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ROYAL HOLLOWAY SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

WELCOME!

Welcome to Royal Holloway, University of London. This guide is designed to help you explore our campus and find out more about what we have to offer our visitors.

Royal Holloway is one of the UK's leading research universities, home to some of the world's foremost authorities in the sciences, arts, business, economics and law. It was founded by Thomas Holloway and opened in 1886. In 1985 Royal Holloway merged with Bedford College, the first college for women in the UK, which was founded by Elizabeth Jesser Reid in 1849. Royal Holloway's historic Founder's Building sits at the heart of a leafy 135-acre campus, surrounded by green spaces, ponds, woodland paths and open meadows that offer a natural escape from the pressures of study, work and everyday life.

It takes approximately 30 minutes to explore the campus, but you can take it at your own pace. We are very proud of our campus and hope you enjoy your visit today.

The following tour is a suggested route and accessible routes are highlighted.



1. Royal Holloway Business School – Moore Building

Your tour starts at the Moore Building, the home of the Royal Holloway Business School.

The original Moore Building was the first to be constructed on campus after Founder's, with work beginning in 1888, and started life as a chemical and botanical laboratory. It is named after Professor Tom Moore, head of the Chemistry Department for 32 years until 1946. It was extended in 2006, with the addition of the lecture theatre and glass-enclosed foyer and seminar rooms.

Exit the Moore Building and turn right onto the main road through campus.



2. Davison Building

Emily Wilding Davison Building, (Davison Building), which contains our main library. This impressive building was opened by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal in October 2017.

The building is named after Royal Holloway alumna Emily Wilding Davison, the suffragette who died after stepping in front of the King's horse at the 1913 Derby. She campaigned for women's rights and fought for equality and inclusivity. These values were championed by the university's founders and are principles that still underpin everything we do today.

Take time to explore the building. Towards the rear of the building you can access the Union Shop where you can pick up snacks and drinks.



3. Founder's Building

Leave the Davison Building by the main entrance and cross the square to reach the main entrance of Founder's. This magnificent building was the vision of our founder Thomas Holloway and was inspired by the Château de Chambord in the Loire Valley. It is built around two quads, which are used for various events.

Holloway made his fortune producing and selling pharmaceutical products and with no children to leave his fortune to, and on his wife Jane's advice, he decided to build a college for women. Building work started in 1879 and Royal Holloway College was opened by Queen Victoria in June 1886, admitting the first students the following year.

The building houses a Chapel, Picture Gallery, Dining Room and café/bar, along with a lecture theatre, Victorian reading rooms and our NHS health centre. Founder's is also a hall of residence, housing 500 of our students.



4. Founder's South and North Quads

Enter Founder's at the Visitors' Centre. There is also a lift, if you choose to visit the upper floors, the Victorian reading rooms or want stepfree access to view the Dining Hall.

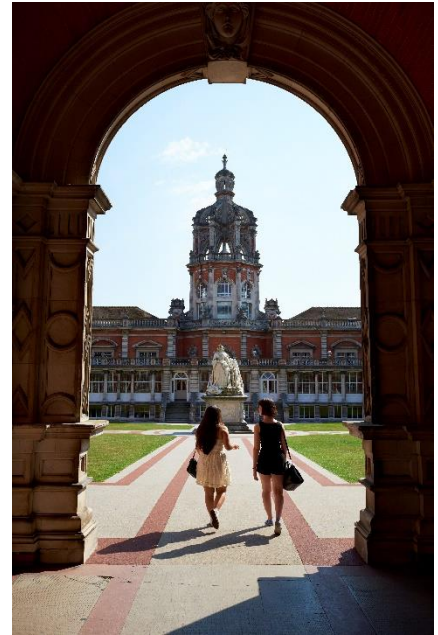
From the Visitors' Centre, turn left and then right and exit through the green door to reach the South Quad, where you will see the statue of Thomas Holloway and his wife Jane.

To reach the North Quad, you can retrace your steps back to the Visitors' Centre and take the lift to access the first floor. You can then follow the signs from there.

Alternatively, for a step-free route, head out of the tower and turn right, following the building all the way round until you reach the Clock Tower, which is the entrance to the North Quad.



Enter the archway of the tower and ahead of you, you will find a statue of Queen Victoria. Founder's Dining Hall is directly behind the statue, up the stone steps, and is open at mealtimes. (Step-free access to the Dining Hall is available inside when using the lift from the Visitors' Centre).



5. Picture Gallery

Head back under the archway of the Clock Tower, facing the university entrance. To your left is the Picture Gallery, home to the Thomas Holloway Collection of Victorian art. He was inspired to create the space after his brother-in-law visited the art collection of Vassar College, in New York State and he filled the gallery with masterpieces from the era, including Edward Landseer's *Man Proposes*, *God Disposes* which continues to fuel superstitions to this day.



6. Chapel

Opposite the Picture Gallery is the Chapel, which was the last part of Founder's Building to be completed. The Chapel, which is beautifully gilded and contains a fine three-manual organ, is non-denominational and hosts a variety of services and events, including Choral Evensong. Graduates from the university can also get married in the Chapel.

When you've finished viewing the Chapel, exit the quad at the Clock Tower and cross the road to the pathway.



7. Woodland Walk

Head back to the Founder's visitor centre, walk along the path to the woodland, where you will see some stone steps guiding you. There is a beautiful fountain and, if you are lucky, you may also see some deer walking around the woodland!

