



EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION (EDI) CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2026 - AUGUST 2027

This Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Calendar provides many of the key dates, holidays, awareness days and events that occur throughout the year to represent, celebrate and reflect the diverse student and staff population that we have.



SEPTEMBER 2026

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AWARENESS MONTHS

- Blood Cancer Month
- World Alzheimer's Month
- Childhood Cancer Month
- World Dementia Month
- National Sickle Cell Month
- Urology Month

AWARENESS DAYS AND WEEKS

- 4 September - **Krishna Janmashtami**
- 5 September - International Day of Charity
- 6 September - Colour Blind Awareness Day
- 7 September - **Youth Mental Health Day**
- 8 September - International Literacy Day
- 10 September - **World Suicide Prevention Day**
- 11-13 September - **Rosh Hashanah**
- 12 September - End Digital Poverty Day
- 13 September - World Sepsis Day
- 14 September - Feast of the Cross, **National Inclusion Week**
- 15 September - World Lymphoma Day, International Day of Democracy, **World Afro Day**, National Inclusion Week
- 18 September - International Equal Pay Day
- 21 September - **Migraine Awareness Week**, **International Week of Happiness**, International Day of Peace, World Alzheimer's Day
- 23 September - Bisexual Visibility Day, International Day of Sign Language, Autumn Equinox
- 25 September - International Ataxia Awareness Day, World's Biggest Coffee Morning, **Sukkot**
- 26 September - World Contraception Day, European Day of Languages
- 29 September - World Heart Day



OCTOBER 2026

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AWARENESS MONTHS

- **Black History Month**
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
- **ADHD Awareness Month**
- **Down Syndrome Month**
- **Global Diversity Month**
- **Lupus Awareness Month**
- **Menopause Awareness Month**
- **Go Sober for October**
- **National Bullying Prevention Month**

AWARENESS DAYS AND WEEKS

- 1 October - **International Day of Older Persons**, Anniversary of the Introduction of the Equality Act
- 2 October - **International Day of Non-Violence**, Hoshana Rabbah, **National Work Life week**
- 3 October - **Shemini Atzeret**
- 4 October - **Simchat Torah**
- 5 October - **World Teachers Day**
- 6 October - **World Cerebral Palsy Day**
- 8 October - **International Lesbian Day**
- 9 October - **Baby Loss Awareness Week**
- 10 October - **World Homeless Day**, **World Mental Health Day**, **National Hate Crime Awareness Week**
- 11 October - **International Coming Out Day**, **International Day of the Girl Child**, **Navarati**
- 12 October - **OCD Awareness Week**
- 15 October - **World Values Day**
- 16 October - **World Food Day**, **Spirit Day**, **Durga**, **Show Racism the Red Card**
- 17 October - **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**
- 18 October - **Anti-Slavery Day**, **World Menopause Day**
- 19 October - **Ace Week**
- 20 October - **Dussehra**
- 21 October - **International Pronouns Day**, **Yom Kippur**
- 23 October - **Wear it Pink Day**
- 24 October - **United Nations Day**
- 26 October - **Intersex Awareness Day**
- 29 October - **World Stroke Day**
- 31 October - **Halloween**, **Samhain**

A photograph of red poppies in bloom against a teal background. The poppies are in the foreground, with some in sharp focus and others blurred. The petals are a vibrant red, and the centers are dark. The background is a solid, light teal color.

NOVEMBER 2026

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AWARENESS MONTHS

- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
- Islamophobia Awareness Month
- UK Disability History Month
- Movember (Men's Health)
- Mouth Cancer Action Month
- COPD Awareness Month

AWARENESS DAYS AND WEEKS

- 1 November - All Saints Day, Trans Parent Day
- 2 November - All Souls Day, **International Stress Awareness Week**
- 4 November - Stress Awareness Day
- 5 November - Guy Fawkes Day
- 8 November - **Intersex Day of Remembrance, Diwali, Inter-faith Week, Remembrance Sunday**
- 9 November - International Week of Science and Peace
- 10 November - World Science Day for Peace and Development
- 11 November - Armistice Day
- 13 November - World Kindness Day,
- 16 November - International Day for Tolerance, **Anti-bullying Week**, National Self-care Week
- 19 November - International Men's Day
- 20 November - World Children's Day, **Transgender Day of Remembrance**
- 24 November - Guru Nanak Gurburab, Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur
- 25 November - **International Day for the Eradication of Violence Against Women**
- 29 November - International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, Nativity Fast/Advent Starts
- 30 November - St Andrew's Day



