

Keble MCR Detailed Freshers' Calendar 2026



KEBLE MCR

This is the Detailed Freshers' Calendar for 2026, containing the information about all the fun events we have planned for you to kick off the year! The schedule may be updated slightly, but we will announce any changes via the [Freshers WhatsApp Group](#). If you have any accessibility requests/questions, please let us know and we can make adjustments (e.g. changing venues) where required. If you have any questions regarding the schedule or freshers' week, don't hesitate to reach out to Mel (freshers.president@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk). We encourage you to follow the MCR calendar (you can add this to your Google Calendar or iCal), and to keep your eye on the MCR WhatsApp Group and MCR Freshers WhatsApp Group for any updates on the events.

Sign-up Forms

- **02/10 Afternoon Tea:** (capacity of 20)
<https://bookoxex.com/Go/MCRFreshersAfternoonTea>
- **07/10 Graduate Freshers Dinner:**
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=G96VzPWXk0-0uv5ouFLPkVOLC0Vq8W9Jrn1Q1BXLvCVUNUJFNFpVNzIOS0Y2MEwyUEIJWkITRIExSC4u>
- **09/10 Oxford Literary Tour:** (capacity of 20)
<https://bookoxex.com/Go/KebleMCRFreshersOxfordLiteraryTour>
- **13/10 MCR Welcome Dinner:** <https://meals.keble.ox.ac.uk/oxbooking/Main.aspx>.
- **15/10 Merton, New and Keble Bar Exchange:** (capacity of 30)
<https://bookoxex.com/Go/KebleMCRFreshersBarExchange>

Detailed Calendar

Below is a list of all the Freshers' events, with information about what each one is.

No Sign-Up Required | **Sign-Up/Ticket Required** | **Attendance Expected**

Week -1 (Sunday 27th September to Saturday 3rd October)

Wed 30th	Keble History Tour (3:15pm–4:15pm): Meet at steps to Keble Hall Keble History Fellow and outgoing HBAC Academic Director, Dr Ian Archer, will be leading a tour of Keble College. Despite Keble's relative youth, there are many interesting tales that Ian will tell as he shows you around the site.
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Thu 1st	Freshers Welcome Event (7pm–9pm): HBAC MCR Our Freshers' President, Mel, will welcome the new graduate students with a selection of both non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks, and some light nibbles. Join us to meet other new students, as well as returning MCR members.
Fri 2nd	Afternoon Tea (4pm–5:30pm): Meet at HBAC If you want to get a bit fancy with your afternoon, then a trip to Brown's can sort that out. Spaces are capped at 20 people, so please sign up promptly to avoid disappointment.
Sat 3rd	Nature Walk and Coffee at the Perch (9am–12pm): Meet at HBAC Plodge Our Environment Officer, Jess, will lead a walk across Port Meadow, to the Perch and back. You should be able to see some of the cows and horses that roam around. Make sure you have sturdy footwear. Sunset Social (6pm–8pm): Clara's Terrace, HBAC Come and join us for drinks and pizza on top of Clara's Terrace, at the top of staircase 5 and overlooking HBAC Quad. This is a great way to meet new and returning students. In the event of rain, this will be moved to the HBAC MCR.

Week 0 (Sunday 4th October to Saturday 10th October)

Sun 4th	MCR Brunch (11am–12pm): HBAC MCR Every Sunday of term, the MCR welfare officers host a free brunch in the HBAC MCR. This includes yoghurts and granola, as well as breads, spreads, cupcakes, coffee, and lots of fruit! Student-Led Keble Tour (12pm–1pm): Meet at HBAC MCR Our MCR President, William, along with Mel, will lead a tour of HBAC and the main Keble Site, pointing out the useful places to know as well as some tips on how best to use the spaces available. Quiz Night (8pm): Keble Bar What better way is there to warm your brains up before the start of the new year than a quiz? This will put your Oxford (and general) knowledge to the test. Teams will be allocated randomly, with there also being some non-drinking (non-alcohol) teams for those that would prefer this.
Mon 5th	MCR Table at Breakfast (7am–9:30am): Keble Marquee Although breakfast is available every weekday, we will have a special table in the Marquee for MCR members only, to make sure you can find some friendly faces among the sea of JCR students. '40 Years of Oxford' Tour (6pm–7pm): Meet outside Keble Chapel The incoming HBAC Academic Director (and Keble English Fellow), Dr Diane Purkiss, will be giving a tour of the Keble main site and some surrounding areas, sharing her experiences of Oxford over her 40 years in the city. Board Games (8pm–10pm): HBAC MCR

