



Study Space Guide

Welcome to Oriel College Library

This guide is designed to help you navigate the three floors of the library and its variety of study areas. We hope you discover a study space that meets your requirements and find resources relevant to your field of study. If not, we're here to help: library@oriel.ox.ac.uk

The Library Team

The Ground Floor

The Library Office

Situated between the entrance from Third Quad and the staircase up to the First Floor, the Library Office is your port of call for all library related enquiries. Open 9:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday, closing for lunch at 12:00 – 13:00, and at 16:30 on a Friday.

Ground Floor Library

Located across from the Library Office.
Quiet Study Zone: Keep noise levels to a minimum.

The Ground Floor Library features a variety of seating and desk options, such as soft individual study chairs, wooden leather chairs with armrests, cosy cushioned chairs, and two height-adjustable desks. This area houses the Wellbeing and Study Skills, Local History, and Art & Architecture Collections, along with the Philosophy Journals. Both rooms benefit from natural light, making them ideal for quiet study. Additionally, there is a self-issue machine available for issuing, returning, and renewing your books.

Printer

The printer is located in the cubby near the library entrance from Second Quad. To use the equipment, you'll need your Bod card. Instructions for printing from the college's cloud-based system are available. Additionally, you can find staplers, hole punchers, scrap paper, and other essential stationery supplies there.

Getting up to the First Floor

The wooden staircase between the Library Office and the sandstone arch takes you up to the First Floor.



Ground Floor Library

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The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library
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The First Floor

Group Study

Quiet Discussion Zone: Keep discussions to a respectable volume for other students studying.

The First Floor Library features a variety of seating and desk options for group study, from high backed sofa seating, to table based group seating. One area is flooded with natural light, with views over Third Quad, whilst the other is lit artificially, with a calm, cosy atmosphere, making it ideal for quiet discussions and studying together. This area houses the English Language & Literature and Modern Languages Collections. There is a self-issue machine available for issuing, returning, and renewing your books.



First Floor Group Study

Individual Study

There are a number of individual study spaces on the First Floor Library. One area is located by the windows overlooking Third Quad, and another two located up the small staircase by the group study table in the second study room. These two are especially quiet areas, one within a wooden study cubical, and the other in front of a large window (with a roller blind for sunnier days).



Individual Study - 1st Floor

The Second Floor

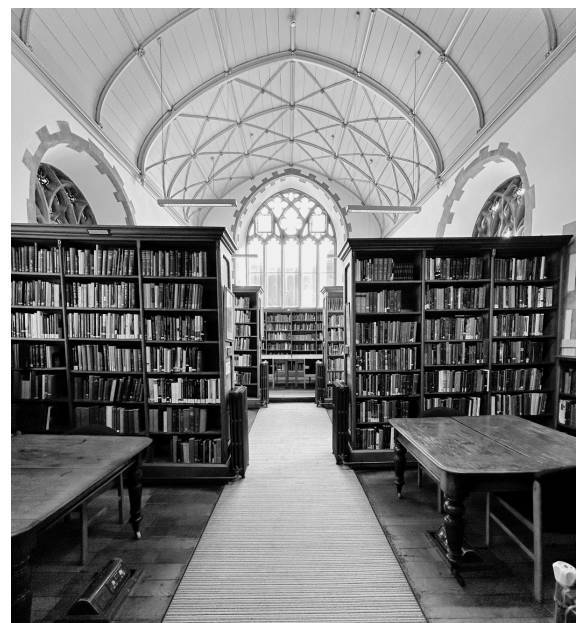
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The Second Floor Library has many different study areas. The Chapel Library has a large table with comfortable seating for up to eight people, and four larger study tables for up to two people, all tables are within the collections. Alongside the large Chapel Library there are a series of inter-connecting rooms, with a large wooden table overlooking Third Quad at the end of the History Collection. Please remember that the Second Floor is a quiet study zone, so while larger tables exist on the 2nd floor, these are for silent study.

This area houses the collections for Ancient History, Archaeology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Classics, Computing, Economics, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Medicine, Music, Philosophy, Physics, Politics, Psychology. There is a self-issue machine available for issuing, returning, and renewing your books.

Getting up to the Theology Balcony

The wooden staircase is located on the left hand side, as soon you go through the main door to the Second Floor. The Theology collection is based here.



The Chapel Library - 2 Floor