

HANDBOOK & ITINERARY

16 March – 21 March 2025

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Welcome to Oxford England and the University of Oxford

Oxford Quick Facts

Motto: The Lord is my Light Endowment: £8.2 Billion Budget: £2.924 Billion

Chancellor: The Lord Patten of Barnes

Academic Staff: 6,995 Students: 26,945

Oxford Population: 162,000 Oxford Age: 1096 – 928 years old

Cost of attending-home students: £9250

Cost of attending-overseas students: £33,050-£48,620 Richest Oxford College in assets: St. John's College

Poorest Oxford College: Mansfield College

Applicants per year-23,000 | Acceptance per year-3,300 International Students make up 46% of total student body

More than 160 countries are represented at the University of Oxford

Oxford's year is divided into three terms and three vacations | Each term is eight weeks 39 Individual Colleges | 4 private halls

Oxford has more published authors per square mile than anywhere else in the world 170 Olympic Medals

31 British Prime Ministers

Oxford was ranked first in the world in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2025 - a record eight consecutive years



Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford

Harris Manchester College

Harris Manchester College (HMC) is one of the 39 colleges that make up the University of Oxford. Harris Manchester College was founded in Warrington in 1757 as a college for Unitarian students and moved to Oxford in 1893. It became a full college of the University of Oxford in 1996, taking its current name to commemorate its predecessor the Manchester Academy and a benefaction by Lord Harris of Peckham.

Harris Manchester College is unique within Oxford in that they are the only college exclusively for students aged 21+. There is no upper age limit, and they have students aged from 21 into their seventies!

Harris Manchester College accepts students for undergraduate and postgraduate study on a wide range of courses.

Their students come to them with a wide range of previous life experiences. For some this is a first degree after other adventures; for others it is a second or third chance at higher education; for others it is a second or third degree; and for yet others it is a rethinking of their life path and a much-valued opportunity to consider what they want to do next.

All this means is that every Harris Manchester College student has a story to tell: none have simply come to the College as the next thing after school.

Famous alumni of Harris Manchester College include:

William James, Philosopher, lectured here in 1909. Lectures published in The Pluralistic Universe. Joseph Lupton, President of Manchester New College
James Martineau, President of Manchester New College (1869–1885)
Peter Finch Martineau, Vice-President of the college (1815–1834)
Francis William Newman, Classics Professor at Manchester New College
Thomas Percival, English physician, one of first students enrolled at Warrington Academy
Joseph Priestley, Credited with discovery of oxygen, tutor at the Warrington Academy
John James Tayler, Unitarian Minister, Classical Tutor at Manchester College, York
Charles Wellbeloved, Principal of Manchester College, York (1803–1840)







16 March 2025 – Sunday – Arrival into ENGLAND Coach from Airport to Oxford

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16 March 2025 - Sunday - Arriving to Harris Manchester College

Flights begin arriving into London Heathrow or London Gatwick Airport

Check in at Harris Manchester College at 2pm

They will hold luggage for you at the porter's lodge in you arrive earlier

Harris Manchester College

Mansfield College Oxford OX1 3TD United Kingdom

The front door of the college looks like this-Give it a hard push to get inside and then go to the Poter's Lodge on your right to check in





16 March 2025 – Sunday

7:00-9:00 pm OPENING BANQUET Harris Manchester College – Dining Hall

Welcome to Oxford

Andy Boyle, D.Phil. received from Lincoln College in the University of Oxford

Introductions

F. King Alexander, Msc Received from St. Peter's College in the University of Oxford

Optional after dinner Tour:

King's Arms Pub



Dining in Hall

Dinner/Banquet | Three course seated, served dinner in the Dining Hall (all meals will be held in the **Harris Manchester** College Dining Hall-Arlosh Hall)

Arlosh Hall | Arlosh Hall is a notable space within Harris Manchester College, one of the colleges of the University of Oxford. Known for its impressive stained glass windows and warm wooden interior, Arlosh Hall serves as the college's dining hall and a central gathering place for students and fellows. It embodies the rich history and community spirit of Harris Manchester College, often hosting formal dinners, lectures, and other events in a setting that beautifully combines tradition with academic life.