	Keble MCR has one of the biggest board game collections across the University! Organised by our Games Officer, Michal, we have weekly board games nights with plenty of snacks to fuel your devious scheming in taking down your friends (or working together) in your game of choice.
Tue 6th	Keble History Tour (9:30am–10:30am): Meet at steps to Keble Hall Keble History Fellow and outgoing HBAC Academic Director, Dr Ian Archer, will be leading a tour of Keble College. Despite Keble's relative youth, there are many interesting tales that Ian will tell as he shows you around the site. Library Welcome Tour (2pm–2:30pm): Keble Library Our Librarians, Leona and Liz, will give a short introduction to the Keble library. It is a lovely place to study, so do go along to find out how to make the most of the space!
Wed 7th	Graduate Welcome (9am–11am): O'Reilly Theatre, Keble Main Site Welcome by the warden, introduction to college, and signing of the Keble college book (officially becoming a member of the college). Consent Training (11am–12pm): O'Reilly Theatre, Keble Main Site Discussion of consent and bystander intervention. We understand that for some, the content of the course may be difficult or upsetting, in which case you should contact the academic office (academic.office@keble.ox.ac.uk). University Freshers' Fair (3:30pm–4:30pm): Examination Schools This timeslot is for Keble MCR entry to the University's Freshers' Fair, which has the clubs and societies within the university showing off what they are and how you can join. This ranges from sports to music to cultural groups. Graduate Freshers Dinner (6.45pm–9pm): Keble Hall Meet your college advisors and enjoy a meal in Keble Hall with peers on similar courses. This differs from the following Tuesday's MCR Welcome Dinner, which is organised by the MCR (rather than the college). Dress code is smart casual although it's very flexible (although you will need your gown). Post-Dinner Drinks (9pm): Main-site MCR Join us in the main-site MCR after the freshers' dinner for some drinks, second desserts, and chats.
Thu 8th	Portable Appliance Testing (All Day): HBAC Café Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) is a straightforward safety check conducted on electrical items to ensure they are safe to use. As a college, we have a legal obligation to ensure electrical items are safe and in good working order. It is a quick visual inspection and an electrical test that helps prevent accidents like shocks, sparks, or fires. Students can bring along everyday plug-in items such as laptop and phone chargers, extension leads and multi-plugs, desk and bedside lamps, speakers and radios, hairdryers, straighteners, and other small appliances. Basically, if it plugs into the wall, it's worth bringing along! EDI Workshop (9:30am–10:30pm): O'Reilly Theatre, Keble Main Site Discussion on equality, diversity and inclusion to help us get set up as a community in which everyone feels welcome.

	Library Welcome Tour (1pm–1:30pm): Keble Library Our Librarians, Leona and Liz, will give a short introduction to the Keble library. It is a lovely place to study, so do go along to find out how to make the most of the space! Keble Chapel Tour (3pm–3:30pm): Keble Chapel Our chaplain, Fr Max Kramer, will be running a Chapel tour to showcase its history as well as introduce you to the weekly chapel community events. The Keble chapel is always open for everyone, of all faiths or none. Keble Freshers' Fair (3:30pm–5:30pm): ARCO Basement, Keble Main Site This is an opportunity to meet the people running the different clubs and societies within Keble, such as sports captains and. They can tell you all about what happens in their club. Mug Painting (8pm–10pm): HBAC QCR Our Arts and Culture officer, Elena, (along with Sophia) be running a mug painting session in the QCR. There will also be some sweet treats to keep you fuelled throughout the evening! All you need to bring is yourself; the mugs and paint will all be provided. Compline by Candlelight (9–9.30pm): Keble Chapel Compline by Candlelight is an atmospheric time of sacred music, stillness, and meditation in Chapel and lasts about 30 mins. It is an ideal way of finding space and rest in the middle of busy times, and is also an opportunity to hear the College's famous Choir. It will be followed by port and hot chocolate and a chance to chat and make friends. Compline is a regular weekly event throughout the term. Whatever you do or don't believe everybody is very welcome to attend this and all services and events in the College Chapel.
Fri 9th	Oxford Union Tour (2pm–3pm): Meet outside the Oxford Union A member of the Oxford Union will be leading a tour of the union, and also providing the opportunity for anyone to ask any questions about union membership. Oxford Literary Tour (6pm–7pm): Meet outside the Natural History Museum Oxford has a rich history of literary greats either living here or being inspired by the city. A tour guide will be giving walking tour of Oxford, putting a spotlight on some of these authors. Spaces are limited to 20 people. Please sign up promptly to avoid disappointment.
Sat 10th	Rowing Taster Session and BBQ (3:30pm–4:30pm): Keble Boathouse The Keble College Boat Club (KCBC) will be hosting a Freshers' BBQ and rowing taster session at the Isis Boathouse in Christ Church Meadow. Do come along if you think you may want to give rowing a go this year. MPhil/DPhil Mixer (6pm–8pm): HBAC MCR If you are on a course that lasts at least two years, this is an opportunity to meet others who will also be here for a while over some drinks and pizza.

