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Edinburgh College is committed to equality of opportunity and to a culture that respects difference. We are committed to providing an inclusive ethos and environment, where everyone feels welcome, supported and respected.

This equalities calendar highlights key diversity days, the main faith days observed or celebrated, and awareness raising dates. This does not mean other religions, beliefs or non-belief are not equally valued.

Sources of information used to produce the calendar include external faith bodies, diversity organisations and national faith calendars. It was produced accurately at the time of publication, but some dates may vary regionally as they are determined by the lunar calendar. Many holy days begin at sunset the day before the date shown.

Key	
	Buddhism
	Christianity
	Hinduism
	Islam
	Sikhism
	Judaism

	Religious Faith Events	Awareness Events
<b>AUGUST</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Raksha Bandhan 	12 <sup>th</sup> International Youth Day
	11 <sup>th</sup> Krishna Janmashtami 	
	28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> Ashura 	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> Rosh Hashannah 	18 <sup>th</sup> International Equal Pay Day
	28 <sup>th</sup> Yom Kippur 	
<b>OCTOBER</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Sukkot 	Black History Month
	10 <sup>th</sup> Shmini Atzeret 	10 <sup>th</sup> World Mental Health Day
	11 <sup>th</sup> Simchat Torah 	10 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> Hate Crime Awareness Week
	17 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> Navaratri 	26 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup> Care Experience Week
	20 <sup>th</sup> Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth 	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> All Saints 	5 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> Dyslexia Awareness Week
	2 <sup>nd</sup> All Souls 	10 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> Interfaith Week
	14 <sup>th</sup> Diwali 	20 <sup>th</sup> Transgender Day of Remembrance
	29 <sup>th</sup> Guru Nanak Dev Sahib 	25 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence

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<b>DECEMBER</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Bodhi Day	☸	3 <sup>rd</sup>	International Day for Persons with Disabilities
	11 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Hanukah	☆	10 <sup>th</sup>	International Human Rights Day
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas	†		
<b>JANUARY</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany	†	25 <sup>th</sup>	Burns' Night
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Maghi	☪	27 <sup>th</sup>	Holocaust Memorial Day
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Tu B'Shvat	☆		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Nirvana Day	☸		LGBT History Month
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Vasant Panchami Shrove Tuesday	ॐ †	12 <sup>th</sup>	Chinese New Year
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Purim	☆		
<b>MARCH</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	Magha Puja Day	☸	8 <sup>th</sup>	International Women's Day
	28 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Pesach	☆	21 <sup>st</sup>	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
<b>APRIL</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday	†	2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Autism Awareness Day, followed by Autism Awareness Week
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Ramadan begins	☾	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth Day
<b>MAY</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Ramadan ends	☾	3 <sup>rd</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	Deaf Awareness Week
	14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Eid	☾	16 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mental Health Awareness Week
<b>JUNE</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	World Humanist Day		TBC	Care Week
				TBC	LGBT Pride
<b>JULY</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Eid al Adha	☾	15 <sup>th</sup>	World Youth Skills Day
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Asalha Puja Day	☸		