DECEMBER 2026

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AWARENESS MONTHS

- Universal Month for Human Rights
- Decembeard

AWARENESS DAYS AND WEEKS

- 1 December - **World Aids Day**
- 2 December - **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery**, National Grief Awareness Week
- 3 December - **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**
- 4 December - **Hanukkah**
- 8 December - **Bodhi Day**
- 9 December - International Anti-Corruption Day
- 10 December - Human Rights Day
- 18 December - International Migrants Day
- 20 December - International Human Solidarity Day
- 21 December - Winter Solstice
- 24 December - Christmas Eve
- 25 December - **Christmas Day**
- 26 December - Boxing Day, Kwanzaa
- 28 December - St Stephen's Day
- 31 December - New Year's Eve



JANUARY 2027

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AWARENESS MONTHS

- Veganuary
- Dry January
- Cervical Cancer Awareness Month
- National Mentoring Month
- Thyroid Awareness Month

AWARENESS DAYS AND WEEKS

- 1 January - New Year's Day
- 4 January - **World Braille Day**
- 6 January - **Epiphany**, Lailat al Miraj
- 7 January - Orthodox Christmas
- 11 January - International Thank You Day
- 14 January - Orthodox New Year, Makar Sankranti
- 15 January - **Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti**
- 17 January - **World Religion Day**
- 18 January - Martin Luther King Jnr Day, **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**
- 22 January - Thaipusam
- 24 January - International Day of Education
- 25 January - Burns Night
- 26 January - International Day of Clean Energy
- 27 January - **Holocaust Memorial Day**
- 31 January - World Leprosy Day



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AWARENESS MONTHS

- National Heart Month
- Raynaud's Awareness Month
- LGBTQ+ History Month

AWARENESS DAYS AND WEEKS

- 1 February - World Hijab Day, World Interfaith Harmony Week, **Children's Mental Health Week**, Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week, Imbolc
- 2 February - Candlemas
- 4 February - **World Cancer Day**
- 6 February - International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation, **Chinese New Year**
- 8 February - International Epilepsy Day, **Start of Ramadan**
- 9 February - **Shrove Tuesday**, Safer Internet Day
- 10 February - **Ash Wednesday/Start of Lent**
- 11 February - International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 12 February - Red Hand Day
- 14 February - Valentine's day
- 15 February - **International Childhood Cancer Day**, **Nirvana Day**
- 17 February - **Random Acts of Kindness Day**
- 20 February - World Day of Social Justice
- 21 February - International Mother Language Day, **Magha Puja Day**
- 22 February - World Thinking Day
- 28 February - Rare Disease Day



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AWARENESS MONTHS

- Red Cross Awareness Month
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- Endometriosis Awareness Month
- Brain Tumour Month
- National Nutrition Month
- Women's History Month

AWARENESS DAYS AND WEEKS

- 1 March - Zero Discrimination Day, Self-Harm Awareness Day, International Wheelchair Day
- 3 March - World Hearing Day
- 6 March - Maha Shivarati
- 7 March - MS Awareness Week, Mother's day
- 8 March - International Women's Day, End of Ramadan/Eid al-Fitr
- 15 March - International Day to Combat Islamophobia
- 20 March - International Day of Happiness, Spring Equinox/Ostara
- 21 March - World Down Syndrome Day, World Poetry Day, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination
- 22 March - World Water Day, Purim
- 23 March - Pakistan Day, Holi
- 24 March - World Tuberculosis Day
- 25 March - International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Slavery and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, End of Lent
- 26 March - Good Friday, Independence day of Bangladesh
- 27 March - Holy Saturday
- 28 March - Easter Sunday
- 29 March - Easter Monday
- 30 March - World Bipolar Day
- 31 March - International Transgender Day of Visibility



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AWARENESS MONTHS

- Bowel Cancer Awareness Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- Parkinson's Awareness Month
- Testicular Cancer Awareness Month
- Alcohol Awareness Month
- World Autism Acceptance Month

