

Keble MCR



Handbook 2025-2026

Welcome to Keble MCR!

Dear Keble Freshers,

On behalf of the entire MCR, welcome to Keble College. My name is William Gitta Lugoloobi, your MCR President for 2025-26. Keble is known for our distinctive red bricks, Oxford's most beautiful dining hall, and most importantly, the people. You make this community what it is with your ideas, energy, and willingness to dive into everything Keble has to offer. I think of Oxford as a liminal space where time moves in the blink of an eye. Seize every opportunity you can.

The "MCR" refers to both the community of graduate students and the communal spaces designated for our use. At Keble, we're fortunate to have two MCR locations: the main site on Parks Road and the HB Allen Centre, commonly known as HBAC. You'll soon become familiar with all the halls and passages they have to offer. There will also be countless opportunities to pursue hobbies and build lasting friendships through sports and activities within College and the MCR.

To kick things off, Kristian, our Freshers' President, and the rest of the committee have prepared what I believe is the best schedule of activities to ever grace a Freshers' calendar. Look forward to drinks on the HBAC terrace as the sun sets, game nights, walks through Oxford's beautiful parks, tours of Keble's grounds, pub quizzes, and much more! I encourage you to participate in as many events as your social battery allows. It's the perfect way to meet the amazing people in our community and let them meet you too! To stay updated on events and announcements, please join the [MCR 2025/26 Freshers WhatsApp group](#) and follow [@keblemcr](#) on Instagram.

After Freshers' Week, the MCR continues with events throughout the academic year (Weeks 1-8 of each term). Watch for the MCR Term Card, which lists all upcoming events for each term. Our amazing social secretaries, André and Karolina, will release the Michaelmas edition very soon. We host board game nights, bar exchanges, themed formal dinners, wine tastings, BOPs (Big Organised Parties), and more.

This handbook introduces you to the MCR, Keble, life in Oxford, and the people who can help with questions about accommodation, finances, registration, academics, and welfare. Please reach out to our MCR committee members with any questions you might have.

Welcome to the Keble family. I'll be at most Freshers' events and look forward to seeing you there!

William Gitta Lugoloobi,

Keble College - MCR President

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Glossary, Common colloquialisms and Useful Terms

Find here some quick terms that are used throughout the college and Oxford!

Please also refer to the University's own list:

(<https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation/history/oxford-glossary>)

- **Battels:** Term for accounts/bills for students and academics at their individual colleges, which can encompass anything from meals and accommodation to charity levies. To be batteled therefore refers to being charged for the amount on to one's battels - which is due to be paid at the beginning of each term.
- **Beadel:** Official servant of the Vice-Chancellor.
- **Bod:** Bodleian, in reference to Bodleian library (Oxford's centralised library organisation).
- **Bod card:** University card, named after the Bodleian library.
- **BOP:** A party held by a college, typically themed fancy dress (Big Organised Party).
- **Bursar:** Chief financial officer of a college.
- **Carnations or Colour-coded flowers:** A non-obligatory tradition for Oxford exams. You pin a white carnation (flower) [to your gown/sub-fusc] for your first exam, pink for your interim exam(s), and red for your final. The colour of the flower symbolises the blood from the heart of a student as they bleed all the knowledge they have acquired onto the exam paper: hence the darker the flower, the closer to their final exam.
- **Collections:** Exams, named as traditionally you would have to collect them from the Examinations School. Also, in reference to specific meetings. Mostly relevant for undergraduate students.
- **College Advisor:** A postgraduate tutor in your field of study who is an initial point of contact within college for any academic issues and/or welfare concerns (both college or non-college) you may have whilst in Oxford. In some ways equivalent to the college's version of a personal tutor.
- **Come Up:** To arrive at Oxford.
- **Congregation:** Supreme governing body of the University, consisting of all academic staff and senior academic-related staff.
- **Cuppers:** Inter-college competition (could be sport and non-sport competitions).
- **Degree Day:** Dates throughout the course of the year when students may be presented with their degrees.
- **Don:** An academic or tutor.
- **Fellows:** Senior academics/appointed staff who serve as the trustees and governing body of a college (see SCR).

- Fob: A fob or keycard, all MCR members can get one from the porter's lodge at HBAC for the HBAC MCR and QCR.
- Go Down: To leave Oxford.
- Gowns: refers to the clothing/gown worn in exams, viva's, academic events and formal dinners. For MCR members the appropriate gown is the "advanced student gown" - a knee-length, plain black gown with long black streamers from the shoulders (see sub fusc). When events note "gowns required" this means you should wear your gown but does not mean you have to wear full sub-fusc.
- Graduation: 1) The process of graduating; 2) Ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre taking place on Degree Days where students are awarded their degrees.
- HBAC: H B Allen Centre refers to the main hub for the graduate community and the predominant concentration of Keble's graduate accommodation.
- High Table: The table at the end of the hall reserved for the SCR fellows. MCR members will have the chance to dine here at least once in their time at Oxford. Students can join High Table on Wednesday – the sign-up form will go out a week before.
- JCR: Junior Common Room, denoting the body to which undergraduates belong too. It also dualistically refers to the physical space of the undergraduates (junior) common room.
- Lodge: Base of operations for college.
- Main Site: the old college buildings on Keble Road/Parks road.
- Main Site MCR: refers to the physical common room at the main site Keble College (see 28 on map).
- Matriculation: a formal ceremony which admits one into the University of Oxford. At Keble, this includes gathering at the chapel and then walking to a ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre, usually this takes place in Week 1 on a Saturday (subject to university timetable). Sub fusc should be worn at matriculation (see sub fusc).
- MCR: Middle Common Room, denoting the body to which graduates belong. (Masters, DPhils, visiting students, etc., i.e., us!). MCR also refers to the physical space of the graduate (middle) common room.
- MCR (HBAC): or HBAC MCR refers to the physical common room at the H B Allen Centre.
- Pigeonhole (pidge): The University's internal mail system. The MCR pigeons can be found in the Sarah Acland House in the HBAC.
- Punting: The activity of going along a river in a punt (= a long boat with a flat bottom that is moved by pushing against the bottom of the river with a long pole, similar to a gondola). Keble MCR has a punt at Cherwell Boathouse that can be used during Trinity and summer and only costs 5 pounds for us.

- QCR (HBAC): or HBAC QCR refers to the Quiet Common Room, a study and workspace in the H B Allen Centre.
- SCR: Senior Common Room, denoting the body to which fellows of the college (see fellow) belong too. This typically includes those working or teaching at the college.
- Sub fusc: Oxford's academic dress. Oxford students must wear subfusc to all formal academic occasions or events deemed "sub fusc must be worn"; matriculation, some exams, DPhil vivas graduation etc. This consists of black shoes, dark socks or tights, dark trousers or skirt, white shirt with a bow tie or black ribbon, a black jacket or cardigan, mortarboard and academic gown. Subfusc is not required for formal dinner in the hall, where you just need your gown (see gown). This dress code is checked and enforced so it is a good idea to obtain the appropriate dress. Graduates wear an 'advanced student's gown', which costs about £35. A mortarboard costs about £10. These can be bought from University shops such as the varsity shop on Broad street, Shepherd & Woodward on High Street or Walters on Turl Street as a pack. Alternatively, if you wish, you may wear the gown and hood from your previous university.
- Tab: Student at Cambridge University.
- Terms: There are three: MT - Michaelmas Term (October-December); HT - Hilary Term (January-March); and TT - Trinity Term (April-June). For example, MT25 would be Michaelmas Term of 2025.
- Tutor: Academic who teaches students individually or in very small groups. They act as both teacher and academic advisor.

