# Keble Freshers' Calendar - 2025

This is the Freshers' Calendar containing all the fun events we have planned for you to kick off the year! The schedule might be updated, we will announce any changes via the Freshers WhatsApp group (link found in the MCR handbook circulated). You can find a detailed description of each event below the calendar. If you do have any accessibility requests/questions, please let me 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 Kris

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	Keble College MCR Freshers' Calendar						
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
W E E K	28th September  11AM - 12PM: Brunch HBAC MCR	29th 8PM MCR Social Mixer event (with Dr lan Archer) HBAC Café	30th 8:30-10:30PM: Tabletop Sports Night HBAC MCR	1st October  3PM: Library  Welcome Keble Library	2nd 2 - 3PM: Keble History Tour Steps to Keble Hall 7PM: Freshers Welcome Event HBAC MCR	3rd 4 - 6 PM: Picnic in Uni Parks Closest field to HBAC	4th 4 - 7PM Sunset Social HBAC How High Terrace

	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
	11AM - 12PM:	8 - 9.30AM:	12PM:	9 – 11AM:	2 – 3PM: Keble	11AM Women	8.40AM:
	Brunch (Meet	MCR Table at	Student-led	Grad Welcome	History Tour	& Non-binary	Parkrun Meet
	the Welfare	Breakfast	Keble tour	O'Reilly	Steps to Keble	Social HBAC	at HBAC Plodge
	Team!) HBAC	Keble Hall	Meet at HBAC	Theatre	Hall	MCR	11AM-2PM:
	MCR	9.30 -	Plodge	11AM - 12PM:	5:00-6:00PM:	1PM Oxford	Rowing Taster
	12PM:	10.30AM:	3PM: Keble	EDI Workshop	Football	<b>Union Tour:</b>	& BBQ Keble
	Student-led	Keble History	Chapel tour	O'Reilly	5-a-side taster	Meet at HBAC	Boat House
	<b>Keble tour</b>	Tour Steps to	Keble Chapel	Theatre	Oxford	Plodge at	7:30PM: MCR
W	Meet at HBAC	Keble Hall	Steps	2 – 3PM:	University Club	12:45PM, or in	Mingle (Grand
E	Plodge	Kebie Hull	7.30 - 9PM:	Consent	8PM:	front of the	Re-Opening)
E	8PM Quiz	3PM: Library	Craft & Cake,	Training	Inter-College	Oxford Union	Mainsite MCR
K	Night Keble Bar	Welcome Keble	Mug Painting	O'Reilly	Bar Crawl	at 1PM	
		Library	HBAC QCR	Theatre	Keble Main Site		
0		8PM: Games	8:30-10:30PM:	6.45PM - 9PM	9 - 9.30PM:		
		Night HBAC	Tabletop	Graduate	Compline by		
		MCR	<b>Sports Night</b>	Freshers	Candlelight +		
			HBAC MCR	Dinner Keble	Port & Hot		
				Hall	Chocolate		
				9РМ	Keble Chapel		
				<b>Post-Dinner</b>	·		
				Social Main			
				Site MCR			
	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
	11AM - 12PM:	8 - 9.30AM:	6 - 7 PM:	6:30 - 8:30PM:	5:00-6:00PM:	7 - 9PM Friday	8.40AM:
	Brunch HBAC	MCR Table at	Pre-Dinner	Meet the	Football	Formal Dinner	Parkrun Meet
	MCR	Breakfast	<b>Drinks</b> Main	HBAC team	5-a-side	Keble Hall	at HBAC Plodge
	5.30PM:	Keble Hall	Site MCR	(w/ free pizza)	Oxford	9PM:	10.30AM -
	Freshers	8PM: Games	7 - 9PM: MCR	HBAC Café	University Club	President's	3.30PM:
	Service Keble	Night HBAC	Welcome	7.30 - 9PM:	9 - 9.30PM:	Dessert	Matriculation,
	Chapel	MCR	Dinner Keble	Craft & Cake,	Compline by	Reception	Lunch &
			Hall	Tote Bag and	Candlelight +	Main Site MCR	Photos Starts
W			9PM - Late:	Pencil Cases	Port & Hot		in Keble Chapel
E			MCR Club	HBAC MCR	Chocolate		8PM: Post-
E			Night Hanks		Keble Chapel		Matriculation
K			Nightclub				Celebrations
							HBAC MCR
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# No Sign-Up Required | Sign-Up/Ticket Required | Attendance Expected\* | Plodge = Porters Lodge

\*The Graduate Freshers Dinner and induction program do not apply to part time Said Business School students (who will have a separate College induction programme arranged later in October)
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We encourage you to follow the MCR calendar (you can add this to your Google Calendar or iCal).

Keep your eye on the MCR WhatsApp Group and MCR Freshers WhatsApp Group for any updates on the events! The link to the WhatsApp groups can be found in the MCR Handbook.

