



# Oxford Audio Admissions Tours - Orange Route - Physical Sciences

Time: 60-90 minutes, Distance: 4.4 km/2.7 miles




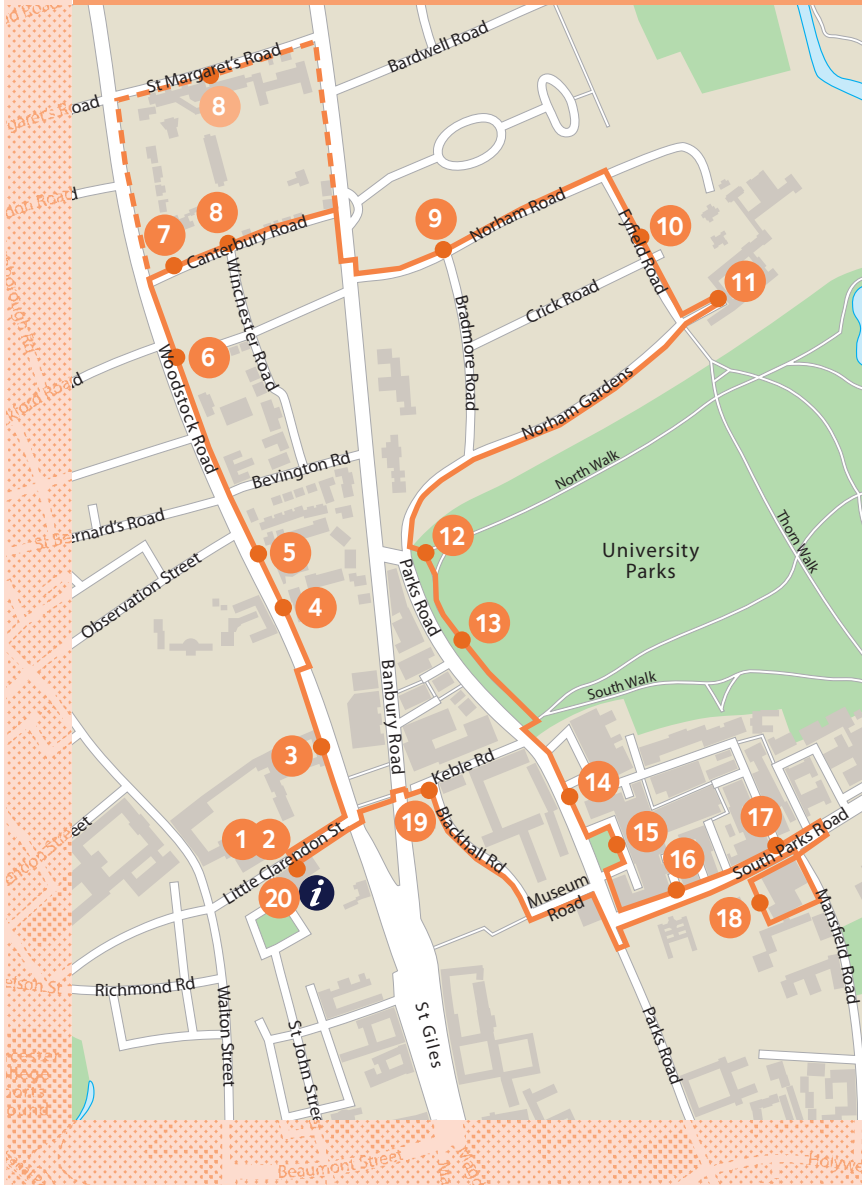
This Orange Route takes you to some of Oxford's undergraduate colleges, the University Science area, University Museum of Natural History and other University locations.

It will take you sixty to ninety minutes to take the full walking tour and listen to all the tracks along the route. Alternatively, you can pick any particular tracks that you would like to listen to and choose your own route.