Welcome Freshers!

Welcome to the best college in Oxford! To make you feel at home from your first day in Oxford, we are organising various welcome events before and at the beginning of Michaelmas Term (the first of the 3 terms here). These events will commence end of September until the beginning of term (Week 0, 5th-11th October 2025), after which events will be hosted by the MCR social team.

In Freshers' Week, we are planning heaps of fun events for you to meet each other and get to know Oxford. These will range from old favourites like a quiz night or sunsets on our terrace, to more classic 'Oxford' activities like a rowing taster session and a formal dinner in Keble dining hall. Our goal is to make Freshers Week as inclusive and welcoming as possible, like everything in Keble. Even though it can be daunting, we would love everyone to come along to a few events so we can foster a vibrant and diverse MCR community. It will be great fun, promise! More details will be shared closer to September, so keep an eye out for the full schedule on the [WhatsApp group](#), and on your email. In the meantime, if you have any accessibility requirements relating to Freshers' Week that the college isn't aware of, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Apart from socialising, there are a few other things you need to do in the first couple of weeks, such as registering with a GP, opening a bank account, getting a cellular mobile contract and attending the official College welcome events. But no worries, there will be a lot of guidance for all of that!

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Freshers' Week President
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MCR Committee - 2025/2026

Find below a list of all our current MCR Committee members for 2025/2026.

MCR Position	Holder for 25/26
President	William Lugolobi
Vice President	Amaury Genovese
Treasurer	Savannah Milton
Secretary	Eve Hallett
Freshers' Week President & IT	Kristian Honey
Welfare Officers	Anna-Sophie Haselon Geofrey Njovu Zhuang Liu
Equality and Diversity Officer	Melanie Bautista Cruz
Environmental Officer	Anna Taipale
Games Officer	Michal Staniaszek
Entertainment Officers (Social Secretary)	Karolina Korgul André Veiga
Art and Culture Officer	William Gillow
Exchange Dinner Officer	Rebecca Weir
Black-Tie Dinner Officer	Kamran Lamb
Sports Officer	Alfonso Rodrigues
Cellar Steward	Hew Phipps

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The committee holds MCR meetings, occurring twice per term, and oversees the MCR budget. They also represent the MCR to the Governing Body of College, attending meetings with the Warden, Bursar, and Domestic Bursar.

On a more personal note, the Executive Committee officers are here to represent you and are willing to assist you with any issues you may have! Executive Committee officers are returning students to Keble MCR and know the ropes. Never hesitate to reach out with comments, ideas, and questions!



President – William Lugolobi
(president@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk)

Hi everyone! I'm a second-year DPhil student in Social Data Science, where I train AI agents to do useful things like use computers (without having them leak your emails). As MCR President, I'm here to answer any questions about college life or the MCR, and I can point you in the right direction whenever you need help or advice. You'll usually find me working at the HBAC café, lifting at the gym, or singing along at a BOP (more on those later!). Please say hello whenever you see me around, and most importantly: welcome to Keble! 🧱



Vice-President – Amaury Genovese
(vp@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk)

Here's me holding an original Keble brick (sorry Christopher I've had to crop you off!)

I'm a third year DPhil student in Cardiovascular Science, mostly doing genetics with zebrafish. Will and I are here to represent you at College meetings and to make sure you have a memorable time at Keble. I'm here if you have any questions, about anything!

You'll likely find me running around Keble to finish all the crazy MCR projects we started last year, lifting the lightest possible weights at the HBAC gym, or fixing broken (fish) hearts.



Secretary – Eve Hallett
(secretary@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk)

Hello, I'm a 2nd year DPhil student in biology. I use bacteria found in bird guts to model how bacteria exchange their DNA. I like to say that I'm a computational biologist but I can also be found picking up bird poo from random locations (sanitarily). I'm in charge of letting everyone in the MCR know what exciting events are on every week and making sure meetings within the committee run smoothly. If there is anything you would like to advertise across the MCR, please reach out.



Treasurer – Savannah Milton
(treasurer@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk)

Hi, I'm a 3rd year DPhil student in Archaeology! I study heritage diplomacy and how we can use remote sensing to protect endangered archaeological sites. When I'm not fighting with ArcGIS, you can find me kickboxing in the Keble gym, dancing, or playing board games. I'm returning to my role as Treasurer and will be working with the committee to make this MCR and our events calendar the best it can be! (Even though numbers make me cry)

The Welfare Team

The MCR Welfare Team is composed of our Welfare and Equality Officers. They work with College staff and other members of our community to promote health and wellbeing in the Graduate Community. Our objective is to help build maintain a safe, comfortable and enjoyable community for all of you – one that values looking out for one another.

Welfare Officers represent the MCR at Student Support Committee, Health & Safety, Domestic, and Welfare Committee meetings. Together with the Equality Officer, they seek to raise issues that affect the wellbeing of members of our community. To enhance community life and to bring members together, Welfare Officers organise weekly Sunday welfare brunches and other events which provide opportunities for the Keble MCR community to come together. They also provide contraception, pregnancy tests, panic alarms, lube, and dental dams.

Most information related to Welfare at Keble, including the College Welfare Team, can be found here: <https://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/current-students/student-wellbeing-welfare/>

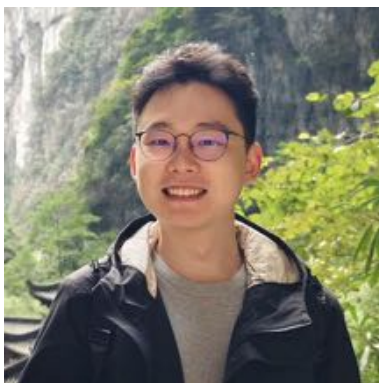
2025-2026 Welfare Officers:

General Email: welfare-team@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk



Geoffrey Njovu
(geoffrey.njovu@keble.ox.ac.uk)

I'm a third year Chemistry DPhil. This year, when not in the lab making catalysts or running around on the football pitch for Keble College FC, I'll spend my time contributing to welfare in our vibrant MCR community. You'll see me in the gym, at brunch or at parkrun - say Hello at the risk of being recruited to play college football.



Zhuang Liu
(zhuang.liu@cardiov.ox.ac.uk)

I'm a second-year DPhil student in Medical Sciences. I spend my days combining magnetic resonance physics and cardiovascular science to peek into the real-time metabolism of heart cells using hyperpolarisation techniques. When I'm not scanning hearts, I'm usually smashing shuttles on the badminton court or making a bit of a mess in the kitchen while trying out new recipes. As one of the MCR Welfare Officers, I'm here to make sure Keble feels like home—whether you need help, a listening ear, or just someone to chat with over coffee. So please say hi whenever you see me around—I'm always happy to talk!



Anna-Sophie Haselon
(anna-sophie.haselon@rdm.ox.ac.uk)

Hello, I am a third year DPhil student in Medical Sciences and as one of your Welfare Officers I am involved in running welfare events including our Sunday brunches and yoga sessions. Please feel free to reach out with any welfare matters or just stop me for a chat if you see me around.

EDI and Representation Team

The role of the Equality, Diversity, Inclusion (EDI) and Representation Team is to be a source of advice for those who require support in equality matters, to promote equal participation of members in all aspects of the MCR, and to discourage discrimination against any particular group. However, it remains the responsibility of every member of the MCR to discourage discrimination as any form of discrimination will not be tolerated by the Keble MCR. Keep an eye out for the new EDI subcommittee!

