Oriel College
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

MCR Freshers' Week 2026

Freshers' Week

October 4th - 11th 2026

0th Week	Sunday (04/10)	Monday (05/10)	Tuesday (06/10)	Wednesday (07/10)	Thursday (08/10)	Friday (09/10)	Saturday (10/10)	Sunday (11/10)
Morning		10:30 – 11:30 MCR Breakfast (coffee and pastries) (MCR) 11:30-12:30 Oriel Tour 12:30-13:30 Lunch in hall	**11:00 – 12:00** **EDI Introduction Session (HLT)** Disability Info Lunch 12.30-1pm (HSR)	**9:30 – 11:00** **Welcome to Oriel Meeting (HLT)** 11:00 – 12:00 Oriel Freshers' Fair (Hall)	10:00 – 11:00 University Freshers' Fair (Examination Schools) 11:00 – 12:00 Meet The Provost (MCR)		**11:30** **College Admissions Ceremony** **(Third Quad)**	
Afternoon	16:00-18:00 Welcome back for returning students (MCR)	14:00 – 15:30 Tour of Oxford (Meet in the Lodge)	14:00 – 16:00 Punting (Weather Dependent) (Meet in the Lodge)	**14:45** **Welfare/Medical Induction and Consent Workshop (HLT)**		13:30 Chapel Coffee (Staircase 3.3)	13:15 Private Tour of The Oxford Union (Meet in the Lodge) 15:00 – 20:00 Scavenger Hunt (Meet in the MCR)	18:00 Choral Evensong (Chapel)
Evening	19:30 Welcome to Oriel Cocktails & Canapés (Hall)	18:00 – 20:30 College Parents' Dinner 21:00 – 22:30 "The Big Oriel Quiz"/Game Night	~ Evening Reserved for University Departments ~	16:00 Boat Club Showcase (Meet outside Lodge to walk over to Boathouse)	16:00 – 17:00 Chocolate Tasting (MCR) 20:30 – 22:00 Cheese & Wine Party (MCR)	20:00 MCR Bar Training Session 21:00 MCR Bar Open		19:30 – 21:30 Formal Dinner MCR Bar Open 21:30 2nd Desserts & MCR General Assembly (MCR)

Items in **bold** are compulsory activities. Locations and timings may change; MCR Committee members will send regular updates by email.
Location Key: MCR = Middle Common Room; HLT = Harris Lecture Theatre; HSR = Harris Seminar Room; JMH = James Mellon Hall
Thursday 15th October, 7.15pm: **Graduate Freshers' Dinner**, Main Hall
Saturday 17th October: **Matriculation**, followed by Freshers' Photo
IT Drop-In Sessions: Tuesday 6th from 9am-12pm and Thursday 8th from 1pm-4pm, both in the HSR.

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Early Arrivals

Oriel College
Middle Common Room

September 23rd – October 3rd 2026

Sunday (20/09)	Monday (21/09)	Tuesday (22/09)	Wednesday (23/09)	Thursday (24/09)	Friday (25/09)	Saturday (26/09)
			16:00 – 17:00 Afternoon Tea (MCR)		20:30 MCR Bar open (MCR)	
Sunday (27/09)	Monday (28/09)	Tuesday (29/09)	Wednesday (30/09)	Thursday (01/10)	Friday (02/10)	Saturday (03/10)
20:30 MCR Bar open	12:00 – 17:00 Meet your MCR (coffee and biscuits) (MCR)	19:00 International Students' Dinner (Location TBC)	16:00 – 17:00 Afternoon Tea (MCR)	21:00 Cinema Night (Location TBC)	20:30 MCR Bar open (MCR)	