



OCIS NEWS

OXFORD CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES

HM King Charles III continues as the Patron of the Centre

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS) is honoured to announce that His Majesty King Charles III has graciously agreed to continue as the Royal Patron of the Centre. His Majesty has long taken a keen interest in the Centre's work. In 1993, he most generously accepted the Centre's invitation to be its Patron. Over the past three decades, his unwavering support has significantly contributed to the Centre's growth and its establishment as a leading institution for the multi-disciplinary study of Islamic culture and civilization.

King Charles III has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to fostering mutual understanding between the Islamic world and the West. His vision for the Centre has always emphasized the importance of education and intercultural dialogue as the means of bridging cultural divides. This vision supports the Centre's mission to promote scholarly excellence and foster community among scholars from diverse backgrounds.



His Majesty King Charles III

Under His Majesty's patronage, the Centre has celebrated numerous milestones. Among the most notable is the establishment of its permanent home, a significant achievement that has enhanced the Centre's ability to fulfil its mission. This iconic building, an amalgam of traditional Islamic architecture and elements of historic Oxford institutions, symbolizes the Centre's dedication to celebrating Islamic heritage while advancing academic inquiry.

His Majesty's steadfast support has been a cornerstone of the Centre's success and has attracted global attention and support for the Centre's mission, enabling it to expand its research programmes and foster international collaborations.

Looking ahead, the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies aspires to build on this strong foundation. The Centre plans to increase its research output, enhance its international outreach, and develop new initiatives that address contemporary global challenges, while promoting understanding and respect between cultures.



HM King Charles III, HRH Prince Turki Al-Faisal, and OCIS Director Dr Farhan Nizami

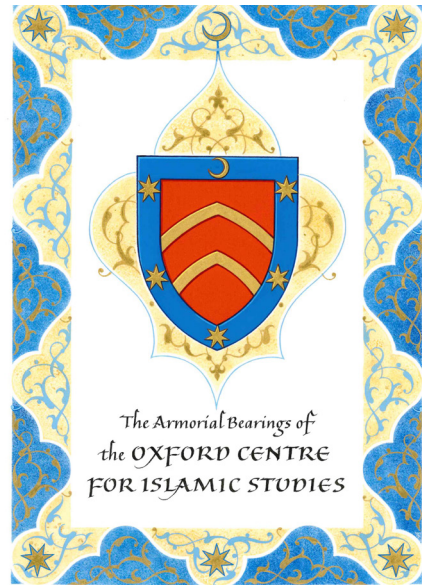
During his several visits to the Centre and in his public statements, His Majesty has commended the Centre's efforts to bridge cultural gaps and foster meaningful intellectual exchange.

The Centre celebrates the confirmation of King Charles III's royal patronage with immense gratitude and optimism. His Majesty's enduring support has been pivotal to the Centre's growth and success, and his vision continues to inspire its mission and aspirations.



HM King Charles III Garden, formerly the Prince of Wales Garden

The Centre's garden—the design of which was originally contributed to by the Patron—has now been renamed the King Charles III Garden. The Prince of Wales Fellowship has similarly been renamed the King Charles III Fellowship.



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The Centre's Coat of Arms

The Centre was granted a Coat of Arms by the College of Arms in September 2024. The design incorporates two arched gold chevronels on a red background, surrounded by a blue border with five seven-pointed gold stars and a gold left-facing crescent moon.

The heraldic terms for the design, which are based on medieval terminology originating from Norman French, are: Gules two Chevronels enarched Or within a Bordure Azure thereon an Increscent bendwise sinister in centre chief and five Mulletts each of seven points Or.

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