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This newsletter brings you the latest equality news and developments at Edinburgh College. Anyone at the College is welcome to contribute to this newsletter, please contact the [EDI Lead](#) for more information.

Call It Out - Message on a Wall Campaign

A group of students and staff have been developing a 'Message on a Wall' campaign to promote College's values and encourage everyone to call out unacceptable behaviour. You will soon see big writing of "Empowering minds, embracing diversity" on the walls of campuses. Along with that, you will be able to scan a QR code to report hate or misogyny incidents to the College. Let's be kind and respectful, and look out for each other!



Lunar New Year 2025

Edinburgh College was adorned with red and gold during the Lunar New Year celebrations in January 2025. Colleagues from different teams and partner organisations held interactive events for staff and students. Great atmosphere across the campuses.



Fortune Cookies decoration at Wellbeing Fair.



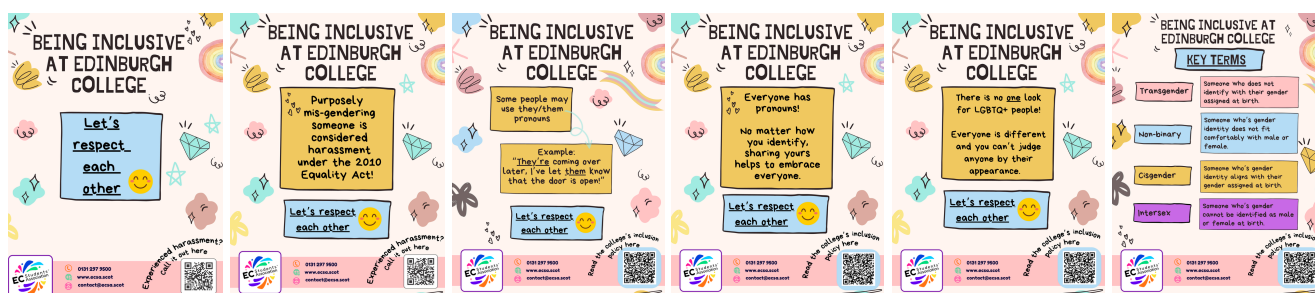
Tai Chi taster session at Age Scotland.



Riddles solving at the Lantern Festival organised by international students.

LGBTQ+ Friendly Classrooms

As part of LGBTQ+ History Month (February), Edinburgh College Students' Association (ECSA) has created a set of inclusive classroom posters to improve the experience of LGBTQ+ people in the college and in the classroom. These posters can be displayed all year round. If you would like a copy of these posters, please get in touch with contact@ecs.scot or equality@edinburghcollege.ac.uk.



Campus prayer facilities during the month of Ramadan

Some of our students and employees will soon embark on their celebration of Ramadan, a holy month for Muslims when they refrain primarily from eating and drinking during daylight hours. This year, Ramadan is expected to begin on 1 March and end on 31 March in the Gregorian calendar. As well as fasting, Ramadan is also a time for increased prayer and self-reflection. During March, we have increased our prayer facilities across our campuses to enable students and employees to observe their faith during the College day.

The rooms are listed below. Please note that some rooms will be marked female only and a feet washing facility is available in S0-27. Please do use other washing facilities in our campuses.

Please act with kindness and respect when passing or using the prayer facilities. Place your shoes outside of the room neatly and tidy the room before leaving. Speak quietly to avoid disturbing those in prayers or self-reflection. Most importantly, please refrain from eating within or near the designated prayer facilities.

For information on supporting students and colleagues during Ramadan, please visit: <https://www.weareteachers.com/support-students-during-ramadan/>.

If you require further support during Ramadan, please speak with your lecturer if you are a student or your line manager if you are an employee. The Wellbeing team is also contactable by students at wellbeing@edinburghcollege.ac.uk. For further information, please contact equality@edinburghcollege.ac.uk.

Campus	Existing	Additional
Granton	GS-203	GS-205 (Female Only)
Midlothian	LG-08	L2-13 (Female Only) (Monday to Wednesday)
Milton Road	M1-62 (Female Only)	M1-27
Sighthill	S0-19c (Female Only)	S1-29 (Male Only)