#### Sign-up Forms:

2nd October Keble History Tour: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/6Vz6kQM9BF">https://forms.office.com/e/6Vz6kQM9BF</a> (capacity 20)

6th October Keble History Tour: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/9uxTWrxJBX">https://forms.office.com/e/9uxTWrxJBX</a> (capacity 20)

**8th October Graduate Freshers Dinner (run by College):** Sign-ups were communicated by College.

9th October Keble History Tour: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/DVtgThyTEm">https://forms.office.com/e/DVtgThyTEm</a> (capacity 20)

**14th October MCR Welcome Dinner:** *Via regular meal booking website:* <a href="https://meals.keble.ox.ac.uk/select/index.html">https://meals.keble.ox.ac.uk/select/index.html</a>. Those signed up for dinner will also be signed up for the pre-dinner drinks in the MCR!

**14th October MCR Club Night:** Sign-ups will be released SOON.

17th October Friday Formal: Via regular meal booking website:

https://meals.keble.ox.ac.uk/select/index.html.

## Week -1 (28th September to 4th October)

Sun 28th	Brunch (11am - 12pm): Weekly Sunday morning brunch in the MCR at the HB Allen
	Centre.

Mon 29th	MCR Social Mixer event (8pm): The Academic Director of the H B Allen Centre Dr Ian
Wion 25th	Archer is organising a social mixer to welcome freshers and returning students! It will
	take place in the HBAC Café!
Tue 30th	Tabletop Sports night (8:30 - 10:30pm): Join us in HBAC MCR with our Sports Officer
	Afonso to play a variety of tabletop games: pool, fussball, table tennis, air hockey, and switch games! Everyone is welcome, whether you've played any of these or not.
Wed 1st	Keble Library Welcome (3pm): Our librarian, Fiona Wilson, will be running a short library
	intro session. There'll be a more formal option, and also an option for those who just want to look around and ask any questions!
Thu 2nd	Keble History Tour (2 - 3pm): Tour of Keble Main Site led by Keble History Fellow, Dr. Ian
	Archer. Sign-ups for each tour are capped at 20, the signup link can be found above.
	Freshers Welcome Event (7pm): Join us to meet fellow freshers and the rest of the Keble MCR community in HBAC MCR! The MCR Committee will be there and introduce you to
	the sometimes-strange world you're entering.
Fri 3rd	Picnic in UniParks (4 - 6pm): Join us for snacks in University Parks. For those who are
	keen for something a bit more energetic, we will have equipment for frisbee, spikeball
	and rounders. We will be in the most western field of UniParks (the closest field to the entrance next to HBAC).
Sat 4th	Sunset Social (4pm - 7pm): Come join us on How High Terrace (HBAC Staircase 5, Floor
	3) to meet fellow freshers' and returning MCR members while enjoying the sunset with some refreshments. If it's raining we'll set up in the HBAC MCR instead.
	Week 0 (5th October - 11th October)
Sun 5th	Brunch and meet the Welfare Team (11am - 12pm): Weekly Sunday morning brunch in
	the MCR at the HB Allen Centre. Additionally, you can meet the welfare team who's
	organizing the weekly brunches and the welfare events in the Keble MCR to make you feel at home.
	Student-led Keble Tour (12pm): One of the MCR committee members will lead a tour
	round HBAC and Main Site pointing out some of the key locations - the MCRs, the
	laundry, the gym, the bar, etc. Meet-up is at HBAC plodge (porter's lodge)!
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	intro session. There'll be a more formal option, and also an option for those who just
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Quiz Night (8pm): In Keble Bar we'll be running a quiz night! We'll be randomly

door know that would be your preference and we'll allocate you to that table.

allocating teams so just show up on your own, although if you're keen to group up with someone else / your new flatmates we can definitely facilitate that on the evening! We'll also have a non-drinking table for those who would prefer, so just let the person at the

Mon 6th	MCR Table at Breakfast (8 - 9.30am): Although you can have breakfast in Keble hall any day, we will have a designated MCR table on this day to make sure you have some friendly faces!  Keble History Tour (9.30 - 10.30pm): Tour of Keble Main Site led by Keble History Fellow, Dr. Ian Archer. Sign-ups for each tour are capped at 20, the signup link can be found above.  Games Night (8pm): Come by the HBAC MCR for the regular Monday night board games. Plenty of snacks as well, all organised by our Games officer!
Tue 7th	Student-led Keble Tour (12pm): One of the MCR committee members will lead a tour round HBAC and Main Site pointing out some of the key locations - the MCRs, the laundry, the gym, the bar, etc. Meet-up is at HBAC plodge (porter's lodge)!  Keble Chapel Tour (3pm): 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.  Craft & Cake (7.30pm): Our Arts and Culture officer William will be running a mug painting session in the QCR. There will also be some sweet treats to keep you fueled throughout the evening! All you need to bring is yourself and an idea, the mugs and paint will all be provided.  Tabletop Sports night (8:30 - 10:30pm): Join us in HBAC MCR with our Sports Officer Afonso to play a variety of tabletop games: pool, fussball, table tennis, air hockey, and switch games! Everyone is welcome, whether you've played any of these or not.
Wed 8th	Grad Welcome (9 - 11am): Welcome by the warden, introduction to college, and signing of the Keble college book (officially becoming a member of the college)  EDI Workshop (11am - 12pm): Discussion on equality, diversity and inclusion to help us get set up as a community in which everyone feels welcome!  Consent Training (2 - 3pm): Join us in the O'Reilly Theatre for a discussion of consent and bystander intervention. Those who are unable to attend the in-person consent training should complete the online course and upload the certificate here. We understand that for some, the content of the course may be difficult or upsetting, in which case the form outlines instructions for opting out.  Graduate Freshers Dinner (6.45 - 9pm): 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 usually smart casual although it's very flexible (although you will need your gown).  Post-Dinner Social (9pm): Join us in Keble Bar after the freshers' dinner for some drinks, chats, music and a round of pool!