Week 1 (Sunday 11th October to Saturday 17th October)

Sun 11th	MCR Brunch (11am–12pm): HBAC MCR Every Sunday of term, the MCR welfare officers host a free brunch in the HBAC MCR. This includes yoghurts and granola, as well as breads, spreads, cupcakes, coffee, and lots of fruit! Freshers Service (5.30pm): Keble Chapel In this service we celebrate the start of the academic year and welcome new members to the College. The service includes readings, singing from the Choir, hymns, and an address from Father Max, the College Chaplain. The form of worship in Chapel is Christian (Church of England) but all members of the College are very welcome to attend regardless of faith (or lack thereof); many regular Chapelgoers come to services simply to hear the singing of the College's amazing Choir.
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Tue 13th	Pre-Dinner Drinks (6pm–7pm): Main-Site MCR Before the welcome dinner, there will be drinks in the main-site MCR for everyone to attend (even if you are not attending the formal). MCR Welcome Dinner (7pm–9pm): Keble Marquee The MCR Welcome Dinner in Keble Hall is a fantastic opportunity to meet new and returning Keble MCR members. This differs from the previous Wednesday's Graduate Freshers Dinner, which is organised by college and is only for Freshers. Dress code is smart casual, and you will need your gown.
Wed 14th	Craft and Cake (8pm–10pm): HBAC MCR Our Arts and Culture officer, Elena, (along with Sophia) will be running a tote bag and pencil case decorating session. There will also be lots of cake. All materials will be provided, but you can also bring your own tote bag or pencil case if you want to decorate that (and maybe cover up a company logo).
Thu 15th	Book Club (5pm–7pm): Diane Purkiss's Office English Fellow, and the new HBAC Academic Director, Dr Diane Purkiss will be running a book club, where fantasy books will be read. She will start off with a classic (and locally written) book about one precious piece of jewellery that ended up causing quite a few conflicts across Middle Earth. Bar Exchange with Merton and New (6:30pm–11pm): Meet at Merton

	Starting at Merton, we will spend some time in each of the college bars of Merton, New and Keble with some of their Freshers, giving you the chance to meet some people from other colleges. Spaces are limited to 30 people. Compline by Candlelight (9–9.30pm): Keble Chapel Compline by Candlelight is an atmospheric time of sacred music, stillness, and meditation in Chapel and lasts about 30 mins. It is an ideal way of finding space and rest in the middle of busy times, and is also an opportunity to hear the College's famous Choir. It will be followed by port and hot chocolate and a chance to chat and make friends. Compline is a regular weekly event throughout the term. Whatever you do or don't believe everybody is very welcome to attend this and all services and events in the College Chapel.
Sat 17th	Matriculation and Photos (10:30pm–3:30pm): Keble Chapel Matriculation is the formal process of becoming a student at Oxford University. Some students won't be involved in this matriculation, including those who have already matriculated at Oxford, Cambridge, or Trinity College Dublin, or have their course matriculation on a separate date. You will receive more information via email closer to the event. Even if you have already matriculated, you can (and should) be in the photo of 2026-entry Graduates. The photo will take place at around 1pm. Post-Matriculation Celebrations (8pm–11pm): HBAC MCR Join us in the HBAC MCR to celebrate officially becoming students at Oxford!!

Venue Accessibility Information

Venue accessibility information for both MCRs, the chapel, bar, gym, and hall can be found here: <https://www.accessguide.ox.ac.uk/keble-college#collapse2048946>. Here is some more information for some of the other venues that we will be using:

- **Keble and St Hugh's Sports Ground:** The Keble Sports grounds are accessible via the road, and consist of a football pitch, cricket pitch and tennis courts. Tennis and football are on the same level. Unfortunately, the cricket pitch is at a lower level and is accessible only via stairs and down a hill. There is an accessible toilet and changing rooms in the pavilion. Normally, keys need to be picked up from the porters' lodge after booking with [Mr. Adrian Roche, Keble's Gardens and Grounds Manager](#).
- **Clara's Terrace and How High Terrace:** Clara's Terrace and How High Terrace are on the third floor of Staircase 5. Both have astroturf flooring and are accessed via wide non-automatic push/pull doors. The elevator can be used to the basement which provides toilets (including an accessible toilet).
- **Keble Boathouse:** Keble boathouse consists of a ground floor area and two upper levels. The upper levels are only accessible via a staircase, and the toilets (non-accessible) are on the middle level. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/QF37WNeTLYJJZyFn8>
- **Examination Schools:** <https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/how-we-are-run/equality-diversity/access-guide/uas/examination-schools>
- **Oxford Union:** <https://oxford-union.org/Rules-and-Policies>

If you have further queries regarding venue or event accessibility (or have requests for event/venue modifications to improve accessibility) then please get in touch with MCR Accessibility and Disability Officer (disability@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk), or college's Disability Lead Dr Ali Rogers (senior.tutor@keble.ox.ac.uk).