The five undergraduate colleges included have been chosen because they are near the other stops on this route – they are not specifically colleges for physical sciences. No colleges specialise in any particular subject, and most colleges offer most courses. To see any of the other colleges please visit the porters' lodge (reception) at that college, and ask if you can have a look around. Most colleges have specific opening times during the day so please check their individual websites or ask in the Admissions Information Centre.

Central Oxford is relatively flat but there are several cobbled streets, steps and narrow pavements, as well as other pedestrians and traffic. Please be careful, especially when crossing roads, and take extra care to look out for bicycles. We recommend that you don't listen to the tour while you are walking – the tracks are designed for you to listen to when you arrive at each location.

 We have attempted to make both the route and the information on this tour as accessible as possible. If you require the guide in an alternative format please contact the Admissions Information Centre. We will be glad to help with any queries about specific accessibility requests.



South Parks Road (see 16)

## 1 2 How to use & navigate the tour

These introductory tracks explain how to use the tour and how to safely navigate your way around the city of Oxford. It is recommended to listen to these first two tracks so that you can plan your visit and consider whether you will have time for the full walking tour. If you have arrived at the Admissions Information Centre you may like to listen to these introductory tracks before you set off.

From Little Clarendon Street turn left onto Woodstock Road.

## 3 Somerville College

**Founded: 1879 Number of undergraduates: 363**

Somerville College is located on Woodstock Road. Keep walking on the left hand side from Little Clarendon Street. You will see wooden doors mark the entrance in a large stone archway on your left.

## 4 What is a college?



This track explains how the collegiate system works at Oxford and what facilities you can expect to find in any of Oxford's 30 undergraduate colleges. The Orange Route will take you to 5 different colleges to demonstrate how the University is spread across the city.

From Somerville College use the traffic lights ahead to cross onto the right hand side of Woodstock Road. Continue walking until you see modern buildings on your right behind a low brick wall. As you approach the entrance to the College you may like to listen to this track under the large tree, away from the road, where it will be quieter.

## 5 St Anne's College

**Founded: 1879 Number of undergraduates: 418**

St Anne's is located on Woodstock Road just before you reach Bevington Road.

## 6 College Life

From St Anne's College continue along Woodstock Road on the right hand side. Cross Bevington Road and continue walking towards Church Walk where you can listen quietly to this track. Continue along Woodstock Road to your next stop. There are no benches until stop 12.

## 7 The City of Oxford

Turn right onto Canterbury Road and stop on the left hand side. This track gives you a student's perspective on the city and what it's like to live in Oxford. Continue on the left hand side to reach your next stop. If you intend to take the extended route to St Hugh's return to Woodstock Road, turn right and keep walking towards St Margaret's Road

## 8 St Hugh's College

**Founded: 1886 Number of undergraduates: 375**



On Canterbury Road, you will see the gates to St Hugh's College on the left hand side. To reach your next stop continue on Canterbury Road & turn right onto Banbury Road. Use the traffic lights to cross

onto Norham Road.

If you have taken the extended route along Woodstock Road, turn right onto St Margaret's Road. Keep walking until you reach the Porter's Lodge, on the right hand side of the road. You will be able to see a clock above the entrance to the College. To reach

your next stop continue towards Norham Road. Use the traffic lights to cross.

## 9 Biochemistry Student Life

Continue walking along Norham Road on the left hand side until you are directly opposite Bradmore Road, where you can stop & listen to the 'Student Life' track. This gives you the opportunity to listen to a biochemistry student's perspective on life at Oxford.

## 10 Overview of the History of the University

Keep walking along Norham Road until you reach a suitable place to stop and cross onto Fyfield Road. Be aware there are no traffic lights. This is a quiet road on which to stop and listen to this track. Continue walking along Fyfield Road towards Norham Gardens.

## 11 Lady Margaret Hall

**Founded: 1878 Number of undergraduates: 377**

Lady Margaret Hall is located at the end of Norham Gardens. Turn left from Fyfield Road and you will see the College entrance ahead of you.

