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After an incredibly tough 18 months, you're about to embark on the journey of a lifetime. While we're not completely out of the woods just yet, things are definitely heading towards a better place and we're here to reassure you that you've got lots of reasons to be positive about the year ahead!

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We're here to make student life better.

But what exactly does that mean?

Well, think of the Students' Union as that place that always has your back. Independent from the University, we're here to champion student interests. This means we can fight for your rights and ensure you are always getting your voice heard. The best bit is that upon enrolling at Royal Holloway you automatically become a member*, and we'll represent you on both a local and national level.

Representation is just one slice of the pie when it comes to what we're about. We're also responsible for running all the sports clubs and societies (think of these as communities of students coming together to form a group around a shared interest or hobby) on campus ensuring there's always an outlet for your passions, while we cook up a mean burger in our bars (there's more on our venues later on).

Away from the bar, we run an Advice Centre that offers confidential, impartial, and independent advice, while we also run free events with our Give It A Go programme, and loads more!

So what are you waiting for? Get involved today and be a part of your Students' Union.

>> [SU.RHUL.AC.UK](https://su.rhul.ac.uk)

Want to lead your Students' Union?

Every year we elect a team of full-time sabbatical officers (like Henn on the right) who lead the SU.

Any student can become an officer so keep an eye out for our SU Elections opening at the start of Term Two. Whether you're after a paid full-time sabbatical officer role or part-time voluntary trustee role, this is your chance to stand up and lead on issues that really matter to the student body. As a democratic organisation, we believe that elections show the best of what we can achieve when we work together.

[SU.RHUL.AC.UK/ELECTIONS](https://su.rhul.ac.uk/elections)

Campaigning.

Students like yourself direct the issues we campaign on and we're not afraid to tackle complex pieces of policy in order to improve students' rights. Alongside this, our student groups lead the way on liberation campaigns such as Disability, LGBTQ+, Women's, and Black History months. Check out some of our previous campaigns to see how you can change the world around you, or have a chat with one of the officers.

[SU.RHUL.AC.UK/CAMPAIGNS](https://su.rhul.ac.uk/campaigns)



Henn Warwick

>> PRESIDENT

Hi everyone! I'm Henn - your Students' Union President. As well as overseeing everything that goes on here at the SU, my role is to represent your views to the University and lobby for changes to improve student life at Royal Holloway.

This year, I'll be focusing on a number of key issues including student safety on campus and in the local community, improving the College's wellbeing services, creating a loyalty card system for SU events, and enhancing the College's misconduct processes and complaints procedures. I will also be leading a key piece of work to decolonise not only the curriculum but also all College services.

If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

president@su.rhul.ac.uk

Maia Jarvis.

>> VP EDUCATION

Hi, I'm Maia! As your Vice President Education, I will communicate your academic interests to senior staff and turn student feedback into concrete change in order to give you the best teaching and learning experience. I will amplify the concerns of students in College meetings and work closely with academic reps and listen to their feedback.

My plans for this year include revamping the Personal Tutoring system, increasing academic peer support by bringing Writing Cafés to more departments, and implementing the recommendations from the Joint Honours Insight Report.

If you have any questions or are interested in becoming an academic rep, feel free to get in contact.

vpeducation@su.rhul.ac.uk



Representing your academic interests.

It'd be very easy to think the Students' Union is here to purely focus on the social side of campus life, but that's only half of the story.

At the end of the day, you're here to get a degree and one of our core goals is making sure that this happens. That's why we run what's known as the academic representation system. It's not quite as sexy as a night out at Medicine but this can be the difference between a first or second class degree. That's because the system is made up of a mix of individuals who represent you and your course.

Course reps work on ensuring your degree programme is everything you expected it to be, department reps look at department-wide changes, school reps work across several departments to instigate change, while the Vice President Education works across the wider College.

As a new student, you can volunteer to be the course rep for your chosen degree programme, giving you the chance to directly influence what happens on your course and give a voice to your peers.