High Table | Dining at High Table in the University of Oxford is a distinguished tradition, offering a unique glimpse into the timeless charm of collegiate life. Reserved for fellows, senior academics, and guests, High Table is typically set on an elevated platform in the dining hall, symbolizing the reverence for scholarship and leadership. Guests enjoy refined meals, often accompanied by fine wines, in a setting rich with history—beneath soaring ceilings, surrounded by portraits, and lit by candlelight. This experience exemplifies Oxford's blend of intellectual dialogue, community, and ceremony, making it a memorable highlight of academic hospitality.

The King's Arms | The famous Kings Arms is the oldest pub in Oxford, built in 1607 and still standing in its original position. Loved by Oxford scholars and tourists alike, renowned for fine cask ales, hearty homemade food and our resident ghost. (King and Shenette favorite pub)

Guest Speaker

Andy Boyle, BA Hons. (London), MSt., D.Phil. (Oxford).

Dr Andy Boyle gained a first class honours degree from University College London where he won the Faculty of Historical and Social Sciences Medal and the Derby/Bryce Prize for the best History degree in London. He earned his Masters degree in Historical Research and his D.Phil. in History from the University of Oxford, specializing in early modern culture and society. During his time as an Oxford student he was elected president of the Middle Common Room at Lincoln College. After graduating Andy became University of Oxford Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Tutor and Director of Studies at Somerville College, Oxford and Brasenose College, Oxford. Alongside history, his research interests include literary culture, politics and psychology. He has held many visiting posts, including Katharine F. Pantzer Fellow in Descriptive Bibliography at Harvard University, Clark Bibliographical Fellow at UCLA, Harry Ransom Center Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Texas, John 'Bud' Velde Visiting Scholar at the University of Illinois, and Visiting Fellow at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies. He currently works as Research Manager for the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy.



17 March 2025 - Monday

8:00-9:00 am

BREAKFAST

Harris Manchester College Dining Hall

CLASSROOM TIME WARRINGTON ROOM

9:00-10:00 am

TOUR of **Harris Manchester College** by a

current student

10:00-10:30 am

British and American Higher Education

Presenter: F. King Alexander

10:30-11:00 am

Q&A with F. King Alexander

11:00-11:30 am

Experiences as a Doctoral Student and as a Faculty Member at the University of Oxford

Speaker: Andy Boyle, D.Phil., Lincoln

College, Oxford University

11:30-12:00 pm

Q&A with Dr. Andy Boyle

12:00-1:00 pm

LUNCH

Harris Manchester College Dining Hall

1:55 pm

Meet at the Porter's Lodge

2:00-4:00 pm

Guided Walking Tour of Oxford and the

Oxford Colleges

5:30 pm

Meet at Porter's Lodge

6:00 pm

Champagne Reception in Worcester

College Gardens

7:00 pm

DINNER

Worcester College Dining Hall

Optional Pub Tour:

Turf Tavern



Full English Breakfast

Full English Breakfast | A full English breakfast is an iconic meal, often celebrated as a quintessential British tradition. This classic plate typically includes crispy bacon, savory sausages, eggs (fried, scrambled, or poached), baked beans, grilled tomatoes, and mushrooms, often accompanied by a slice of buttery toast or fried bread. Black pudding is a common addition for those seeking an authentic touch, while a cup of strong tea or freshly brewed coffee rounds out the experience.

The Turf Tavern | The Turf Tavern is also where future Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke set a Guinness World Record for consuming a yard glass of ale in 11 seconds in 1954. Other public figures who have dined or drunk at the tavern include Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor, Tony Blair, CS Lewis, Stephen Hawking, Margaret Thatcher and Bill Clinton.

Worcester College in the University of Oxford

Worcester College boasts award-winning gardens that rank among the most beautiful in Oxford, thanks to a dedicated team of nine gardeners who keep the grounds vibrant all year round. Be sure to explore their blog for snapshots of past projects and seasonal updates!

