

# Friday Prayers on Campus

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**This Union Notes:**

1. City University London has a significant number of Muslim students studying at City University London
2. City University London currently provided Friday prayer provision at Tompion Community Centre
3. Tompion Community Centre is a five minute walk from City University London (source: Google maps)
4. Religion is one of a range of protected characteristics in the Equalities Act and is an important part of many students' lives
5. City University London has a high proportion of international students of whom Friday

**This Union Believes:**

1. All students should be able to access Friday prayer on campus at City University
2. Tompion Community Centre fails to adequately accommodate the needs of Muslims at City who would often have a single opportunity to perform the Friday prayer
3. Friday prayer facilities in Tompion are shared by local residents and Muslim workers, further impacting the level of space available for City University students

4. Students find it difficult to organise leaving campus to attend Friday prayer at Tompion Community Centre. This could potentially cause a negative impact upon students and their studies
5. The university would be supporting students better by bringing the provision on campus
6. Understanding the needs of individual religious groups should be welcome by City University London
7. Faith plays a key role in students' lives and should be incorporated in discussions regarding student experience
8. Holding Friday prayer at City will help international students feel more at home when at City

#### **The Union Resolves:**

1. The Students' Union will lobby at City University London to facilitate Friday prayer on campus accommodating both males and females
2. The Students' Union will lobby City University London to schedule lectures away from 1pm-2pm so Friday prayer is accessible without compromising studies
3. The Students' Union will lobby City University London to grant amnesty towards those who attend Friday prayer, applying no penalty where attendance is obligatory. As well as providing opportunity to cover what has been missed