Officers for MT25:



Equality and Diversity Office – Melanie Bautista Cruz (melanie.bautistacruz@keble.ox.ac.uk)

Hi! I'm Mel, a 2nd year DPhil student in Atomic & Laser Physics, researching the intriguing world where quantum mechanics meets relativity. Beyond my research, I'm your dedicated Equity and Diversity Officer for the MCR. I'm here to ensure everyone feels heard, supported, and included.

I'm usually around the Hall for breakfast or the HBAC cafeteria, so feel free to come by for a chat anytime! I'll be happy to discuss any issues or ideas you have related to equity, diversity, or your overall experience.



Environmental Officer – Anna Taipale (anna.taipale@eng.ox.ac.uk)

Hello, I'm Anna, a 2nd year DPhil in Engineering. I will try to make sure that as many of the useful items that people leave behind when they move out will end up in your hands to help you move in and minimise waste and overconsumption. I am into sustainable consumption of free stuff.

The Social Team

Whilst there are termly large-scale events to look forward to (Oxmas! Black Tie Dinners! Exchanges!) the Keble MCR typically aims to host smaller social events within the weeks of term. We host a wide variety of events, which includes our popular craft evenings, cultural trips, games nights, nature walks and picnics. Our events are often subsidised by the MCR and always are both alcohol-free and friendly, as well as considerate of other dietaries when applicable.

Our priority remains ensuring the safety of our members and we are certain that we will have a fun and memorable social season! Please do keep an eye on your emails and the [WhatsApp Group](#) for information about events.

Entertainment Officers (Social Secretary) - (entz@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk)

The social secretaries oversee the organisation and running of social activities for the Keble MCR. It is a great position to fully immerse yourself in the Keble and Oxford community, in addition to adding some excitement and fun to both your Oxford experience and the experiences of your fellow Keblites! This year we have two social secretaries and one arts and culture officer, dedicated to activities that are equally as social!

Whilst the social team is committed to developing the best social season possible, we value the input of our members so if you have an idea or would like to run an event, please reach out to the social team. Please reach out to the team or the MCR secretary to get more information if you would like to help out!

Entertainment Officer – André Veiga (entz@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk)



Hi! I'm a second-year MPhil student in Economics, focusing on Macroeconomics. By day, you'll find me in the QCR drinking coffee, by night organising the Keble MCR socials, at the gym, watching football (SC Braga) or going to Retreat on Fridays for reggaeton. As social secs, we'll help to foster a dynamic social life at Keble, full of diverse and entertaining events. Always happy to take breaks to talk if you see me around!

Entertainment Officer – Karolina Korgul (entz@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk)



Hi, I'm Karolina, a second-year DPhil student researching AI agent safety. By day (and often night) I'm your Social Sec - organising Keble MCR socials and Bops throughout the year - think board-game nights, quizzes, pub trips and big themed parties. Got an idea for a social initiative or a Bop theme, or want to join the organisers' crew? My inbox is always open. If you see me around (usually with a badminton racket or a board game), say hi!

Arts and Culture Officer – William Gillow (william.gillow@maths.ox.ac.uk)



I am a second-year DPhil student studying Maths, with a focus on fluid dynamics, particularly surface tension problems involving surfactants. As the Art and Culture Officer, I will organise weekly themed craft nights during term time, as well as a termly trip to a nearby place of interest. I am happy to take suggestions for craft activities as well as any supplies that may be nice to add to the MCR craft resources.

Exchange Dinners, Black Tie and Selwyn Exchange Rep

Formals and dinners are a big party of Oxford life, and through the Exchange Officer and Black-Tie Officer you will be able to experience some of the more Oxford(esque) aspects of Keble life - the various exchange dinners with colleges that can be organised and the termly anticipated black tie dinner!

Also look out for the Selwyn Exchange, which represents a unique opportunity for an exchange with our sister college in Selwyn College at the University of Cambridge. Though this is a very anticipated event, spaces are often limited with tickets going fast, so keep an eye out for it!

Officers for MT25:



Exchange Dinner Officer – Rebecca Weir **rebecca.weir@keble.ox.ac.uk**

Hi I'm Becky, an MSc Environmental Governance graduate and Associate of Keble College. As Dinner Exchange officer, I will be organising three formal swaps with other colleges each term. With a home and away leg, it's a great way to mingle with other Keblites, meet new faces from across the University, and tick off visiting some new colleges.

If you have any college requests, feel free to send me a message!



Black Tie Dinner Officer – Kamran Lamb **black-tie-dinner@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk**

I'm doing a MSc in Energy Systems, focused on energy system digitisation and energy markets, although it will take very little to egg me into a conversation about any part of the transition to Net Zero and why it's so necessary. You'll probably meet me at board games night, craft night or talking too much at our cheese and why research talks.

I organise a black tie dinner every term, which is a fun excuse to dress to the nines and enjoy a three course meal in the grandeur of Keble Hall. For our international audience, black tie = tuxedo jacket or formal looking dress - think James Bond in Casino Royale. You will get good use out of it in your time in Oxford!.



Cellar Steward – Hew Phipps
(hew.phipps@keble.ox.ac.uk)

I'm a second year DPhil studying Machine Learning for Drug Discovery. I spend most of my time in the Stats department vibe coding new AI algorithms for protein structure modelling. I'm looking forward to being your cellar steward this year after attending every wine tasting in my first year. My experience of wine comes only from drinking it so I'll be relying on some more educated guests as well as other liquors and beers for our 2025/2026 wine tasting events. See you there!



Games Officer – Michal Staniaszek
(michal.staniaszek@keble.ox.ac.uk)

I'm Michal a 4th year DPhil in Engineering Science based at the Oxford Robotics Institute in HBAC, working on automated decision making for robots. I enjoy reading Science Fiction and Fantasy, photography, cooking, and finding out new and interesting things about how the world works. As games officer, I'm responsible for curating and maintaining the MCR's selection of board, video, and garden games. I also run our weekly games night, where MCR members get together to play some board games (with snacks, of course).

Selwyn Exchange Officer – Position Open

Every year, Keble MCR takes a trip to Cambridge to visit our sister college Selwyn (and host them as well). It's an unmissable opportunity to discover why Oxford is, in fact, the best University out of the two! Jokes aside, this is a very popular event and we're looking forward to keeping the tradition alive in Hilary & Trinity Term 2026. We're looking for an officer for the role at the moment!

Sports Team

There are a lot of different opportunities to engage with sports at Oxford, however, it can sometimes be quite confusing or frustrating, especially for those who are new to the university and still trying to navigate through everything that Oxford and Keble have to offer. Part of what makes sports at Oxford and Keble so great is that there are always opportunities to play or engage, regardless of your background or experience. In fact, it is quite common for many to start a new sport or hobby while at Oxford, be it rowing, tennis, boxing, or ultimate frisbee (see *Sports and Teams at Keble* under Life at Keble for more info).

At the Freshers Fair you will be able to find lots of info about the university and Keble sports teams, as well as how to sign up! We'll also be providing some info in the WhatsApp group.



Sports Officer – Afonso Rodrigues
(sports@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk)

I'm a 5th year DPhil student in Economics from Portugal, going on my 7th year living in Oxford and at HBAC. When not grinding through my thesis, I can be found going hard at the gym, throwing people around in Judo practice at the Iffley Road Sports Centre, and talking about my undergrad glory days in the Netherlands. Uni studies can be hard, but you can always count on Sport to cheer you up. The MCR has loads planned for the year - from football watch parties to our very own MCR Olympics. I hope to see you at our events this year!

