

Awarded to someone who has shown outstanding dedication to Student Opportunities, going above and beyond to make a difference to sports clubs and wider student engagement. The recipient will have dedicated their time to several different areas with the Students' Union and student groups.

Coach of the Year

Awarded to the best coach of a student club; they may be student coaches or professionals. Development, success and achievement will be factors considered when deciding upon this award.

Half/Full Colours

Half and Full colours are awarded to players nominated for excelling in their particular sport.



Group Awards

Sustainability Award

Awarded to recognise a club that has actively worked towards becoming more environmentally sustainable, going above and beyond to leave a lasting positive impact on the environment. This can be through specific events, initiatives or projects, sourcing more sustainable products, engaging in schemes or spreading awareness on campus that highlights sustainability or a specific environmental issue or concern.

Small Group, Big Impact Award

The Small Group, Big Impact award will recognise the commitment, impact and achievement of the smaller groups we have on campus. Eligible to groups with 40 or less members, the winner of this award will need to demonstrate how they have made a big impact on their members and the wider Royal Holloway community.

Sophie Christiansen Shield

This award is named after alumnus and 8x Paralympic Gold medallist, Sophie Christiansen. The winner will be a club that has gone to great lengths to not only make its club as inclusive and as accessible as possible but has also educated its members as to why this is so important.

Most Improved Club

Awarded to a club that has made a significant effort to develop this year including membership recruitment, range and success of events, maintaining good finances, committee development, etc.

Fundraising and Impact

Awarded to a group that has made a significant impact through fundraising, campaigning or volunteering. This should include work with charities, work on improving the lives of its members and students around them, tackling issues that impact students or working towards making a difference within the community.

Team of the Year

A special trophy donated by Professor Dorothy Wedderburn, former Principal of the University, will be awarded at the discretion of the panel to the team with the most outstanding performance during the season. It is results-based only and nominations from all teams that compete are welcome.

Club of the Year

Awarded to the most outstanding club of the year, taking into account every aspect of the club including organisation, development, volunteering or community work, fundraising, general service and social life.



Don't forget, all of our winners will be available to view via our website after the event takes place.

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