

Oxford Brookes University MUSLIM STUDENTS' GUIDE 2014-15

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Oxford is a vibrant, multicultural city, with student and resident faith communities from all over the world. The Oxford Brookes Islamic Society and University Chaplaincy have created this brief guide. We look forward to welcoming you to Oxford soon.

Local mosques

- **Central Oxford Masjid / Islamic Cultural Centre**
Asian Cultural Centre, Manzil Way, OX4 1DJ
- **Central Oxford Mosque Society**
10-11 Bath Street, St Clements, OX4 1AY
- **Madina Masjid**
2 Stanley Road, Cowley, OX4 1DJ
- **MECO (Muslim Educational Centre of Oxford)**
146 London Road, OX3 9ED

➔ Find out more at

www.brookes.ac.uk/student/services/chaplaincy/localmosques.htm

Additional places to pray in Oxford

- **Bangladesh Islamic Education Centre and Mosque**
57 Cowley Road, Manzil Way, OX4 1DJ
- **Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies**
George Street, OX1 2AR

Islamic drop-in-centre and bookshop

- **Seekers Hub**, 234A Cowley Road, OX4 1UH

Useful websites

- **Oxford Muslim:** www.oxfordmusliminfo.com
- **Daily prayer times:** www.salahtimes.com/uk/oxford

Oxford Brookes faith communities

We welcome international students and observe different cultural values and belief systems. We have a Chaplaincy which welcomes all faiths, allocated prayer rooms, and we also decorate our **International Centre reception** to reflect many cultural celebrations.

Oxford Brookes Islamic Society (ISOC)

Oxford Brookes Islamic Society offers the opportunity to meet a diverse mix of people, and provides a platform for students to develop socially and academically.

Join ISOC's growing network of followers on Facebook

www.facebook.com/BrookesISOC

There are many other student-led societies offered by *Brookes Union*. These include cultural, religious, social and sports clubs. ➔ Find out more at www.brookesunion.org.uk

Oxford Brookes Chaplaincy

Our Chaplains are a team of ministers and spiritual advisors appointed in partnership with the university and local community. They offer friendship and spiritual care to members of all other shades of faith, and none.

➔ Find out more at

www.brookes.ac.uk/student/services/chaplaincy

Muslim prayer rooms on campus

We offer the flexibility to perform prayer on each of our main campuses. The allocated prayer rooms are open daily to support students attending the university:

At **Gipsy Lane**, the prayer room is on the ground floor of the Sinclair building, behind Galliano's. The lavatories near to this prayer room, offer facilities to perform Wudhu

At **Harcourt Hill**, there is a prayer room with washing facilities at the entrance to the chapel building.

At **Wheatley**, the prayer room is in room S101, next to the tennis courts.

Brothers can perform 'Friday Prayer' in Gipsy Lane prayer room*

*Weekly timings will be confirmed by the Oxford Brookes Islamic Society

Halal Food on campus

There is a range of food shops and outlets on campus which cater for a range of cultural and dietary requirements. Many of our food shops stock halal chicken sandwiches (labelled). The sports centre café also includes halal chicken menu options.

The list below provides a sample of eating places available in the Oxford area (not endorsed by OBU):

Halal cafes and restaurants in Oxford

- **Aziz, 230 Cowley Road, OX4 1UH**
Indian and Bangladeshi restaurant
- **Bodrum Kebab, 242 Cowley Road, OX4 1UH**
Turkish restaurant and takeaway
- **Café Nour, 180 Cowley Road, OX4 1UE**
Lebanese café
- **Everest Nepalese, 147 Howard Street, OX4 1UH**
Nepalese and Indian cuisine
- **First Floor Restaurant, 158 Cowley Road, OX4 1UE**
Far East Asia menu including Chinese, Indian and Thai
- **Mirch Masala, 137-139 Cowley Road, OX4 1HU**
Indian restaurant
- **Nandos, 80 Cowley Road, OX4 1JB**
Only branch in Oxford which serves halal chicken
- **Oxford Rendez-vous, 67-68 High Street, OX1 4BA**
Moroccan cuisine
- **Ricardo's, 51 The Covered Market, OX1 3DU**
Sandwich shop with halal chicken options
- **Temple Lounge, 21 Temple Street, OX4 1JS**
European, Indian and Arabic cuisine
- **The Standard, 117 Walton Street, OX2 6AJ**
Bengali and South Asian cuisine

Halal takeaways in Oxford

- **Alternative Tuck Shop, 24 Holywell Street, OX1 3SB**
Sandwich shop with halal chicken options
- **Bodrum Kebab, 242 Cowley Road, OX4 1UH**
Turkish restaurant and takeaway
- **Chicken Cottage, 107 Cowley Road, OX4 1HU**
Various chicken options including halal chicken
- **KFC, 140 Cowley Road, OX4 1JJ**
Only branch in Oxford which serves halal chicken
- **Kebab Kid, 146 Cowley Road, OX4 1JJ**
This takeaway serves halal chicken

Halal grocery stores in Oxford

- **Maroc Deli, 66 Cowley Road, OX41JB**
Grocer, delicatessen, butcher
- **Simply Fresh, 236-238 Cowley Road, OX4 1UH**
Asian, Middle Eastern and Caribbean food produce
- **Tahmid Stores, 53 Cowley Road, OX4 1HP**



Oxford

Oxford Brookes is located in the beautiful, historic city of Oxford; known globally as a centre of education. It is a safe multicultural city with the intimacy of a small town, whilst boasting cultural, recreational, and shopping facilities that match those of larger cities.

Oxford is also a city of parks, rivers and canals, offering a tranquil retreat from the crowds and space to think and relax in peaceful surroundings.

Settling into life in the UK

Many of England's renowned landmarks and historic attractions are within easy reach of Oxford, so students have the opportunity to learn about the UK's history and culture.

We organise visits to many of the UK's heritage sites and tourist attractions including excursions to Bath, Stratford, Winchester, Cambridge, the Cotswolds. We also provide a visit to a British café for *afternoon tea*, as well as a tour to Blenheim Palace, and the Ashmolean Museum. These events are aimed to help students with their transition to life in the UK.

Our campuses also provide opportunities to establish and build social networks in Oxford. There are plenty of open spaces, cafés or food outlets to meet up with friends.

Support services for international students

We provide many services including an on-campus Medical Centre, dentist surgery and free English language support.

The International Student Advice Team offers specialist advice on services relating to immigration, personal finance matters, visas, and working in the UK.

➔ Find out more at www.brookes.ac.uk/student/services/isas

