New College Prevent Policy

The College recognises that, when exercising its functions, it has a duty under Section 26(1) of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act (2015) to have due regard to the need to prevent persons from being drawn into terrorism. This ‘Prevent duty’ is performed in the context of the College’s other legal obligations to uphold Freedom of Speech and academic freedom, to promote Equality and Diversity, and to address harassment in all its forms. The College is aware that an over-zealous application of the Prevent duty risks encroaching on, limiting, or otherwise interfering with these rights. This policy should be read in conjunction with the University’s Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech which has been adopted by the College as its own, as well as the College’s policies on Equality and on Harassment.

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