Thu 9th	Keble History Tour (2 - 3pm): Tour of Keble Main Site led by Keble History Fellow, Dr. Ian Archer. Sign-ups for each tour are capped at 20, the signup link can be found above.  7.30 - 9.30PM: Five-a-side football: Our sports officer Afonso will be leading 5-a-side football at the university club.  Inter-College Bar Crawl (8pm): We will be joined by other Oxford MCRs and visit each bar and college over the course of an evening. More details to be announced soon!  Compline by Candlelight (9 - 9.30pm): 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 10th	Women & Non-binary social (11am): Join Mel, our Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer for Ben's cookies, pastel de nata, and tea in HBAC MCR!  Oxford Union Tour (1pm): 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.
Sat 11th	Parkrun (8.40am): As above (described Sat 4th).  MCR Mingle (7.30 - 9.30pm): We'll have some drinks (both alcoholic & non-alcoholic) set up in the Main Site MCR, but probably best to have dinner before. If you get lost at Main Site trying to find the MCR, then ask the porters for directions or send a message to the WhatsApp group!
	Week 1 (12th October - 18th October)
Sun 12th	Brunch (11am - 12pm): Weekly brunch in the HB Allen Centre MCR.  Freshers Service and Opening Eucharist of the Year (5.30pm): 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 whatever you do or don't believe all members of the College are very welcome to attend, and many regular Chapel-goers come to services simply to hear the singing of the College's amazing Choir. The service is followed by pre-dinner drinks in the College's beautiful Senior Common Room (usually only open to Academic Staff).
Mon 13th	MCR Table at Breakfast (8 - 9.30am): As above (described Monday 3rd Oct).  Games Night (8pm): As above (described Mon 6th)

Tue 14th	MCR Welcome Dinner (6 - 9pm): 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. Booking will be via the regular Keble Meal Booking website: <a href="https://meals.keble.ox.ac.uk/select/index.html">https://meals.keble.ox.ac.uk/select/index.html</a> and places are capped at 260. This is an opportunity to dress up if you want to (e.g. cocktail or black tie) but anything goes so wear something more casual if you prefer! You will need your gown though. Pre dinner drinks from 6pm, Dinner from 7pm!  MCR Club Night (9pm-late): We will be fully taking over Hank's Nightclub with our own community playlist! This is a highly popular event, we'll release tickets closer to the date. Entry is free as is the case for any MCR bop ('party')!
Wed 15th	6.30 - 8PM: Pizza & meet the HBAC Team The HBAC Academic Director Dr Ian Archer is organising a pizza event in the HBAC cafe to meet some of the HBAC staff (e.g dean, domestic bursar).  Craft & Cake (7.30pm): Our Arts and Culture officer William will be running a tote bag and pencil case painting session in the QCR. There will also be some sweet treats to keep you fueled throughout the evening! All you need to bring is yourself and an idea, the materials will all be provided. You can also bring your own tote bag if you want to cover up a company logo.
Thu 16th	Compline by Candlelight (9 - 9.30pm): As above (described Thursday 9th).
Fri 17th	Friday Formal Dinner (7 - 9pm): Throughout term, Friday formals are particularly popular amongst MCR members due to the pre-dinner bar tab! Sign up using the regular Keble Meal booking website.  President's Dessert Reception (9pm Post Friday Formal): Join our MCR President Will in Main Site MCR for a second dessert accompanied by a mix of alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments.
Sat 18th	Parkrun & Coffee (8.40am): As above (described Sat 5th).  Matriculation & Photos (10.30am - 3.30pm): 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 or have their course matriculation on a separate date. You will receive more information via email closer to the event.  Rowing Taster and Boathouse BBQ (6PM): Keble College Boat Club will be organising a barbecue at the boathouse and running some rowing tasters. They'll be in touch in the WhatsApp group with information about how to get involved!  Post-Matriculation Celebrations (8pm): Join us in the HB Allen Centre 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.

Oxford Union: <a href="https://oxford-union.org/pages/accessibility">https://oxford-union.org/pages/accessibility</a>
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 the MCR president

<a href="mailto:president@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk">president@mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk</a> or college's Disability Lead Alistair Day senior.tutor@keble.ox.ac.uk!