AWARENESS DAYS AND WEEKS

- 2 April - World Autism Awareness Day
- 6 April - International Asexuality Day
- 7 April - World Health Day
- 8 April - International Romani Day
- 14 April - Vaisakhi
- 15 April - Global Wellness Day, Rama Navami
- 21 April - Passover
- 22 April - Stephen Lawrence Day, Earth Day
- 23 April - International Girls in ICT Day, Shakespeare Day, St George's Day
- 25 April - World Malaria Day
- 26 April - Lesbian Visibility Week, Lesbian Day of Visibility
- 28 April - National BSL Day, World Day of Safety and Health at Work



MAY 2027

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AWARENESS MONTHS

- Stroke Awareness Month
- Cystic Fibrosis Month
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Hepatitis Awareness Month
- Celiac Awareness Month
- Skin Cancer Awareness Month
- Bladder Cancer Awareness Month
- UK National Walking Month

AWARENESS DAYS AND WEEKS

- 1 May - Beltane, International Worker's Day
- 2 May - Orthodox Easter Sunday
- 3 May - World Press Freedom Day, Orthodox Easter Monday
- 4 May - Yom HaShoah, World Asthma Day
- 5 May - **African World Heritage Day**
- 8 May - World Red Cross Day, World Fair Trade Day
- 9 May - Europe Day
- 10 May - **Shavout**
- 15 May - **International Day of Families**
- 16 May - Whitsunday/Pentecost, **Eid al-Adha**
- 17 May - **International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia**
- 19 May - Agender Pride Day
- 20 May - Global Accessibility Awareness Day, **Vesak/Wesak/Buddha Day**
- 21 May - World Day for Cultural Diversity, World Anti - Terrorism Day
- 24 May - Pansexual and Pan-romantic Awareness and Visibility Day
- 28 May - World Hunger Day
- 30 May - World MS Day



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AWARENESS MONTHS

- **LGBTQ+ Pride Month**
- Tourette's Awareness Month
- Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Awareness Month
- Scleroderma Awareness Month
- **Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month**

AWARENESS DAYS AND WEEKS

- 1 June - Global Day of Parents
- 4 June - International day of innocent children victims of aggression
- 5 June - World Environment Day
- 6 June - **Islamic New Year/AI Hijra**
- 7 June - Tourette's Awareness Day
- 12 June - Pulse Night of Remembrance, World Day Against Child Labour
- 13 June - Race Unity Day
- 14 June - **Refugee Week**
- 15 June - World Elder Abuse Day
- 16 June - Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib
- 18 June - International Day for Countering Hate Speech, **Autistic Pride Day**
- 20 June - **World Refugee Day**, Fathers Day
- 21 June - World Humanist Day, Summer Solstice
- 22 June - **Windrush Day**
- 23 June - International Women in Engineering Day
- 24 June - International Day of Women in Diplomacy
- 26 June - Armed Forces Day, International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- 28 June - **Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots**



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AWARENESS MONTHS

- Talk to Us Month
- Disability Pride Month
- South Asian Heritage Month
- Plastic Free Month
- Ethnic Minorities Cancer Awareness Month
- International Women with Alopecia Month

AWARENESS DAYS AND WEEKS

- 6 July - Omnisexual Visibility Day
- 11 July - World Population Day
- 14 July - International Non-Binary People's Day, Ashura
- 15 July - World Youth Skills Day
- 17 July - World Day for International Justice
- 18 July - Black Leaders Awareness Day, Nelson Mandela Day
- 25 July - Ashura, National Schizophrenia Day
- 28 July - World Hepatitis Day
- 30 July - World Day Against the trafficking of Persons, International Day of Friendship



AUGUST 2027

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AWARENESS MONTHS

- Psoriasis Month

AWARENESS DAYS AND WEEKS

- 1 August - Lammás/Lughnasadh
- 9 August - International Day of the World's Indigenous People
- 11 August - Tisha B'Av
- 12 August - International Youth Day
- 15 August - Independence Day of India, The Assumption of Mary
- 17 August - Raksha Bandhan
- 19 August - World Humanitarian Day
- 21 August - International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism
- 22 August - International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
- 23 August - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
- 30 August - National Grief Awareness Day
- 31 August - International Day for People of African Descent