IT and Social Networks of the MCR

As the default way for communication within the MCR, we have two different mailing lists. The first one is the “[official](#)” (keblemcr@maillist.ox.ac.uk) one and we would like to encourage you not to unsubscribe from it as important information is conveyed through this channel.

The second one is the “[social](#)” (keblemcr-social@maillist.ox.ac.uk) one that is used for sending out information about social events. By the end of September, you should receive an email informing you that you have been added to both mailing lists. If this is not the case, please do not hesitate to contact our IT officer (kristian.honey@keble.ox.ac.uk), who will add you.

Keble College Facilities

Keble Main Site

Common Room (Main Site MCR)

The main room of the Keble MCR is the reading room and has many comfy sofas and an open fireplace which is often lit in the winter. It is an excellent place to work/relax in Oxford! Other Keble MCR facilities include a TV room with a Sky TV, a kitchen with a refrigerator, microwave and dishwasher, which everyone is free to use (see 26 on map, see last page). We've renovated the room in September 2025, so it'll be brand new when you arrive! Disabled access to the Keble MCR is via Hayward Quad.

Main Site Porters' Lodge

The college porters are some of the most helpful people in college. The Porters' Lodge, located at the entrance to the College, is mainly responsible for security and post but can provide you with most of the practical information you need. Don't be afraid to ask questions. The Lodge is open 24 hours a day and the porters are there to help and support you. Disabled access is via the entrance to staircase 1 in Liddon Quad. The front college gate is locked after dusk but members can enter using their University student card (AKA Bod card).

- All keys for the squash court, main site gym, music room, etc. can be collected here (see College Sports Facilities).
- In case of emergency, call the Porters' Lodge: +44 1865 272 727.

Keble Library

Accessed using your University (Bod) card, Keble library is open 24 hours a day throughout the year, something you will really appreciate when university libraries close early during the holidays. The books within the library are largely geared towards undergraduate courses, although many graduates admit to being pleasantly surprised by its resources.

Graduates can request the library to stock a book for them, if it is sufficiently relevant to their studies. Similarly, you can ask your college advisor to place a request on your behalf. The library has a printer and two computers (printer use only) in the basement. Copying and printing costs will be charged to your college account (known as battels). You can also borrow DVDs, travel guides, and novels from the library. Please email (library@keble.ox.ac.uk) for any inquiries related to the library.

As members of the University of Oxford, we are able to access all Bodleian Libraries. Other college libraries are in general inaccessible, just as Keble is to those from other colleges.

IT Support

The college IT offices are also located here and they are a good first contact to help you with any computer problems for free. You get a university email account once you have registered. This is done through the Oxford University [Computer Services](#) and you will be sent all the necessary instructions before your arrival. Since email is the default means of communication within the university, it is important to activate your account as quickly as possible.

Chapel

The Keble chapel is one of the most impressive buildings in college and is open daily to everyone of all faiths and none. Everybody is welcome to attend services in Chapel, whatever you do or don't believe. The side chapel boasts the original 'Light of the World' painting by Holman Hunt, a reproduction of which is in St. Paul's Cathedral. The main services of the week are sung by Keble Choir, one of Oxford's best-known vocal ensembles. They are College Communion on Sundays 5.30-6.30pm, Choral Evensong on Tuesdays 6.00-6.45pm, and Compline by Candlelight on Thursdays at 9pm, which is a very popular calm service of half an hour of choral music by Candlelight followed by port & hot chocolate. The College Chaplain is Fr Max Kramer (max.kramer@keble.ox.ac.uk). At the end of Michaelmas, there is a candlelit Advent carol service for Christmas which is always popular.

Dining Hall at Main Site

Keble College's dining hall is one of the largest halls among the colleges of Oxford. During term time and vacation time, the College serves three meals a day, five times a week, and two meals (brunch and dinner) over the weekends. The meals offered by the College Hall are diverse and accommodating of all dietary requirements. Mondays are meat-free as part of the College's commitment to sustainability. During term, there is a mix of informal (canteen format) and formals (3 course meal format). See *Food at College* in *Life at Keble*.

Keble Bar (main site)

Keble bar is a good social space in the college which provides an alternative to the MCR. With pints and even sometimes a pizza bar (usually open during weeks 1-8 of term though this will be subject to government guidance), this is a great place for a drink and a bite to eat at the end of the day. The bar is also complete with various games equipment including a Pool table and a Darts board.

HB Allen Centre Facilities

As the HB Allen Centre (HBAC) is where many MCR Members live, many (but not all) events will be held here. Those of you who do not live here will still have access to many of the facilities in HBAC and are recommended to register for a FOB (access disc or card) at the HBAC Porters' Lodge (see below) as soon as possible so they can get access from the very start of their time at Keble!

Porters' Lodge

The Porters at HBAC are a great resource for helping you settle at HBAC, even if you will not be living there. You can request your FOB from the Porters, which will give you access to MCR spaces. Packages will be delivered here and all graduate pidges (mailboxes) are located in the Acland building. If you can't locate something, the Porters are sure to point you in the right direction!

Common Room (HBAC MCR)

There is an MCR located within HBAC. Equipped with large sofas, TV with Blu-ray player, Nintendo Switch, Pool table, Table Tennis, Fussball (or Table Football), Table Hockey, Cards Table (Bridge, Mahjong, and others), and kitchenette (including a dishwasher), the HBAC MCR is a great space to meet other graduates at Keble, hang out with friends and relax. We do, however, ask that all MCR members take responsibility to clean up after themselves and keep the MCR neat and pleasant for everyone.

QCR (Shilston room)

The Quiet Common Room (QCR) is a designated study space in HBAC. There are plenty of tables, chairs, and sofas available for studying and group work, as well as a kettle and sink for late night tea. There is also a coffee machine within the QCR generously sponsored by our alumni.

Café

The Café is located between the Porters' Lodge and the MCR. Snacks and pre-made food including pizzas, salads and sandwiches, are available here and can be purchased with your University (Bod) card. There are plenty of tables and seating for all members of college.

Laundry

HBAC has laundry facilities in the basement with four washers and dryers (although shared kitchens also have dryers). Laundry services (washing) are payable by card or Apple/Android/Google Pay and open 24 hours a day.

Gym

HBAC has its own gym, with 24 hours access. It's very well equipped! You must sign up to use it and there is a membership fee. Every individual must go through the Gym orientation before they get access. More information will follow either from the HBAC team or from members of the committee, concerning orientation, cost, and hours so keep an eye on your email!

Terraces

During Trinity Term and the Summer Period (end of April to usually around September), Clara's Terrace is available to all members of the MCR during daylight hours. The terrace is accessible via Staircase 5. The door onto the terrace will be unlocked by the Porters at the start of the day and locked at its end - the hours of opening and closing are published at the Porter's Lodge at the HBAC. Members on the terrace at closing time should respect the instructions of the porters and/or the Sub Dean.

The terrace may be used for relaxation, private or group study, and meetings with friends and colleagues. There is a second terrace, How High Terrace, which is also available to members of the MCR subject to the approval of the Dean at least seven days in advance. This terrace is reserved for organised events and such gatherings are subject to the Dean's absolute discretion and availability. The terrace, however, needs to normally be sponsored by the MCR Committee or by a Fellow of the College.

College Sports Facilities

The College is well equipped with sports facilities, with its own sports ground on Woodstock Road, a boat house on the banks of the Isis as well as one at Godstow, and an on-site College gym. The College is situated across the road from the University Parks, which provides further facilities in close proximity to the College.

