

Hughes Hall Policy on Displays in student rooms

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Within their own rooms, students are free to display such advertisements, posters, and banners as they wish, providing that they are legal and within the conditions of their room licence, clause 6.3.

The same is true for displays in a student's own window. The College expects students to exercise tolerance but recognises that the exercise of free expression may sometimes cause offence.

The College believes that such tensions are best resolved through dialogue and education. Students can raise their concerns either with each other or suggest a mediation process which can be entered into with the consent of all parties. This mediation process can be accessed through the College's Harassment Support Tutors (HSTs) or through a student's Tutor. The HSTs or the Tutor will suggest a mediator acceptable to both parties and who will remain strictly neutral during the mediation process. The mediation process will not compromise free expression, except in the case of illegality, and can be terminated at any point in the process by either party. If a student believes that a poster etc. is illegal then they should write to the Senior Tutor, who will consult with the Tutors.

The College may, on occasion, require students to remove displays from windows temporarily in parts of the College where, for example, photographs are being taken for official purposes.