>> [SU.RHUL.AC.UK/ACADEMICREPS](https://su.rhul.ac.uk/academicreps)

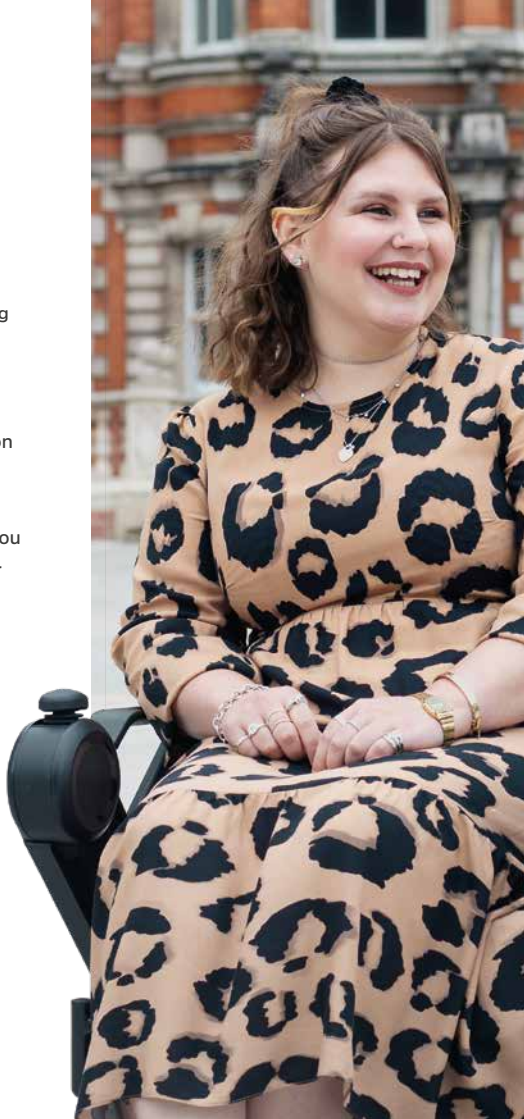
Our Advice Centre is confidential, accessible and free.

To support your wellbeing, we also run our own Advice Centre with dedicated support for academic and housing issues. This service is independent of the College, so it's the perfect place for confidential advice about your course. Our advisors are based upstairs in the Students' Union Building, but no matter whether you're studying on campus or from home, you'll be able to access support online through email and virtual appointments. You can also visit our Advice Centre hub on the website, giving you instant digital access to support and useful resources, or attend one of our weekly Zoom drop-in sessions.

It's okay to feel overwhelmed.

Starting university is a big deal and you may have moments where you feel overwhelmed. This is completely natural and you won't be alone in feeling this way. While we encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and try new things, it's important to do so at your own pace. If you ever have any worries, you can book an appointment with one of our advisors by emailing advice@su.rhul.ac.uk.

>> [SU.RHUL.AC.UK/ADVICE](https://su.rhul.ac.uk/advice)



Alice Goode.

>> VP WELLBEING & DIVERSITY

Hi, I'm Alice, your Vice President Wellbeing and Diversity. Throughout the year I hope to empower, engage with and facilitate spaces for student voices to be heard.

My aim is to improve the wellbeing, equality and inclusivity of students at Royal Holloway through working on campaigns, empowering and supporting our Collectives, working with Student Services, and sitting on College boards.

I aim to work on centralising student support services, expanding and improving the extensions policy, supporting mental health and engaging minority voices.

Please feel free to drop me a message or come and have a chat if you need, I'm always here to support you!

vpwellbeingdiversity@su.rhul.ac.uk

Alex Parry.

>> VP SOCIETIES & SPORT

Hi, I'm Alex, your Vice President Societies and Sport. I know how important groups are to student life around campus and I cannot wait to help them get back into delivering in-person activities this year!

As well as ensuring that student engagement gets back to pre-COVID levels, I am aiming to develop the support currently available to student group committees which will allow them to be able to deliver their members high-quality and effective activity.

I cannot stress how amazing being a part of a student group is, from meeting so many like-minded people to learning so many transferable skills! If you ever have any questions, feel free to send me an email or DM.

vpsocsport@su.rhul.ac.uk



Home of the Bears.

The Students' Union is home to 30+ sports clubs that offer a mix of recreational and competitive opportunities. Whether it's a casual game of Ping Pong or vying for the league title with Netball, you'll soon know what it means to be part of the Bears family.