Keble College's sports ground is 10 minutes north of the main site on Woodstock Road (69 Woodstock Rd, Oxford OX2 6HL). In the summer Cricket is played and the sports ground offers two artificial cricket nets and two grass nets. Other team sports, notably rugby and hockey, are also played in the University Parks, opposite the main site.

Remember to book pitches and courts (including matches) below with Adrian Roche, the Garden and Grounds Manager:

- <https://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/people/adrian-roche/>

Squash Courts

Keble College members have access to a squash court with showers, changing rooms, and observation gallery. It is accessed via St. Cross Road, backing onto the University Club Sports Ground. A Membership Application Form, along with Terms and Conditions, can be obtained on the Keble website or from the Porter's Lodge. The membership fee is £15/year, irrespective of the time of year you choose to join and is payable by a charge to your college account (battels).

Boathouses

The College has two boat houses, one on the banks of the Isis (Thames) amongst the main college boathouses, and another on the Isis at Godstow. There are opportunities for novices to begin rowing in eights.

University Sports Facilities

Graduates can make use of the University's sport facilities, many of which are located at the Iffley Road site which is a 10-15 minute cycle from Keble, or 30 minute walk.

Life at Keble

As a graduate, life can be strung between multiple different components. This could mean much of your time at your department, libraries, pubs or even the comfort of your room. The college system in Oxford provides a unique community and space to which you can enhance your time here. At Keble, we are particularly interested in aiding not only your academic goals but also those beyond. The college and our MCR community therefore will aim to host multiple events throughout the year for social activities, hang outs and in general great ways to socialise and relax with the wider community here at Keble. As mentioned, the social calendar will be sent out soon on your arrival and you have many events during the Freshers period to look forward to starting from week -1 (2 weeks before term starts which this year is 28th of September, and term starting on 12th of October - known as week 1).

This section therefore provides some of the more staple aspects of life at college and with the MCR Community beyond the facilities and the wonderful events to look out for (which you will be notified of closer to the time).

Access to College and Facilities

Please note again, that access to the main site Keble is done via your BOD Card (Student ID card). This is used to open the main doors, bicycle gates, MCR, and Library (most of which are 24/7 during term time).

HBAC is accessed via a fob or card (which you can get via the HBAC lodge). This fob will give you access to the HBAC MCR, QCR and main doors at HBAC. The same fob will be used for those who sign up to use the HBAC gym, though this must first be confirmed with the HBAC lodge. Please note, Mickie Lane will be closed between 11pm-6am every evening, and you must use your fob to access.

Remember, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask any of the committee or that of the relevant lodges (main site Keble Lodge and HBAC Lodge).

Receiving Mail

All full-time graduates should have 'Pidges' (mailboxes), which are located in the Sarah Acland building on the ground floor. Whether you live in HBAC or not, your campus and external post will be sent to your pidge here (situated in the Sarah Acland Building). Part-time students might not always get a pidge for post, however, post can be delivered to the HBAC address and collected at the lodge. Executive Degrees such as EMBA's and MMPM's can receive post through the HBAC porters lodge.

- For large packages and mail delivered to the HBAC porters, pick up times are set between
 - Monday to Friday Saturday and Sunday
 - 7.30am – 8.30am 7.30am – 8.30am
 - 1.30pm – 2.30pm 1.30pm – 2.30pm
 - 5.00pm – 8.00pm 5.00pm – 7.00pm
- Mail for those who do not have pidges can be collected at more extended times.

Food at College

Currently, meals operate on a first-come, first-served basis until they run out - booking is no longer required. Breakfast and brunch also do not require booking. The price of hall meals varies; for 2025–2026, lunches

and dinners are approximately £6.00. These prices may be subject to change. Formals and Black-Tie Dinners cost more and are typically sit-down three-course dinners. You can invite a set number of guests for formals (maximum of three, although sometimes we restrict guest numbers to allow a larger proportion of MCR students to join); however, there are additional charges for guests.

All hall menus are sent out by the Keble Dining team every week (hall.supervisor@keble.ox.ac.uk). Dining times for 2025–2026 are typically:

Meal Times during term (Week 1- 8)

Meal Type	Days	Time	Description
Breakfast	Monday – Friday	0800-0930	Cafeteria style
Brunch	Saturday – Sunday	1030-1200	Cafeteria style
Lunch	Monday – Friday	1230-1345	Cafeteria style
Informal Hall	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday	1800-1930	Cafeteria style
Formal Hall	Tuesday, Friday and Sunday	Be in hall by 1900	Three course meal, wear gowns. Booking is required and closes on the day in the morning (usually before 10:30am, Friday morning for Sunday Formal).

*these are currently provisional times, updates will be provided throughout the term from the hall supervisor.

Out-of-term timetables are subject to college timetables. Formals do not run outside of term time and lunch, brunch and informal hall require pre booking via the portal. Breakfast (during the week) does not require pre-booking in vacation times.

HBAC Café and Keble Bar

The Café is located between the Porters' Lodge and the MCR and the Keble Bar is within the main site. Using your Bod Card or bank card, snacks and pre-made food including pizzas, salads and sandwiches, are available here. There are plenty of tables and seating for MCR use in both facilities.

Bike Locking and Doctor

Both Keble Main Site and HBAC offer a space to lock your bike throughout your time at Keble College. A registration and corresponding sticker will need to be attached to your bike, otherwise staff will remove your bike. You can go to both corresponding porter lodges to get a relevant sticker for parking your bike at Keble Main Site and HBAC. Note that the spaces to lock your bikes in HBAC are accessible by the public, so make sure you also get a strong lock (see Bicycles under Living in Oxford - General).

You can also buy discounted USB-chargeable bike lights (£6.50) and secure U-bar locks (£23.95) from the University online store:

- <https://travel.admin.ox.ac.uk/bike/security#collapse1003956>

Every term, there will also be a Bike Doctor available at HBAC in Mickie Lane (beside the bike racks in HBAC). The bike doctor will be here once to twice each term and it is free to get your bike checked up. If any repairs are needed, you will only be charged for any replacement parts.

Sports and Teams at Keble

At Oxford, you can play sport at University ('Blues') or college level. While the Blues teams tend to be a bit more serious, taking part in college sports or university clubs can be a great way to meet new people, stay active, benefit your physical and mental health, fuel (or temper) your competitive edge, and help build discipline and mental strength. All teams at Keble and beyond also have a great social scene and people often form strong bonds with their respective teammates! In Keble, there are various MCR specific teams including football and cricket. When there is low demand for a particular sport, members of the MCR can join the JCR sports clubs and teams. When combined with the JCR you can get involved with anything from Rowing and Hockey to Dancesport and Croquet. That doesn't mean there aren't other new sports on offer if you fancy them: Keble MCR members have joined university teams such as Lacrosse, Quidditch, and Australian Rules Football so there should definitely be something on offer for you! Similarly, if there is something you would like to start or feel there is enough demand for in the MCR, e.g., the Keble MCR Polo team that was started last year, then please get in touch with the Sports Officer, who can help you get started. For more information about what is available in Keble and Oxford, have a look at the Sports page on the MCR website or get in touch with the Sports Officer.

Rowing

If you want to get involved in an iconic Oxford sport, it is hard to go past rowing. The Keble College Boat Club is one of the best college rowing teams and welcomes anyone from complete novices to powerhouse athletes! Each term has one major regatta, with the Christ Church regatta in Michaelmas term (for novices only), Torpids in Hilary term, and Summer Eights in Trinity Term. Even if you choose not to get involved in rowing, the regattas have a great atmosphere, so we encourage everyone to come down and cheer on Keble. If you are keen to row, keep your eyes on the WhatsApp groups at the start of Michaelmas term, or contact the Open Novice Matthew Taylor (matthew.taylor@keble.ox.ac.uk) or Women's Novice Captain Olivia Gallagher (olivia.gallagher@keble.ox.ac.uk).

