



ORIEL COLLEGE

Flag Flying Policy

The College now has two flag poles: the College flagpole over the main gate and the High Street flagpole.

A schedule of regular flag flying days for the College flagpole is attached. The House Flag should be flown on all of these occasions except as below.

The House Flag should also be flown from the High Street pole, on the occasions suggested on the attached schedule.

The College's policy on flying of flags is published on the College website and in the Student Handbook. The regular flag flying schedule appended to this policy will be displayed in the Porters' Lodge and if a flag is flown for a special reason, a notice will be displayed to explain its significance.

Flying Other Flags

No other flags should be flown without the authority of the Governing Body. At present two other flags are authorised: the Union Flag and the Rainbow Flag.

The Rainbow Flag will be flown to mark LGBTQ History Month in February, and on the 17th May, International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. It will also be flown during pride month in June in addition to these dates. The Governing Body has also given express permission for the permanent display of the Rainbow Flag in the JCR.

The House Flag or another appropriate flag (of a design to be determined) should be flown for the whole month of May, as well as on Marian feast days (see full details under *Oriel Flag Days*).

However, if there is an occasion when the House Flag is to be flown on any of these days it will take precedence. If more than one flag-flying occasion occurs on the same date, both flagpoles may be used.

Flying Flags on Other Occasions

Authority to fly the House Flag to mark the death of a significant member of the College community should rest with the Provost who should normally consult the Treasurer and Vice-Provost. In the Provost's absence the Treasurer or Vice-Provost may decide.

Authority to fly the House Flag or Union Flag to mark other significant events affecting the College, the University or the nation or which are being widely acknowledged by other colleges should rest with the Provost who should consult as many members of the House Committee who are available before reflecting their majority and making a decision.

Proposals from students for flying other flags should be made in plenty of time to the Governing Body, via MCR/JCR President bringing this to the Joint Consultative Committee (which meets in 2nd and 6th week of each term).

Flying Flags from Student Rooms

The display of flags and/or political posters in public areas of College is not permitted. The display of flags or posters outside individual rooms, including windows, is also not permitted. This is to maintain tidiness, for health and safety, and to avoid conflict over the flying of flags.

ORIEL FLAG DAYS

Jan 1 st	The Holy Mother of God
February	LGBTQ (Special Flag)
Feb 2 nd	Candlemas*
Feb 11 th	Our Lady of Lourdes
March	Adam de Brome Gaudy Saturday of 9th week
March 25 th	The Annunciation of the Lord
Monday after Pentecost:	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
9 days after Corpus Christi:	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Apr 23 rd	Saint George's Day
May	Month of the Virgin Mary
May	For Eights from Wednesday to Saturday 5 th week of Trinity Term
May 17 th	LGBTQ (Special Flag)
June	HM The King's official birthday 2 nd Saturday in June**
June	Encaenia 2nd Wednesday of 9th week Trinity Term (check for variations)*
June	LGBTQ (Rainbow Flag)
June 21 st	HRH The Prince of Wales' birthday
July 16 th	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Aug 5 th	Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
Aug 15 th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug 22 nd	The Queenship of Mary
Sept 8 th	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sept 8 th	Accession of HM The King
Sept 12 th	The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sept 15 th	Our Lady of Sorrows
Oct 7 th	Our Lady of the Rosary
Oct 15 th	Our Lady of Walsingham
Nov 14 th	HM The King's birthday*
Nov 21 st	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dec 8 th	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dec 12 th	Our Lady of Guadalupe

And all Gaudies as advised by the Development Office.

Any other times decided by the Provost in line with the procedures set out in the Flag Flying policy.

* days when the flag should be flown from both flagpoles. Other days to be decided by the Domestic Bursar in consultation with the Provost and/or Treasurer.

** 20th June 2026; 19th June 2027; 17th June 2028

March 2025

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