



The Bedford Society

Dear Nickname

I'm delighted to be getting in touch to announce the start of our 175th anniversary year, throughout which we will be celebrating 175 years since the founding of Bedford College.

To begin this anniversary year we are sharing details of events which will take place in April, July and September. Tickets are available for these events below this message and we hope to see a good number of you at one or more of the events throughout the year.

Best wishes,

Claire

Dr Claire Gobbi Daunton
History, 1974
Bedford Society Committee Chair

Tickets for anniversary events are now available at
rhul.ac.uk/bedford175



An Afternoon in Bedford Square **Saturday 20 April 2024, 4pm**

From 2.30pm the Bedford Room at 11 Bedford Square will be open for tea and a chat. At 4pm, we will move to 48 Bedford Square, where Ed Maggs, of the Antiquarian Booksellers, Maggs Brothers, is kindly hosting talks by Caroline Barron (former member of Bedford College History staff) and Claire Gobbi Dauntton (BA History, 1974) on the early days of Bedford College in that building. The talks will be followed by a wine reception kindly provided by Maggs Brothers.

Please note that the talks and reception will be on the first floor and although there is a lift, some half dozen steps are also involved.

Tickets are £10 and **can be booked here**.



'First Principles' – talk and afternoon tea at Regent's University, London **Saturday 6 July 2024, 1.30pm**

An opportunity to celebrate by returning to the former Bedford College site in Regent's Park. There'll be short talks, involving current and former staff and students, on the founding principles of the college and how they remain relevant to today, then afternoon tea and tours of the building, once so familiar to us. There'll also be plenty of time to meet and talk to each other.

Tickets are £25 and **can be booked here**.



Heritage Open Day at Royal Holloway and Bedford New College's Egham campus
Sunday 15 September 2024, from 10am

This year's Heritage Open Day will have additional focus on the academic work and life of Bedford College through talks and displays alongside the regular heritage day activities and tours. There will be a reception for Bedfordians, giving an opportunity to meet up with fellow alumni and former staff.

There will be no charge for tickets. **[Complete our expression of interest form here.](#)**

Further details and the option to book tickets for this event will be available later in 2024. Accommodation will be available in Egham if you would like to stay over before or after the Heritage Open Day event.

Tickets are offered on a first come, first served basis. All bookings are subject to our [event terms and conditions](#)

Organising your own anniversary celebration?

Let us know and we can help to promote your event, share pictures from your gathering and send you some anniversary memorabilia!

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