Punting

Punting, one of the iconic activities of Oxford, is also offered for social use through the College; Keble MCR has a punt rented at the Cherwell Boathouse that can be booked during the Trinity Term and Summer. Keble MCR students will only have to pay a fraction of the fee for the use of multiple hours. Details regarding the punt and how to book it will be sent out closer to the time (most likely Easter 2026).

Croquet

The MCR has a croquet set it shares with the JCR that can be borrowed! Ask an MCR member for the details. The sets are stored in the main site MCR and can be used on the Pusey Quad lawn between 1 April

and 30 October. In Trinity Term, play is permitted Monday to Friday from 1 pm until dusk (7 pm until dusk in Trinity weeks 4–9) and Saturday to Sunday from 9 am until dusk.

College Doctor

When you come to Keble, you must register with an Oxford doctor. Keble prefers that you register with the Jericho Health Centre on Walton Street (less than half a mile away). Information about how to do this will be provided by the college before you arrive. If you need to see a doctor, you can always call and make an appointment (01865 429993). UK residents, and some overseas students are entitled to free health care under the National Health Service, so be sure to find out if you are covered. You can also ask the nurse for recommendations of dentists and other specialists.

There is also a College nurse (pml.keblenurse@nhs.net), available every weekday during term time (weeks 1 to 8) for physical and mental health issues. The nurse has her office in Somerville College, a two-minute walk from Keble, as we share a nurse between our neighbouring colleges Somerville College and Green Templeton College.

The college nurse can see you for minor illness, minor injury, mental health, contraception and sexual health issues as well as providing support and advice for you to manage any ongoing health conditions that you may have.

Times and locations are accessible via (<https://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/current-students/student-wellbeing-welfare/medical/>)

The nurse can also provide some advice via email or telephone. Appointments may be booked by emailing the college nurse.

The nurse is usually based in Darbshire 16, Somerville college (ask the Somerville Porter) and their relevant telephone number is 01865 270608. Alternatively:

- College Doctors for Somerville and Keble at the Observatory Medical Practice tel: 01865 429993
- Call 111 for 24 hour medical assistance
- Only call 999 in a medical emergency

Small Grants and Scholarships

<https://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduates/scholarships/>

Financial Information for Keble College

Soon after your arrival, you should visit the Bursary to check that your Battels (Student) Account is in order. You will be required to pay a £150 damage deposit, whether or not you live in college accommodation and key deposits (£15) for your room key if living in College. If there is a delay in setting up your bank account or some other kind of problem with your finances, you should inform the Bursary immediately, as the staff can usually make arrangements. More accurate and relevant information can be found [here](#).

At the end of each term, you will have to pay your battels (you will receive an email) but you can do it before if you prefer. You can see all your charges and pay your battels [here](#).

Living in Oxford - General

IT

Remember to set up your Eduroam (which is remote access not SSO) (to which you can change the password and gain subscriptions to other programmes <https://register.it.ox.ac.uk/self/index>).

Remember to also check your details to the university, records, and fill in your termly Graduation Self Reporting (GSR) at Student Records (<https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/selfservice/>).

If you have any college related issues, or personal IT issues, remember you can visit the college IT staff (situated in the old site under the warden's lodgings).

Accommodation

College Accommodation

The 'recently' built H B Allen Centre brings 2/3rds of Keble's graduate students onto one site offering top-quality accommodation and fantastic supporting facilities. It has 231 en-suite rooms for postgraduate students. Of these, 191 are arranged in 32 self-contained flats, each with a spacious communal kitchen/dining room. The remaining 40 are individual rooms with their own kitchenette. For further information, see the Keble [dedicated website](#).

Notably, if you do NOT live in HBAC, you can – and indeed, are encouraged to – visit the building and use the spaces there, such as the MCR and QCR, the café and the gym!

University Accommodation

As a University member, you may also be able to get accommodation owned and managed centrally by the university. For that, you must apply to the [University Accommodation Office](#). This is typically not in association with Keble College and is separate to college accommodation.

Private Accommodation

Private accommodation varies widely in cost, quality, and convenience. If you are living out of the College, it is worth coming to Oxford as early as possible to find a place to live. Accommodation in Oxford is expensive (average about £170-£200 a week for students) and finding a place near your College or department can be difficult. The University Accommodation Office is the best resource and has a database of what is available. Another useful source of information is the [Daily Info](#) website. The most practical way to find accommodation is through the [OxGradHousing](#) Facebook group. Research students and those on two-year courses may need to secure this kind of housing in their second and subsequent years. There is also a comprehensive guide available from OUSU that will be distributed around the time of the room ballot.

Weather

In the summer months (May - August), Oxford can be hot and sunny and in the winter (October - February) it can be cold and snowy (snowing heavily every few years, with 2021 January bringing a day of heavy snow followed by some flurries), and it will also rain at any time of the year (October 2020 being one of

the heaviest on record!). So, while you are also packing thick jumpers for the coming term you may exchange these for cotton shirts and swimming costumes come Trinity term. It is also worth noting that whilst the H B Allen Centre provides radiators in each room and can provide fans upon request in the summer months, dressing appropriately is the best.

For the first term (Michaelmas - MT) warm layers, a reliable, waterproof jacket are essential. Second term (Hilary - HT) may still be chilly, especially for those from warmer climates though there are sporadic days reaching 20° C. The third, and final, term (Trinity - TT) is often warmer - especially when relative heat waves pass through Oxford and the UK. Temperatures have been known to reach 30° C in such conditions, though some buildings in Oxford can feel warmer.

Dress

Dress around the University is informal. There are several occasions such as guest dinners, subject and club dinners, and balls where the dress code can be black tie (tuxedo / formal cocktail dress); attendance at these events is however completely optional and specific dress is not tightly enforced. At Keble we have a moderate and open mind to traditions, so do feel free to join in, though also do not feel stringent. If however you want to go all out, tuxedos and dresses can usually be hired, though second hand/cheaper ones can be bought in town. Though, as mentioned often there are not stringent requirements for dress codes. The exception is events that require sub fusc (matriculation and graduation). Other useful items of clothing are a smart jacket and tie and a full-length dress, according to your preference.

Specific attire is also required for formal university occasions such as matriculation and examinations (see '[sub fusc](#)' in the glossary), which typically comprises of a gown, white blouse/button-up/shirt, black trousers/skirt, black shoes, dark socks/black stockings, white bow tie/black ribbon and a mortar board/soft cap. Such garments can usually be obtained in Oxford, though most students opt to only purchase the gown, mortar board/cap, and bow tie/ribbon at the [store](#).

Bicycles

The bicycle is synonymous with Oxford. Cycling is a very popular means of transport in Oxford as it is a fast and affordable way to get around town. While it is more affordable to bring your own bicycle from home, this isn't always an option and there are a number of bike shops around the city. Unfortunately, where there are bicycles there is bicycle theft and it is advised that you spend a little money on a D-lock and always lock your bike to a solid object such as a rack.