One of Worcester's unique charms is its on-site lake, home to an array of feathered residents. Ducks, geese, swans, oystercatchers, and even visiting birds make appearances, with over 50 species spotted on the grounds so far.

The lush landscape invites you to take a moment and relax. Benches are sprinkled across the gardens, or you might spot students immersed in their studies, perched on tree trunks or sprawled out on the grass. It's a serene escape right in the heart of Oxford!

Foundation: Worcester College was founded in 1714 by Sir Thomas Cookes, a Worcestershire baronet, making it one of the newer colleges at the University of Oxford.

Gardens and Grounds: The college is renowned for its picturesque gardens and expansive grounds, which include beautifully landscaped gardens, meadows, and a lake. The gardens are open to visitors at certain times of the year.

Famous Alumni: Worcester College has produced numerous notable alumni, including British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, actor Hugh Grant, author Richard Adams (known for "Watership Down"), and Nobel Prize-winning physicist Sir Roger Penrose.



18 March 2025 - Tuesday

8:00-9:00 am

BREAKFAST

Harris Manchester College Dining Hall

9:30 am

Meet at Porter's Lodge

10:00-11:30 am

Guided Tour of the Ashmolean Museum

12:00-1:00 pm

LUNCH

Harris Manchester College Dining Hall

2:00 pm

Meet at Porter's Lodge

Harris Manchester College

2:30 pm

Coach leaves for Blenheim Palace

3:00-4:00 pm

Visit to Blenheim Palace and Winston

Churchill Exhibition

4:00-5:00 pm

Guided tour of Blenheim Palace

5:00-5:30 pm

Visit the Blenheim grounds or book shop

5:30 pm

Coach departs from Blenheim Palace to

Harris Manchester College

Dinner on your own



Blenheim Palace

Blenheim Palace was built in the early 18th-century, as a gift from Queen Anne to the 1st Duke of Marlborough, John Churchill, the military commander who led troops to a huge victory over the French in the Battle of Blenheim (13 August 1704), in the War of the Spanish Succession. The Duke was gifted the ruined Royal Manor of Woodstock, and £240,000 to build a grand new house in honour of his achievements.

Over its near-300 years of history, Blenheim Palace has been a family home, mausoleum and national monument, but it's arguably most famous as the birthplace and home of Sir Winston Churchill, England's Prime Minister between 1940-45 and 1951-55. Churchill even proposed to his wife, Clementine Hozier, in the grounds of the Palace. Today Blenheim Palace is the home of the 12th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough.

A few movies that were filmed at Blenheim Palace

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade Spectre Transformers: The Last Knight Cinderella Barry Lyndon Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation Dolittle Entrapment Hamlet The BFG Gulliver's Travels History of the World Part 1 The Four Feathers The Avengers **Black Beauty**

Sherlock Holmes: Without a Clue



BLENHEIM PALACE FACTS

- -Movie Central many exciting films and TV dramas have been filmed there, including some popular favourites; Spectre 007, The legend of Tarzan, The Avengers, Black Beauty, Harry Potter, The Order of the Pheonix, Cinderella and most recently The BFG movie
- -The inner roof, located at the entrance of the palace, features paintings of the eyes of the 9th Dukes' wife. It is widely known that the three blue eyes are paintings of the Duke's Wife however it remains a mystery who the brown eyes officially belong to
- -It's the only building in England other than royal buildings to be lucky enough to own the title of 'palace'
- -The building was once converted into a hospital in order to nurse wounded soldiers during the First World War
- -Blenheim Palace was appointed by UNESCO as a world heritage site in 1987

"At Blenheim, I took two very important decisions; to be born and to marry." -Sir Winston Churchill