If you want to join a club, check out our Freshers' Fair in September where you can meet each team. If you see something that takes your fancy on our website, get in touch with the club to find out more about training or attending a trial session. Want to take it further? Represent your club in matches and competitions. If you're after something with less of a competitive edge, then campus leagues or social events could be perfect for you – these are run by the University's Active Lifestyle and Sport team.

Our sports teams compete in a number of competitions run by British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) and London Universities Sports Leagues (LUSL). We're also looking forward to the long-awaited return of Varsity – the biggest clash of the year as we take on our local rivals the University of Surrey across a range of disciplines. We can't wait to welcome the Stags back to Royal Holloway in the ultimate test of pride, passion and skill.

>> [SU.RHUL.AC.UK/SPORTS](https://su.rhul.ac.uk/sports)

Our societies do amazing things.

Whether you've always wanted to try your hand at musical theatre and acting, or you're keen to discover a completely new hobby, there's a place for everyone within our societies and media outlets.

Societies are a great way to get involved in university life. They allow you to meet new people, try new things, and also massively benefit your mental wellbeing by getting you out of the library and doing something that you love!

Our Freshers' Fair on 20 and 21 September is a great place to meet societies and find out more about their activities. If you can't find a society that piques your interest, why not form one of your own? The SU can support you through the process of creating an entirely new group! Alternatively, you can revive one of our dormant societies through our new Adopt A Group process.

This year, our societies will be conducting a blended mix of online and physical activity – this will vary from group to group, so please get in contact with them individually and follow their social media pages for updates.

>> [SU.RHUL.AC.UK/SOCIETIES](https://su.rhul.ac.uk/societies)

Our media outlets are ace.

Your first port of call for the latest news and entertainment on campus, our three media outlets are the perfect home for any budding journalists, broadcasters, or creatives.

Orbital Magazine distributes a monthly magazine with a variety of articles ranging from artist interviews to breaking news stories. Find up-to-date news about what's happening on and off-campus in their online articles.

Broadcasting around campus, Surrey and beyond, Insanity Radio 103.2FM is our resident radio station. With a schedule of chart, chat, and specialist shows, plus news broadcasts, you're guaranteed great music, great presenters and great coverage.

Collaborating with societies, the Students' Union and the local community, rhubarbTV create online content from live streams and newsreels to game shows and dramas.

>> [SU.RHUL.AC.UK/MEDIA](https://su.rhul.ac.uk/media)



We're here to represent you, which means the most important voices in the Students' Union should be yours.

COLLECTIVES

Making sure that you're valued and represented during your time here is one of our top priorities, so we've established eight Student Collectives to give underrepresented groups a platform to have their voices heard. As well as organising activities, events and campaigns, Collectives work with the SU to secure the general interests and rights of students. Joining any of our Collectives is completely free. Even if you don't define into the group you can register as a supporter to take part in their activities.

STUDENT EXECUTIVES

We want students to collaborate more effectively on key issues and we achieve this through our three Student Executives: Education; Wellbeing, Community and Diversity; and Clubs, Societies and Opportunities. Your Officers directly engage with a wide range of students when planning their work and students feed directly into the development of policy and plans in their area.

POLICY INQUIRIES

In the past 18 months, we've published four reports – BAME Inclusive Student Experience, PGR Student Experience, Careers Support, and Student Housing – where we detailed a series of recommendations for ourselves and the University to improve our work in those areas. We already have plans for a postgraduate taught student experience inquiry, and there will be more to come throughout the year.

UNION WORKSHOP

Sometimes, students just want an easy place they can go to and talk about how the service in the bar could be better. That's why Union Workshop exists. It's an open shop of informal drop-in sessions that covers all the different services we deliver and it's open to all. So if you've got a view, we want to hear from you.

>> [SU.RHUL.AC.UK/VOICE](https://su.rhul.ac.uk/voice)

Get ready to Give It A Go.

If you're looking to develop a new skill, flex your creative muscles, or simply unwind after a day of lectures, you'll find something in our calendar of Give It A Go events.

