IHRA's definition of antisemitism

The Bedford College Group supports initiatives that seek to tackle prejudice and discrimination. It recognises the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s (IHRA) definition as supporting the College’s existing policies on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, reinforcing the message that antisemitism will not be tolerated and will have due regard to the definition when considering any allegation raised.

The IHRA working definition of antisemitism is: “Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

In accordance with the recommendation of the Home Affairs Select Committee in 2016, to protect freedom of speech the College acknowledges that:

* It is not antisemitic to criticise the Government of Israel, without additional evidence to suggest antisemitic intent.
* It is not antisemitic to hold the Israeli Government to the same standards as other liberal democracies, or to take a particular interest in the Israeli Government’s policies or actions, without additional evidence to suggest antisemitic intent.