## 12 Making an Application



Continue walking along Norham Gardens on the left hand side towards Parks Road. Turn left when you reach Parks Road and enter the University Parks. There is a bench further up on the left hand side, which is a good place to stop. This track explains how to make an application to Oxford University for an undergraduate course. You may like to discuss a potential application in more depth with one of our staff in the Admissions Information Centre.

## 13 University Parks

Return towards the Parks entrance and continue along the path. There are a number of benches to sit and listen to this track. Exit at Keble Gate onto Parks Road. Continue to your next stop, you will pass the Physics Clarendon Laboratory on your left.

## 14 Keble College

**Founded: 1870 Number of undergraduates: 396**



Keble College is located on Parks Road. You will be able to see the College's distinctive red, white, and dark blue bricks. If you wish to visit the Porter's Lodge cross using the traffic lights ahead. Otherwise,

choose a spot opposite the College to listen to the track. Continue on the left hand side of Parks Road to your next stop.

## 15 University Museum of Natural History

If you have time to visit the museum you will find that admission is free of charge. During most of the year it is open between 10am and 5pm seven days a week. The most suitable place to listen to this track, which gives an overview of the history of the museum, is directly in front of the museum on the lawn. Continue towards South Parks Road for the next stop.

## 16 What is a Faculty?

A good place to listen to this track is next to the entrance of the Department of Chemistry on the left hand side further down South Parks Road (you will see a sign for this). A number of buildings make up the University Science area. You are free to explore the area but it won't be possible to go inside the buildings unless you have arranged to do so in advance. A map

of the departments within the University Science area is available to download: [http://www.ox.ac.uk/visitors\\_friends/maps\\_and\\_directions/science\\_area.html](http://www.ox.ac.uk/visitors_friends/maps_and_directions/science_area.html)

## 17 Science at Oxford

Continue on the left hand side of South Parks Road. You will pass the UK Energy Research Centre on your left. You will see iron gates and signs to the Oxford University Centre for the Environment & the Departments of Chemistry, stop here and listen to this track. Continue along the left hand side of South Parks Road and cross at the traffic lights. Turn right for the next stop.

## 18 Chemistry Student Life



Keep walking on South Parks Road and cross Mansfield Road. You will see a large glass fronted building ahead. This is the Chemistry Research Laboratory. Continue

walking with the building on your left until you reach the blue signs. Take the pedestrian entrance alongside the building. This takes you to the entrance of the Chemistry Research Lab & opposite is the Rothermere American Institute. This is a good place to stop and listen to the track, which gives you a chemistry student's perspective on life at Oxford. To continue the tour, turn left behind the Chemistry Research Lab. You will pass a large cylinder (filled with liquid nitrogen!). Turn left onto Mansfield Road and left again back onto South Parks Road.

## 19 Interviews

From South Parks Road continue walking until you reach Parks Road. Use the traffic lights to cross the road. Turn right towards Museum Road. Once you have turned left onto Museum Road it is a short distance before you need to turn right onto Blackhall Road. You will pass the Mathematical Institute on your left. Before you turn left onto Keble Road stop and listen to 'Interviews'. This track will help you to understand what to expect from an interview at Oxford and how you might go about preparing for an interview. If you plan to make your way back to the Admissions Information Centre on Little Clarendon Street, walk towards Banbury Road and use the traffic lights to cross the road opposite the church. Cross through the gap in the stone wall. This will lead you to Woodstock Road where you can use the traffic lights to cross over to Little Clarendon Street where the tour ends.

## 20 Finish

Now that you have reached the end of the tour you may like to listen to this final track before you return home or continue with the rest of your visit to Oxford. If you have any further questions about the University, the colleges or anything else, our experienced admissions staff at the Admissions Information Centre will be happy to help. You may prefer to browse our web pages at [www.admissions.ox.ac.uk](http://www.admissions.ox.ac.uk). Thank you for listening to the Oxford Audio Admissions Tour.

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