These are smaller scale events that are predominantly alcohol-free and focused on you meeting new people in a fun, relaxed and welcoming environment. Some previous highlights include a campus Colour Run, a Warner Bros Studio Tour, pamper sessions, a free pop-up ice cream parlour, and loads more.

So whether you're an adrenaline junkie, culture vulture, sports fanatic, or just love trying new things, we'll have something for you!

>> [SU.RHUL.AC.UK/GIVEITAGO](https://su.rhul.ac.uk/giveitago)

Get the supplies in.

Who wants to walk 20 minutes to the shops and then carry their bags back up a hill?

Literally nobody. Luckily, the Union Shop is located on the ground floor of the EWD Building, selling fresh produce, drinks, clothing and more. We also have a dedicated vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free selection - lovely stuff.

If you'd rather avoid the hustle and bustle, you can make use of our online Click & Collect service and we'll get everything ready for your chosen date and time slot.

>> [UNIONSHOP.CO.UK](https://unionshop.co.uk)



Finding a new student pad.

You're just starting your Royal Holloway journey so this may be one for the future, but it's still something to bear in mind.

It's easy to get carried away in the excitement but you shouldn't feel pressured into jumping straight into a house share with your new flatmates. Take your time and wait for our Housing Fair where you can meet local landlords and estate agents.

Also make sure to check out RHUL Studentpad - your free portal to hundreds of properties in the local area. Whether you're looking for a place in Egham, Englefield Green or further afield, it's your best bet for finding high-quality private accommodation that's the perfect fit for you.

>> [RHULSTUDENTPAD.CO.UK](https://rhulstudentpad.co.uk)

Venues for days.

Whether it's food, drink, or a little boogie you're after, we've got something for you to do every night, seven days a week, all year round.

>> [SU.RHUL.AC.UK/VENUES](https://su.rhul.ac.uk/venues)



Wi-fi



Gender neutral toilet



Accessible



Child friendly



Pet friendly



Food



Drink



Bookable rooms



Live sport



Board games

Union Venue.



Home to our weekly Wednesday and Friday club nights, we've had some incredible artists performing over the years from Sigma and Nathan Dawe to Big Narstie and Becky Hill. It's not just big club nights you'll find here though as we also host loads of student group performances on our main stage.

Tommy's Kitchen.



Situated downstairs in the SU, we serve the best burgers on campus, catering for all dietary requirements. Grab yourself something quick to takeaway, sit in for a meal with mates, or chill outside on the Union Plaza. Oh, and if hummus and pita is what you dream about at night, make sure you check out Humpit – you won't be disappointed!

Medicine.



Our second biggest venue plays host to a number of events and society performances throughout the year, including our favourites MedsBevs and Toast. We've also got a spacious beer garden which is perfect for drinks in the sun (don't worry, we have heaters for those cold winter nights).

The Packhorse.



The SU's very own pub where you can enjoy a range of food and drinks deals, including our ever popular Two for Tuesday - 241 on a load of the menu. We also screen live sport seven days a week and have tons of other events including our weekly Pub Quiz and Transmission – the home of indie bangers and cut-price drinks deals!



Making our venues a safe space.

While we're all looking forward to more social opportunities this year, it's important to note that there will still be some safety measures in place within our venues to ensure the health of all students and our staff.

In line with government advice surrounding nightclubs, only those who are double vaccinated (14+ days from the date of the second dose) will be able to attend events at the Union Venue.

Track & Trace signage will remain available and we're asking all students to continue to engage with the process.

Although face coverings are no longer mandatory, we kindly ask you to be respectful of others and consider wearing a face covering when moving around our venues. Screens will remain in position at the bar to protect our staff.

Campus will remain cashless in 2021/22 – in Tommy's Kitchen, The Packhorse, and Medicine you can order online via our app and enjoy table service, or you're welcome to come directly to the bar and pay by card. For the Union Venue, you'll need to come to the bar.

These measures are subject to change depending on any government updates – make sure you stay up-to-date on any announcements by reading the weekly Union Update that we'll email to you every Friday during term time.



