### **Society** Awards 2024

18:00	Doors
19:00	Main room opens
19:20	Mains are served
19:45	Deserts are served
20:00	Awards start
22:00	Awards finish
22:30	Afterparty
01:00	Curfew

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# Welcome

It is my honour to be able to welcome you all back to our annual Society Awards evening, celebrating what has been a fantastic year for all our groups. You've all outdone yourself this year!

Tonight is a night to enjoy, being proud of our award winners, recognising the collective impact you've all had, and celebrating all your successes no matter how big or small your group may be. Societies are a fundamental part of Student Life at University, and they allow students to meet new friends, try new hobbies, and development new skills for life. Whether you helped run a society committee, were an engaged member with the society events, or have just come to support your friends and be apart of a great night, thank you for helping build such a fantastic community at Royal Holloway.

It's been an absolutely privilege working with so many you over this past year as your Vice President Societies and Sport. I'm incredibly proud to come from a University with such a strong and diverse group of societies, and will miss the experiences, opportunities, and people I've met during my time here. Best of luck with the journey to come, and I hope you all have an amazing evening!

> Alastair Copland Vice President Societies and Sport

### **Individual Awards**

#### Freshman of the Year

Awarded to individuals who are new to the group, has shown outstanding dedication, and made a significant contribution to the success of activities this year. Nominees for this award must be in their first year of membership within their respective groups.

#### Vice President's Cup

Awarded to someone who has shown outstanding dedication to Student Opportunities, going above and beyond to make a difference to societies/media and wider student engagement. They will have dedicated their time to a number of different areas within the Students' Union and student groups.

#### **Society Crest**

Awarded to individuals who have 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 in the process.

### **Group Awards**

#### **Fundraising and Impact**

Awarded to a group that has made a significant impact through fundraising, campaigning or volunteering. This should include work with national or local 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.

#### Sarah Parker Remond Inclusion and Accessibility Award

Sarah Parker Remond was an African American activist, an anti-slavery lecturer and the first black student at Bedford College. Throughout her life, she promoted inclusivity and equality and worked tirelessly to support the rights of minority groups. The Inclusion and Accessibility Award is therefore awarded to a group that has demonstrated an outstanding effort to ensure that their activities are as accessible as possible and made a significant effort to promote an inclusive attitude within their membership and in the wider campus community.

#### Best Event

Awarded to a group that has organised and delivered an outstanding event this year that was innovative, exciting, and has left a lasting impression on those who attended.

#### Best New Society

Awarded to a group that has gone above and beyond the expected growth of a new society. Through this, they will have successfully established themselves as a group with a significant impact on student life at Royal Holloway, and on the Students' Union.

#### Most Improved Society

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

#### Sustainability Award

Awarded to recognise a student group 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.

#### Society of the Year

Awarded to a group that has made a significant contribution to Royal Holloway, student life, and the Students' Union. They should have worked in order to significantly grow as a group, attracting a wider range of members, holding innovative events, and working to hit objectives across all areas of the development plan.



## **Only 5**00 tickets remaining!



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