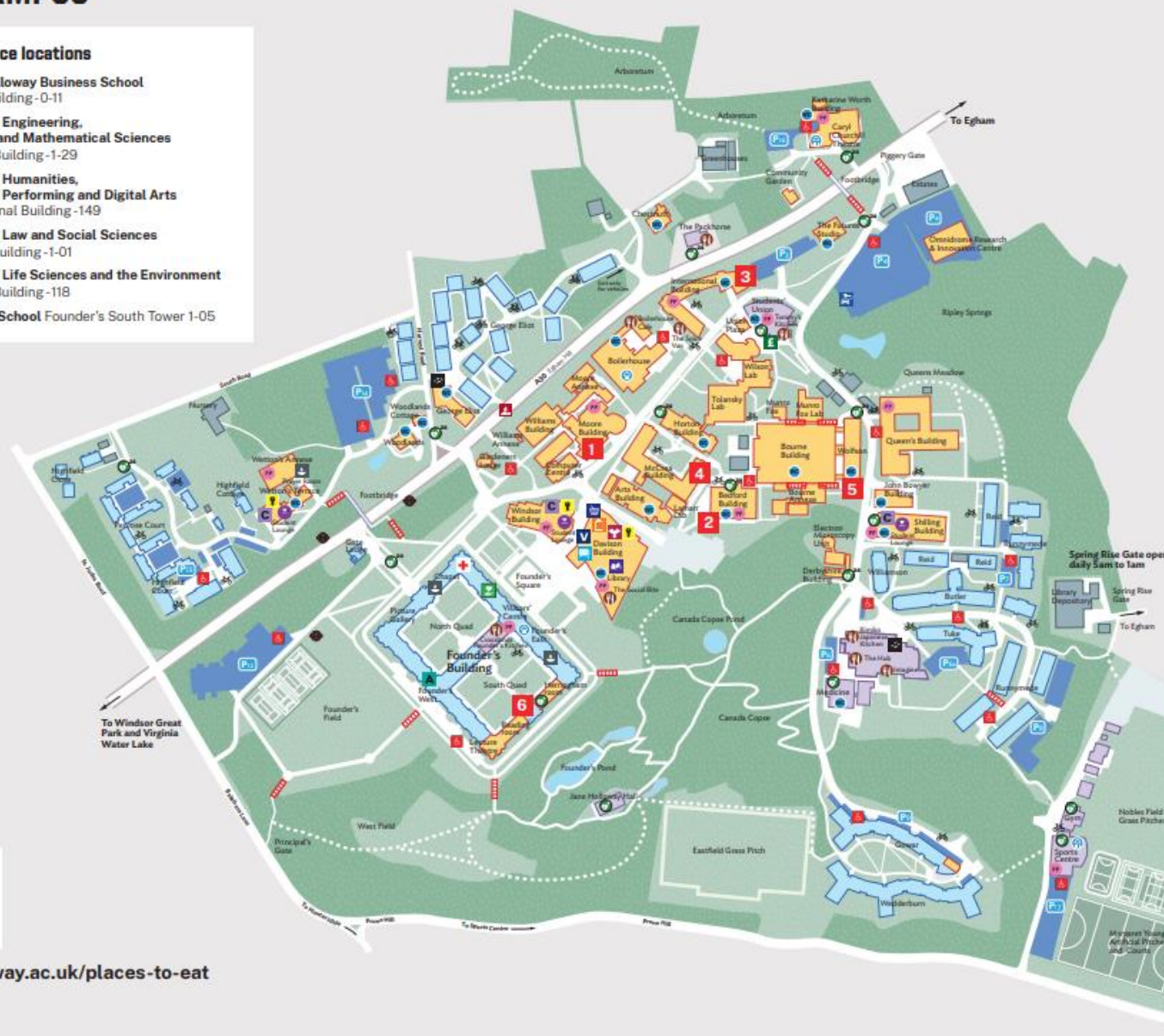
To finish the walking tour, you can follow the paths to explore the woodland and for a stepfree route back, follow the signs towards the Emily Wilding Davison Building. Alternatively, you can follow the signs to Founder's, which will take you up stone steps.



OUR CAMPUS

School office locations

- 1 Royal Holloway Business School
Moore Building - 0-11
- 2 School of Engineering,
Physical and Mathematical Sciences
Bedford Building - 1-29
- 3 School of Humanities,
School of Performing and Digital Arts
International Building - 149
- 4 School of Law and Social Sciences
McCrea Building - 1-01
- 5 School of Life Sciences and the Environment
Wolfson Building - 118
- 6 Doctoral School Founder's South Tower 1-05



Key

- Academic
- Social and Sport
- Accommodation
- Car park
- Accessible car parking
- Steps, not accessible
- Rough path may not be accessible
- Bus stop
- Pedestrian crossing
- Food and Drink
- Shop
- Library
- Cash point
- Event & exhibition spaces
- Student Services Centre
- Enterprise and Careers Hub
- Wellbeing
- Volunteering Hub
- Academic Skills
- GP Surgery
- Post Room
- Faith
- Student Lounge
- Commuting Hub
- Electric vehicle charging point
- Bicycle parking
- Lockers
- Changing rooms/showers
- Period Products
- Gender neutral toilets
- Defibrillator AED
- 24 hour Defibrillator AED



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