SU.RHUL.AC.UK/FRESHERS

FRESHERS 'FESTIVAL 2021

FT. ELLA HENDERSON

• **WHAT'S ON**

WITH MORE THAN 35 EVENTS OVER THE FIRST WEEK OF TERM, FRESHERS' FESTIVAL IS YOUR INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDENTS' UNION AND EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO OFFER. THERE'S A TON OF FREE EVENTS, TASTER SESSIONS AND OF COURSE, THE OBLIGATORY PROGRAMME OF CRACKING NIGHTS OUT.

YOU CAN FIND THE FULL LIST OF EVENTS AND BUY TICKETS ON THE WEBSITE. THIS HITS DIFFERENT. THIS IS FRESHERS' FESTIVAL 2021.

• WRISTBANDS // £60

Desperate to attend the big club nights that are listed on the next page? You'll want to get your hands on a Freshers' Festival wristband - the only way to guarantee your entry to all of our headline events.

Wristbands will go on sale in two phases:

- First and second-year students: Friday 27 August (10am)
- General sale: Monday 6 September (10am)

Individual event tickets will go on sale at 10am on Monday 13 September.

Remember, the Union website - su.rhul.ac.uk - is the only verified place to buy tickets to events. If you're unsure you're purchasing from the right place, contact us on social media - @SURHUL or email marketing@su.rhul.ac.uk.

In line with government advice surrounding nightclubs, only those who are double vaccinated will be able to attend events at the Union Venue. 14 days must also have passed since your final dose of the vaccine. This means that if you have not had your second dose by Saturday 4 September, you should not purchase a wristband.

• NOT VACCINATED?

We still have a load of events you can attend which don't require a vaccine for entry including at both Medicine, The Packhorse, and our Give It A Go programme.

If you have a medical exemption please contact the team at venues@su.rhul.ac.uk who will be able to chat to you about attending and what to expect within our venues.

• KEEPING YOU SAFE

While Freshers' Festival is obviously about having loads of fun, our number one priority is ensuring you are able to enjoy our events in a safe environment.

All our activities and events will be conducted in accordance with the relevant guidance published by the UK Government, with changes made to the operation of all events and venues to comply with current guidance.

You can read more about the specific measures being put in place by checking out the individual event pages on our Freshers' Festival website.

