

Who are Royal Holloway, University of London?

10 key facts

1. Committed to providing an environment which nurtures research, learning and teaching of the highest quality and advances knowledge and the development of useful skills in its stakeholder community locally, nationally and throughout the world.
2. Among the top ten research-led university institutions in the country.
3. International reputation for high quality teaching and research across the sciences, arts and humanities
4. Home to a vibrant community of 8,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students from more than 130 countries, and has almost 60,000 alumni spread across the globe.
5. Ranked third for employment levels of its students among universities in England and Wales in 2007
6. Royal Holloway College was founded in 1886 by the Victorian entrepreneur, Thomas Holloway as a college for the higher education of bright young women. In 1985, it merged with Bedford College, founded in 1849 by Elizabeth Jesser Reid as the first college in the UK to provide higher education for women, to form a new institution, Royal Holloway & Bedford New College (today known as Royal Holloway, University of London).
7. Employs 1388 staff, of which 534 are academic teaching and academic related posts and 132 are research staff
8. Situated on a 135-acre campus in a parkland setting between the village of Englefield Green and the town of Egham in Surrey, 19 miles from the centre of London.
9. Chairman of council Sir Andrew Burns KCMG, MA, FRSA. Principal Professor Stephen Hill BA, MSc, PhD
10. Royal Holloway's particle physicists recently took part in the 'Big Bang' experiment in Geneva

Notable Alumni of Royal Holloway *RHC – Royal Holloway College BC – Bedford College*

Professor David Bellamy OBE (PhD 1960 BC), Botanist and Activist	Jeremy Northam (1984 BC), Film actor: 'The Winslow Boy', 'Emma', 'An Ideal Husband', 'Enigma', 'Gosford Park'
Sophie Christiansen (2006-09), Gold (Dressage) at 2008 Paralympics	Simon Nye (1980 BC), TV Scriptwriter, including 'Men Behaving Badly'
Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett (1907 RHC), Novelist	Helene Raynsford (2003), Gold (Single Skulls) at 2008 Paralympics
Richmal Crompton (1914 RHC), Novelist: Author of 'Just William' books	Jean Rook (1954 BC), Legendary Daily Express columnist, known as the "First Lady of Fleet Street" (deceased)
Emily Wilding Davison (1893 RHC), Leading suffragette, died after throwing herself under the King's horse at The Derby, June 8th 1913	Frances Stevenson, Countess Lloyd-George CBE (1910 RHC), Private Secretary to David Lloyd-George 1913-43 and his wife 1943-45
George Eliot (1850 BC), Novelist	Mark Strong (1985 RHC), Actor, notable on TV: 'The Long Firm'; 'Our Friends in the North'
Emma Freud (1984 RHC), TV & radio presenter and script writer	Dr Simon Thurley (1985 BC), Chief Executive, English Heritage
Jason Lewis (1990), The first person to circumnavigate the World by land and sea unaided	KT Tunstall (1996), Singer/songwriter, Brit Award winner 2006 Best Female Solo Artist
Dame Felicity Lott (1968 RHC), International Opera singer	Francis Wheen (1978 RHC), Award winning Journalist, 'Private Eye', 'The Guardian'; Karl Marx biographer; panellist on Radio 4's 'The News' Quiz
Anna Hemmings (2001), Marathon world champion canoeist	Roger Wright (1977 RHC), Controller BBC Radio 3 and Director, BBC Proms