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Dear Majid

It was good to catch up earlier this week and to hear about the plans of the Runnymede Muslim Centre.

With the growing number of Muslim students at Royal Holloway, the partnership that has developed between the University and the Runnymede Muslim Society has been very important - to the Muslim students themselves, as well as our wider community.

The Runnymede Muslim Society has been particularly helpful through a number of initiatives, which I summarise below.

- You are providing Imams to lead Friday prayers and deliver sermons, on and off campus
- Providing hot meals for students breaking their fast during Ramadan
- Helping in a pastoral role for students whose homes are far from Egham
- Helping to establish the first Muslim Chaplaincy at the University, and funding this for the first two years
- Providing a moderating influence. Helping to avoid political extremists from influencing the students. Providing textual proofs against deviant interpretations of your scripture.
- Although you are no longer on campus, you still offer these services to our studentrs, from your temporary base at the Jurgens Centre in Englefield Green.
- Many of the parents/students who are considering RHUL for their studies contact you for guidance and you act as ambassadors for RHUL.
- Inviting public speakers to deliver lectures.

These important services to our Muslim students are complementary to those of the University and I hope that this productive partnership will continue for many years.

I know that the Runnymede Muslim Sociey is seeking to raise funds to develop premises in the Egham area and I would like to endorse your efforts and encourage those considering making donations to your fund-raising campaign.

Once again, thank you for your support and best wishes for the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PL'.

Professor Paul Layzell
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