EVENTS

WRISTBAND EVENT

£ ADVANCE / ON THE DOOR

- **SHISHA LAUNCH**

17 SEPTEMBER
THE PACKHORSE
FREE ENTRY

- **RETURNERS' PARTY**

17 SEPTEMBER
UNION VENUE
£5 / £7

- **RESTART PARTY**

18 SEPTEMBER
MEDICINE
FREE ENTRY

- **RESTART PROJECT**

18 SEPTEMBER
UNION VENUE
£5 / £7

- **PUB QUIZ**

19 SEPTEMBER
THE PACKHORSE
£1 PP

- **WELCOME PARTY**

19 SEPTEMBER
MEDICINE
FREE ENTRY

- **VK PRESENTS
#WEARECOSMIC**

19 SEPTEMBER
UNION VENUE
£5 / £7

- **FRESHERS' FAIR**

20 SEPTEMBER
SPORTS CENTRE
FREE ENTRY

- **SUNSET SESSIONS**

20 SEPTEMBER
THE PACKHORSE
FREE ENTRY

- **TOAST**

20 SEPTEMBER
MEDICINE
FREE ENTRY

- **IBIZA SUNSET FT.
KAREN HARDING**

20 SEPTEMBER
UNION VENUE
£5 / £7

- **FRESHERS' FAIR**

21 SEPTEMBER
SPORTS CENTRE
FREE ENTRY

- **MARKET DAY**

21 SEPTEMBER
UNION PLAZA
FREE ENTRY

- **TWO FOR TUESDAY**

21 SEPTEMBER
THE PACKHORSE
FREE ENTRY

- **MEDSBEVS:
REGGAETON NIGHT**

21 SEPTEMBER
MEDICINE
FREE ENTRY

WRISTBAND EVENT
£ ADVANCE / ON THE DOOR

- **GLITTERBOMB FT.
BAGA CHIPZ**

21 SEPTEMBER
UNION VENUE
£10 / £12

- **KARAOKE**

22 SEPTEMBER
THE PACKHORSE
FREE

- **MEDSWEDS**

22 SEPTEMBER
MEDICINE
FREE ENTRY

- **FLAWLESS RELAUNCH
FT. ARRDEE**

22 SEPTEMBER
FOUNDER'S SOUTH QUAD
£12.50 / £15

- **TRANSMISSION**

23 SEPTEMBER
THE PACKHORSE
FREE ENTRY

- **RAINBOW RAVE**

23 SEPTEMBER
MEDICINE
FREE ENTRY

- **SMELLS LIKE TEEN
SPIRIT FT. DEAF
HAVANA (DJ SET)**

23 SEPTEMBER
UNION VENUE
£5 / £7

- **MEDSBEVS**

24 SEPTEMBER
MEDICINE
FREE ENTRY

- **JUICY RELAUNCH FT.
220 KID & CUPPY**

24 SEPTEMBER
FOUNDER'S SOUTH QUAD
£12.50 / £15

- **FANCY MEDSBEVS**

25 SEPTEMBER
MEDICINE
FREE ENTRY

- **FRESHERS' BALL FT.
ELLA HENDERSON
+ SPECIAL GUESTS**

25 SEPTEMBER
FOUNDER'S SOUTH QUAD
£25 / £30

- **PUB QUIZ**

26 SEPTEMBER
THE PACKHORSE
£1 PP

- **OUTDOOR CINEMA**

26 SEPTEMBER
FOUNDER'S SOUTH QUAD
FREE ENTRY

GET YOUR TICKETS AT [SU.RHUL.AC.UK/FRESHERS](https://su.rhul.ac.uk/freshers)

• NAVIGATING FRESHERS' FESTIVAL

It can be tricky finding the right balance between work and play but it's doable. While we will be putting on an array of events to help you enjoy the social side of university life, it's up to you to decide how involved you get. Our events are a great way to meet new people and enjoy new experiences in a safe environment, but if you'd rather stay in and watch the latest Netflix series, that's also absolutely fine. There are no set rules and you can shape your own experience!

Freshers' Festival isn't all about drinking and partying either - we run loads of alcohol-free events, including our Give It A Go programme, your best bet for new and exciting experiences. We'd also encourage you to go out and explore campus and the local area. The beautiful Virginia Water Lake is just down the road and you can also check out the monument to Magna Carta down in Runnymede. From riverside walks to glorious meadows, memorials and secluded spots, there's something for everyone!

If you're not able to make it to campus for Freshers' Festival, don't worry! There will be plenty of time to explore when you arrive, and we'll introduce you to all the best spots. Remember you'll still be able to get involved with the University's virtual events and become part of the amazing Royal Holloway community.

We know that adapting to student life can be challenging. There may be moments when you feel overwhelmed, but you won't be going through this alone. You can find help using our online resources or if you want to speak to someone, our Advice Centre is on hand to offer you free and impartial advice. Alternatively, you can also have a chat with the University's Student Services Centre. You can also find out more information about the start to university life by downloading the 'Welcome to Royal Holloway' app from the App Store or Google Play.

• JUST FOR YOU

As a registered charity we are a not-for-profit organisation, which means that every penny we earn goes directly back into delivering services for students.

Putting on loads of great activities for Freshers' Festival obviously comes at a cost and while we'd love to give away everything for free, that simply isn't possible. To ensure that we can cover what we spend on everything that goes into running them, such as entertainment, sound, lighting, staff (and much more), we do have to charge an entry fee for our larger events. We've kept our pricing structure as fair as possible and there are still a number of free events for you to enjoy if money is a little tight.



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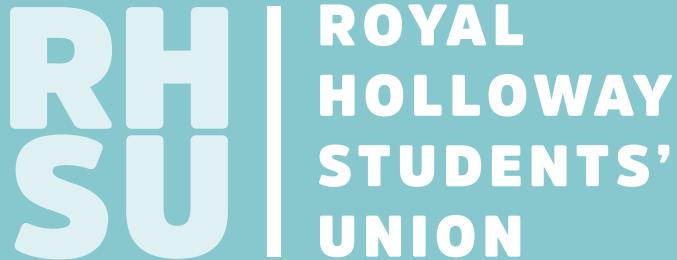
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