There is a large second-hand bike turnover in Oxford. The Facebook group '[Buy and Sell Cycling Stuff in Oxfordshire](#)', is a good place to look for a bike if you want to buy one second hand. Or you can always check the Facebook Marketplace and Gumtree for available bikes. There are bicycle racks around the perimeter of the College and plenty of bike racks at Keble Main Site and HBAC. These racks are particularly secure as it is only accessible to members of Keble, and the area is monitored by CCTV. If you wish to use these facilities, please register your bike with the Porters' Lodge (main site and in HBAC) when you arrive. A helmet is also strongly recommended, and it is a legal requirement to use bike lights (white at the front and red at the back) after dark. You can be stopped and fined for not using them. Removable bike lights (to prevent theft), locks, and other things can be purchased from the [university security services](#) at a reduced rate.

Cars

Parts of the city centre are only accessible to pedestrians and public transport, and parking space is limited. There are short-stay parking spaces close to college and HBAC. There are also spaces at Norham Gardens which is a five-minute walk. To use these parking spaces, you need to purchase a parking ticket, which tends to be quite expensive. If you are living in private accommodation, you may be entitled to a resident's parking permit, and you should speak to your landlord. Students are not able to park cars within College grounds. HBAC has temporary parking spaces which can be booked by emailing the Lodge for 2 hour periods - used primarily in aiding with moving in and out of accommodation.

Buses and Walking

For those who wish to avoid having a car or bicycle in Oxford, it is quite possible to walk to most locations. Most destinations are within 5 to 20 minutes walking from Keble, although distant locations such as the JR Hospital, Churchill Hospital, and Headington are easily accessible by the comprehensive city bus system (or by bicycle).

Passport photographs

You will probably find it useful to bring copies of recent passport-sized photographs. Membership and discount cards often require a photo of this kind. An instant-photo machine is also available in Boots, the pharmacy on Cornmarket street.

Electricity

British electricity is 240/220 volts and 50 Hz and runs through the large three-pin outlets (rectangular shaped pins).

Visas, Customs, and Immigration

If coming from abroad, ensure that you have the appropriate entry documents on hand before leaving home. Depending on your country of origin, this may include your letter of admission to the college or your department in addition to your Tier 4 visa. Before travelling to the UK, check the UK Border Agency website and/or your local UK Embassy for more information. Remember (at least for your UKBA Landing Card) that your address in College/HB Allen Centre is: Keble College, Parks Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX1 3PG or HB Allen Centre, 25 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6NN. It is advisable when clearing border control to carry all the documentation used when applying for the student visa, particularly CAS documentation. If in doubt, also get in contact with your department about this, they are the ones who normally deal with visa issues.

Financial - bank accounts

All the main banks in Oxford (Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds and Santander) are located on Cornmarket Street and generally offer accounts for students. If you are a non-EU student on a one-year course, you may not be eligible for a student account, but it is worth researching the banks in advance to check. If you are an international student, be prepared to provide evidence of your address in the UK and your student visa in order to set up a bank account (the best combination of documents to take are your passport, college enrolment certificate, and lease agreement).

Keble also has a number of travel and study awards available to students. The Keble Association is a registered charity that regularly supports students and can award grants to help with study and travel costs. The Faith Ivens-Franklin Travel Fund is for current graduates to help with any travel in connection to your academic work and the Graduate Study Support Fund awards grants for everything from course-related equipment to conference attendance. More information can be found at:

<http://keble.ox.ac.uk/student/student-support/graduate-specific-information/travel-awards>.

There are also various funds that you can apply for if you find yourself facing financial hardship and more information can be accessed at:

<https://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/current-students/student-wellbeing-welfare/financial-support/>.

Phone Contract / Number

Even if you do not think you need one, you will have to get a UK phone number. It's essential for registering and communicating with a GP, or even smaller things like ordering food. You can get a Sim-card basically everywhere, such as Tesco or Sainsbury's.

Working in the UK

Depending on your Visa and Course Classification (e.g. DPhil) you may be able to work for a limited number of hours a week. If you are planning on doing this, remember you will need a National Insurance Number in order to work in the UK, and it is a fairly lengthy process in terms of wait time so it is best to apply as soon as you can. You can work without one while the process is underway (as long as you are eligible to work according to your visa), and should provide your employer with it as soon as you have it. If you have pre-settled or settled status, you may prove your right to work via a shared code (see link below).

Shared Code: <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work/get-a-share-code-online>

See: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number>

Shopping

There will be time in the first few days to shop for essentials, such as gowns, mortar boards, books, bicycles etc. There will usually be a bike sale at the Oxford Union (St Michael's Street) at the end of 0th Week. Alternatively, you can buy a bike from bike shops (Cowley Road or Walton Street). Argos online, Tesco, Sainsbury's, and John Lewis in the Westgate Mall are good places to purchase kettles, cooking utensils, linen and other essentials for your room. The Facebook group Oxford swap shop is a platform for students to cheaply buy and sell all sorts of things and it is worth becoming a member if interested. Gowns can be bought in the University Campus Stores and similar shops on Broad Street and High Street. All major shops in Oxford are based around Cornmarket, Queens (including the Westgate Mall) and the High Street.

Sexual Health

Through the college you will have access to welfare officers (both students and staff) who are available for information and support. Do speak to the welfare team if you need any information. Nevertheless, due to the NHS, most contraceptive prescriptions are free. Pregnancy termination is legal and free in England.

- The Oxfordshire Sexual Health Clinic at the Churchill Hospital provides a broad range of services including contraceptives, HIV, STD and pregnancy testing. These can be mailed to you and have free express shipping. 01865 231231 (<https://www.sexualhealthoxfordshire.nhs.uk/>)
- Terrence Higgins Trust provides HIV-related info and support. 08451 221200 (<https://www.tht.org.uk/>)
- You can self-refer to an abortion provider for any reason, for example the British Pregnancy Advisory Service. (<https://www.bpas.org/>)

Travelling to Oxford

The below information is under normal circumstances; please check government information and relevant plane, train, bus or traffic and travel websites before making any travel plans:

From London

- One hour by train from Paddington Station in London. A longer (over an hour), but cheaper train can be found leaving from Marylebone Station in London. Booking in advance with the [National Rail](#) or [Trainline](#) is the cheapest option (both of these have Android/Apple applications that can be downloaded to virtually secure your ticket).
- Around two hours by bus from Victoria, the best option being the ‘[Oxford Tube](#).’

From Airports

- From Birmingham Airport (BHX), the train is the easiest option and it only takes one hour.
- From Heathrow Airport (LHR) and Gatwick Airport (LGW): The bus service - Oxford Bus Company’s ‘[The Airline](#)’ is one of the easiest ways to navigate to Oxford. Travel from Heathrow takes 90 minutes and costs £23 (single) and from Gatwick takes 2.5 hours and costs £28 (single). Different types of return tickets can be bought, depending on when you will be returning to the airport.
- National Express coach service offers regular services from all of the major airports: Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted.

By Bus

- Gloucester Green Bus Station is the closest stop for those heading to Keble or the HB Allen Centre. Anyone arriving on a bus/coach from the North (i.e. Banbury/Woodstock) get off at the ‘Keble Road’ stop or the stop opposite the old Radcliffe Infirmary. Keble and the HB Allen Centre are both about a safe 15 minute walk from Gloucester Green bus station or 20 minutes from the train station. A taxi from the bus station or train station to Keble should cost around £5 - £10. (001 Taxi’s phone number: 01865 240000).

