



The Bedford Society



**University of London Archives Talk and Tour
Thursday 7 November, 10.30am**

Join the University of London's Special Collections staff for a tour of Senate House Library, a talk and a hands-on archive session, focusing on Bedford College's students and their experiences as members of the University of London.

As part of the Senate House tour, there will be an opportunity to view the new portrait of Lillian Penson, Professor of Modern History at Bedford College 1930-62, who was the first woman to be Vice Chancellor of the University of London from 1948 to 1951.

The starting point for this event is 11 Bedford Square, with coffee and a talk by Naomi Lebens and Anne-Marie Purcell about the Bedford College Archive.

Places are very limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

[**Book tickets here**](#)



Bedford College reception at Heritage Open Day

As part of the 175th anniversary celebrations, the Bedford Society invited members, colleagues and friends to come together for a reception at Heritage Open Day.

The 2024 Heritage Open Day featured a special focus on the academic work and life of Bedford College, through talks and displays alongside wider heritage day activities and tours.

The reception was exclusively for Bedford College alumni, past Bedford College staff and friends of Bedford College.

[Watch the recording here](#)

In Memoriam

We remember Bedford College alumni and former [staff who have died recently](#).

A Project Archivist for the Bedford Archive

As part of the anniversary celebrations we are asking Bedfordians to consider donating to help fund a Project Archivist to work on the Bedford College collection.

Now is the time to conserve our heritage so that future generations may appreciate the College's pioneering ethos and lasting impact.

[Find out more](#)

Share your memories of Bedford College to help us celebrate 175 years since its founding

We would love to hear your stories and memories from your time at Bedford College, and beyond, as we celebrate this important milestone. Your stories will be vital in preserving the legacy of Bedford College and the Bedford Society.

Submitted memories will be published in an online gallery.

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