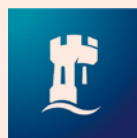




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Welcome to Oxford!

The charity Refugee Education UK and Professor Joanna McIntyre from the University of Nottingham want to extend a very warm welcome to you. We have produced this booklet to tell you a little bit about the education system in England, and about some of the education activities in Oxford.



- On page 2, you will find an image showing you the education system in England.
- On page 3, you will find a bit more information about your new city, some of the places that can help start your education journey, and a variety of opportunities to learn and make new friends.
- In addition, Oxford City Council have compiled a list of organisations that support refugees and asylum-seekers, which you can find here: bit.ly/4cWEKDN

We hope you find this booklet helpful! If you have more questions about your education, you or a person supporting you can contact us on: advice@reuk.org

Education system in the UK

The education system in England is probably different to what you are used to. Here's an image showing you what it looks like:



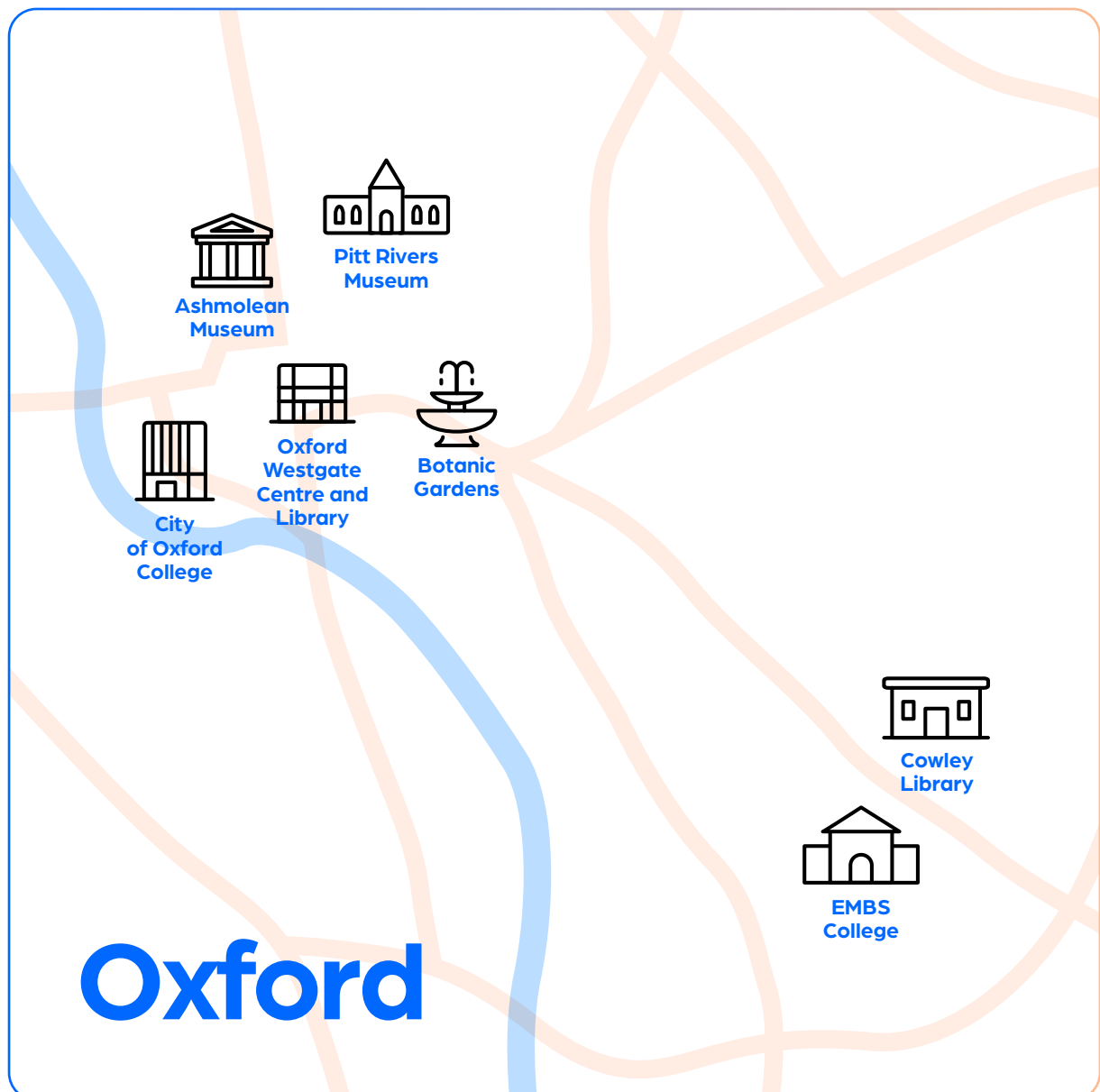
A little note on Oxford

Oxford

Also known as the “city of dreaming spires” because of its beautiful architecture, Oxford is a city that is surrounded by history and culture that goes back many many years. Because of its famous university it attracts many students every year, and this has led to it being a diverse city that hosts people from different countries and cultures. As

a city of Sanctuary, Oxford welcomes all refugees and asylum-seekers, and is grateful for the ways in which your contributions will make it a better city.

