



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

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| 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.

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