By Train

- Rail and bus passes can be useful if you plan to travel in the UK while at Oxford. A Young Person’s [Railcard](#) is available at the rail station for those 25 and under or full time mature students for about

£30 and will entitle you to one third reduction with off-peak rates. You can buy a one-year [National Express](#) Coachcard for £10, which gives you discounts of up to 30% on National Express fares throughout Great Britain. Two passport-sized photos are typically required though much of this can also be achieved online. Uploading a passable passport photo and processing payment allows a virtual Railcard to immediately be accessed through the mobile app. Further, bus passes are also available from the Oxford Tube, Oxford Bus Company, Stagecoach and Oxford Citylink companies.

By Car

- If you arrive by car, a limited number of short-stay parking places are available outside the college on Keble Road for you to unload your car. Arrangements can be made with the Porters of the H B Allen Centre should you need to unload your belongings.

Associate members

Some individuals who are not current graduate students at Keble but who are connected with college are able to become associate members of the MCR for a small fee (£75/year or £40/term). They are able to enjoy many aspects of the MCR; they are added to the mailing list, can play in the sports teams, are able to attend all events and are eligible to run for non-executive committee positions. Additionally, they have access to both the main site and HBAC MCR. Access to the first is obtained through your BOD card; a FOB can be obtained from the HBAC porters for the second. To become an associate member, individuals must either be a previous MCR member or the partner of a current MCR member. Please see the application form on the MCR website or contact the secretary for more details. This is a particularly good opportunity if you have a long-term partner or spouse coming to Oxford with you (sometimes it can be more difficult for them to integrate into a social scene). The associate membership gives them an excellent opportunity to quickly integrate into a common social scene.

Forms and rules can be found in [this link](#).

Leaving the MCR

Throughout your time here, former students will be supporting you and all current students through the Talbot Fund. Keble alumni fund student scholarships, bursaries, prizes, our outreach programme, extra-curricular activities (sport, music and drama) and help to restore and refurbish the wonderful buildings in which we live and work. In 2016, the MCR voted for all its members to start their own tradition of alumni support for the next generation by opting in to making a donation of £20 to the Talbot Fund as they leave. By way of thanks, MCR Leavers who make such a gift will receive a Keble ‘brick’ and become honorary members of the Talbot Society. Members will be notified about the MCR Leavers Gift before they leave and receive details of how to allocate your gift to an area of choice and how to opt-out should you wish. For further information please contact the Alumni & Development Office.



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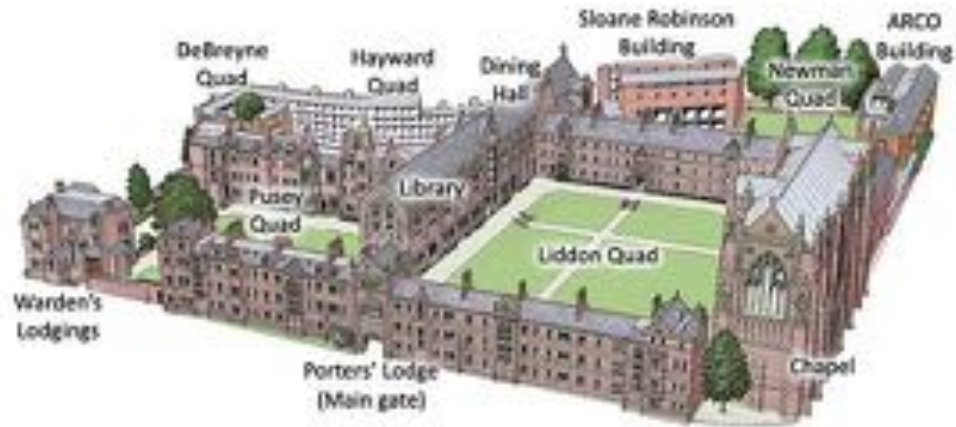
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Maps

Keble College - Main Site



Quads

- 1 De Breyne
- 2 Hayward
- 3 Liddon
- 4 Newman
- 5 Pusey

Entrances

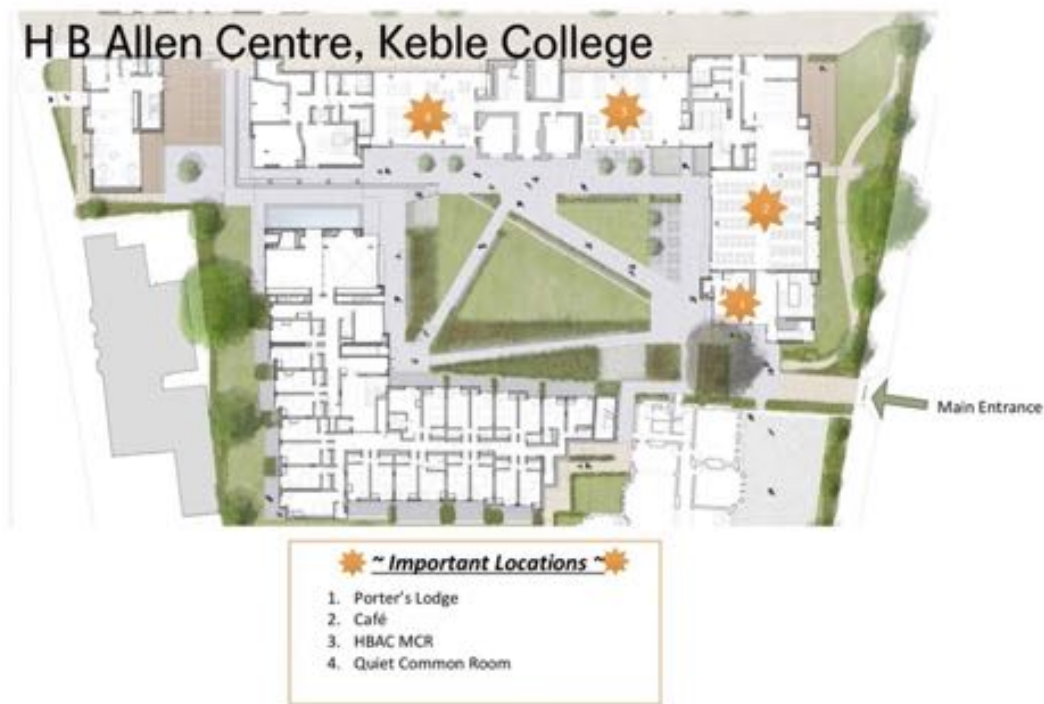
- 6 Arco Gate
- 7 Chapel-side Gate
- 8 Lodge Entrance
- 9 Magic Gate
- 10 Maintenance Only Gate
- 11 Sloane Robinson Gate
- 12 Vehicle Access Gate

Buildings/ Places

- 13 Arco
- 14 Bar
- 15 Bike Racks
- 16 Chapel
- 17 De Breyne
- 18 Gibbs Room & IT
- 19 Hall
- 20 Hayward
- 21 JCR (Gym below)
- 22 Sloane Robinson
- 23 Library
- 24 Liddon (West, Lodge & Chapel)
- 25 Maintenance
- 26 MCR
- 27 Offices
- 28 Porters' Lodge
- 29 SCR
- 30 Toilets
- 31 Warden's Lodgings
- 32 Washing Machine Room



Keble College - H B Allen Centre (HBAC)



Oxford

Please refer to this Oxford Freshers Map, made by the JCR:

Keble Freshers' Map -

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=11bYT6XIIYokDKt5RQhwwnR6B-sg&usp=sharing>

Bodleian Libraries

Please refer to:

https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/bodreader/documents/media/map_of_libraries_2021_09_21.pdf

Access to other Oxford Colleges

As members of the University of Oxford, we are able to access all Bodleian Libraries. Other college libraries are in general inaccessible, just as Keble is to those from other colleges.