19 March 2025 - Wednesday

8:00-9:00 am **BREAKFAST**

Harris Manchester College Dining Hall

10:00 am

Meet at Porter's Lodge

10:30-12:00 pm

Guided Bodleian Library Tour

12:00 pm

LUNCH

Harris Manchester College

1:00 pm

Meet at Porter's Lodge

1:30-3:30 pm

Sheldonian Tour and Museum of Science

Tour

6:30-7:00 pm

RECEPTION

Quadrangle

Harris Manchester College

7:00 pm

CLOSING BANQUET

Harris Manchester College Dining Hall

Adjourn to the Harris Manchester College

Chapel for closing ceremony



Bodleian | Sheldonian | Museum of Science

The Bodleian Library | At the heart of the University of Oxford, is one of the oldest and most iconic libraries in Europe. Established in 1602 by Sir Thomas Bodley, it is renowned for its architectural splendor, including the historic Duke Humfrey's Library and the Radcliffe Camera. As a legal deposit library, it holds millions of books, manuscripts, and treasures from across centuries, serving as an unparalleled resource for scholars and researchers. With its rich history, magnificent reading rooms, and cultural significance, the Bodleian embodies the enduring pursuit of knowledge and discovery.

The Sheldonian Theatre | A masterpiece designed by Sir Christopher Wren and completed in 1669, it serves as the ceremonial hall for the University of Oxford, hosting graduations, lectures, and concerts. Known for its striking neoclassical design, the building features a stunning ceiling painted by Robert Streater, symbolizing the triumph of Truth over Ignorance. With its rich history and architectural grandeur, the Sheldonian Theatre is not only a hub for academic and cultural events but also a must-visit landmark that encapsulates the spirit of Oxford.

The Museum of the History of Science | The Museum dedicated to showcasing the evolution of scientific thought and discovery. Housed in the world's oldest surviving purpose-built museum building, dating back to 1683, it holds a remarkable collection of scientific instruments and artifacts, including astrolabes, globes, and early microscopes. Highlights include Einstein's blackboard and tools from some of the greatest minds in history. The museum offers an engaging journey through the interplay of science, culture, and history.



20 March 2025 - Thursday

8:00-9:00 am

BREAKFAST

Harris Manchester College Dining Hall

9:30 am Meet at Porter's Lodge

10:00–12:00 pm Tour of Natural History and Pitt Rivers Museum

12:00-1:00 pm King's Arms Pub Lunch

Dinner on your own



Museums

Museum of Natural History

Founded in 1860 as the centre for scientific study at the University of Oxford, the Museum of Natural History holds the University's internationally significant collections of geological and zoological specimens. Housed in a stunning example of neo-Gothic architecture, the museum's growing collections underpin a broad programme of natural environment research, teaching and public engagement. Among its most famous features are the Oxfordshire dinosaurs, the only soft tissue remains of a dodo, and the swifts in the tower. The museum building was designed with the Pre-Raphaelite precept of 'truth to nature', and has long been an intersection for interdisciplinary learning. Famously, the first public event hosted at the museum was the Great Debate on evolution between Bishop Wilberforce and T. H. Huxley following the publication of Charles Darwin's 'On the Origin of Species'.

The Pitt Rivers Museum

The Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford was founded in 1884, the museum is named after its benefactor, Lieutenant-General Augustus Pitt Rivers, whose pioneering approach to collecting emphasized the comparative study of material culture from around the globe. Today, the Pitt Rivers houses one of the finest ethnographic collections in the world, encompassing over half a million objects spanning continents and centuries. What sets the Pitt Rivers apart is its unique display method, with objects arranged thematically rather than geographically or chronologically. This unconventional approach invites visitors to make unexpected connections and explore the universal themes that unite humanity across time and space. As a living testament to the diversity and resilience of human cultures, the Pitt Rivers Museum invites us to celebrate our shared humanity while honoring the rich tapestry of differences that make our world so extraordinary.