Starting life in a new city can feel overwhelming and it is often hard to know where you can go to find information about things you would like to do.



We have created this list of educational activities for young people that we hope you find helpful. Timings and venues of provisions may change, so please contact the provision directly before visiting.

Colleges

EMBS Community College

EMBS College provides courses that are accessible to newly arrived refugees and asylum-seeking young people.

Age group:

16 and above

Website:

www.embs.ac.uk

Email:

info@embs.ac.uk

Open Door

Open Door is a drop-in service for refugees and asylum seekers on Thursday afternoons at the St. Clements Centre.

Age group:

All ages

Email:

oxopendoor@yahoo.co.uk

Activate Learning

Activate Learning is open to young people 16–19 and adults. It covers all levels and have various locations throughout Oxfordshire.

Age group:

16 and above

Website:

oxford.activatelearning.ac.uk

Email:

gss@activatelearning.ac.uk

Language Learning Classes

Refugee Education UK (REUK)

REUK runs weekly conversation classes at their offices where you can practise your English language skills and make new friends!

Age group:

14–25

Website:

www.reuk.org

Email:

giulia@reuk.org

Oxfordshire County Library Language Café

Language Café is run by Oxfordshire Libraries and is a safe space for you to talk in English and other languages. It is a place to meet others, 'swap' languages and practise speaking and listening in other languages.

Age group:

All ages

Website:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries/library/language-learning

Email:

county.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Oxford City Council have put together a list of language learning classes that can be founds here: bit.ly/4cXkcuW



Community activities

(sports, games, youth clubs)

Oxford Phoenix FC

Oxford Phoenix FC was launched jointly by Oxford United in the Community, Asylum Welcome and Refugee Resource to connect participants with like-minded individuals, help them develop key life skills and integrate them into the community.

Age group:

Under 18

Website:

www.oufc.co.uk/news/2023/june/ouitc-refugee-football

Email:

vgomm@oufc.co.uk

Asylum Welcome Venda Club

Venda Club is organised by Asylum Welcome every Tuesday. It includes activities for young asylum seekers and refugees, such as pool, table football, music and video games. To join contact their youth coordinator for more information at youth@asylum-welcome.org

Age group:

13–21

Website:

www.asylum-welcome.org/services/youth/venda-youth-club-and-girls-group

Email:

youth@asylum-welcome.org

Asylum Welcome Girls' group

Asylum Welcome recently started a weekly girls' group where you can make new friends and learn together.

Age group:

13–21

Website:

www.asylum-welcome.org/services/youth/venda-youth-club-and-girls-group

Email:

youth@asylum-welcome.org

Banbury Mosque Football Club

Run by Access Sport, this football club actively engages with the community and creates a space for young people to build a community hub through structured sessions.

Age group:

14–18

Website:

www.accesssport.org.uk/banbury-mosque-football-club

Email:

JessicaHarrison@ActiveOxfordshire.org

Multaka Oxford

Multaka Oxford is based at the Pitt Rivers Museum and the History of Science Museum, part of Oxford University. It is a volunteer-led programme that supports people to attend, plan and deliver different activities to share culture and heritage and it recently started a youth group for 16 to 24 y.o.

Age group:

8 and above

Website:

prm.ox.ac.uk/multaka-oxford#tab-4220036

Email:

multaka.oxford@gmail.com



1:1 Education Support

Refugee Education UK

REUK offers mentoring support to refugee and asylum-seeking young people by pairing them with a volunteer who will offer weekly 1:1 support.

Age group:

14–25

Website:

www.reuk.org/youthsite

Email:

hello@reuk.org

Jacari

Jacari provides a range of bespoke English language learning opportunities for young people. They match volunteers to a pupil who has English as an additional language (EAL) who they support weekly during term-time, helping them improve their English language skills and increasing their confidence.

Age group:

14–25

Website:

www.jacari.org

Email:

oxford@jacari.org

FELLOW at Oxford Hub

FELLOW provides free, friendly English language support for Oxford residents who'd like to improve their English skills as an additional language.

Age group:

All ages

Website:

www.oxfordhub.org

Email:

fellow@oxfordhub.org



Other resources

Refugee Resource

Refugee Resource offers counselling and psychotherapy for free to refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants who are experiencing mental or emotional distress.

Age group:

12 and above

Website:

www.refugeeresource.org.uk

Email:

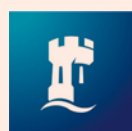
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