21 March 2025 - Friday

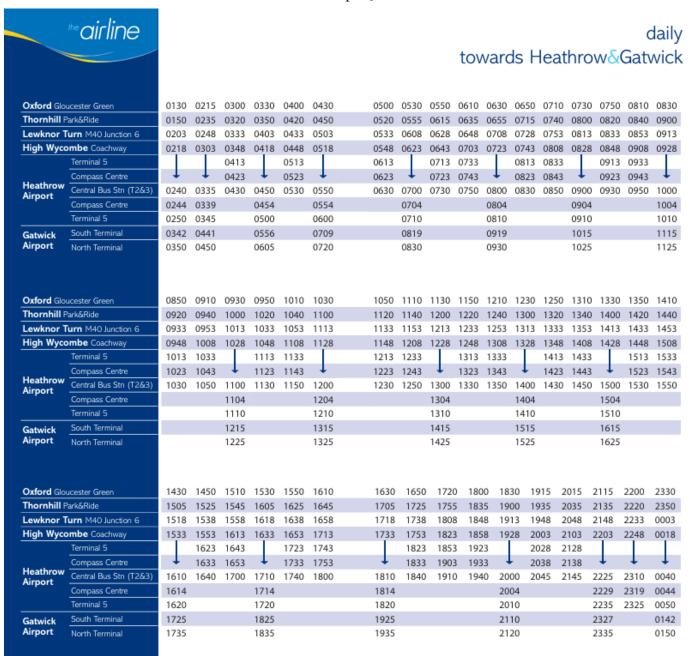
8:00-9:00 am **BREAKFAST Harris Manchester College** Dining Hall

Departure from Oxford



THE AIRLINE COACH BACK TO AIRPORTS

Oxford City Centre, Gloucester Green Bay 5/6 Oxford City Centre, Queens Lane Stop K5





Pubs and Nightlife | Oxford, England

PUBS

The Turf Tavern (King's Fav)

King's Arms (Shenette's Fav) 40 Hollywell Street, Oxford

<u>Chequers</u> 131 The High Street, Oxford

<u>O'Neill's</u> 37 George Street, Oxford

<u>Wig and Pen</u> 9-13 George Street, Oxford

Cow and Creek
12 New Road, Oxford

The Bear (1242) 6 Alfred Street, Oxford

<u>Jude the Obscure</u> 54 Walton Street, Oxford

<u>The Jericho Pub</u> 56 Walton Street, Oxford

<u>The Four Candles</u> 51-53 George Street, Oxford

NIGHLIFE

<u>Hank's Bar</u> 36 Queen Street, Oxford

The House
11 Wheatsheaf Yard, Blue Boar Street, Oxford

<u>Duke of Cambridge</u> 5-6 Little Clarendon Street, Oxford

The Varsity Club (amazing night views of Oxford) 9 High Street, Oxford

Sandy's Piano Bar (need reservations) 4 King Edward Street, Oxford

> All Bar One 124 High Street, Oxford

The Mad Hatter 43 Iffley Road, Oxford

The Slug and Lettuce
1 Oxford Castle, Oxford

<u>The Oxford Wine Café</u> 32 Little Clarendon Street, Oxford



Dining | Oxford England

BREAKFAST

Oxford Brunch Bar 19 George Street

<u>The Breakfast Club</u> 303 The Westgate Centre

<u>Vaults and Gardens</u> Part of St. Mary's Church

FISH AND CHIPS

Checker's Pub (King's Fav) 131 High Street

O'Neills

37 George Street

<u>Head of the River</u> Folly Bridge, St. Aldates

The Plough at 38 38 Cornmarket Street

HIGH TEA

Randolph Hotel Beaumont Street

<u>The Grand Café</u> 84 The High Street **PIZZA**

The White Rabbit 21 Friars Entry

Pizza Express (Shenette's Fav) 8 Golden Cross

DINNER – Semi-Dressy

<u>The Ivy Brasserie</u> High Street

The Alchemist
The Westgate Centre
Bonn Square

Brown's 5-11 Woodstock Road

<u>Victor's</u> 307 The Westgate Centre Oxford

DINNER - Casual

<u>Chutney's Indian Brasserie</u> 36 St. Michael's Street

<u>Al-Andalus Tapas</u> 10 Little Clarendon

<u>Comptoir Libanais</u> 227 The Westgate Centre



"That sweet city with her dreaming spires/ She needs not June for beauty's heightening." – Matthew Arnold