

The 8th EDF Nuclear Graphite Conference Guide for Attendees

Sept. 22nd – Sept. 24th 2026, The Queen's College, Oxford UK

We warmly welcome you to the 8th EDF Nuclear Graphite Conference and to Oxford. We have created this welcome guide to help you get to our venue, The Queen's College (a.k.a. Queen's), one of 36 Oxford colleges. This attendees guide will show you how to travel to the venue, what to do when you arrive, and include maps of Queen's for the key locations of the conference.

Travelling to the Venue

- To convey exact map coordinates, this guide will include with the Google Maps screenshots What3Words coordinates, which are a 3 m x 3 m location, accessible by web and by app.
- Key Addresses:
 - Queen's College Main Entrance: [///ducks.apply.blank](https://ducks.apply.blank)
Google Maps Link ([here](#))
The Queen's College, High Street, Oxford, OX1 4AW
 - Outwards Bus Stop (Stop R6): [///grab.causes.rates](https://grab.causes.rates)
 - Return Bus Stops on High Street (Stops J2 or J3):
[///boss.part.twig](https://boss.part.twig)
[///shots.bland.pound](https://shots.bland.pound)
- Oxford is well known as a cycling city in part due to its flat terrain and the continued decisions from local governments to reduce car traffic. It also has an active railway station, which is quickly accessible from major stations such as London Paddington (51 min), London Marylebone (1:14 hr), Reading (24 min), Birmingham New Street (23 min), etc.
- To get to Queen's college from the railway station you can arrive by the following means:



Figure 1 - View of Queen's College entrance from the other side of the road.

Travel by Walking

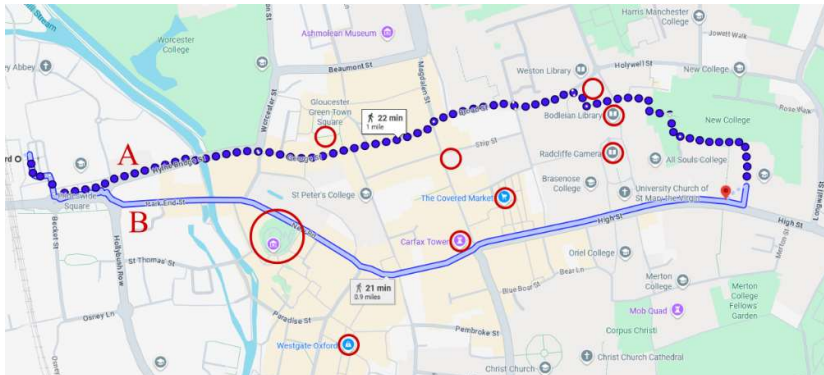
This is the most recommended mode of travel if possible as there are 2+ routes which you can take, both being <30 minutes, which may be quicker than waiting for a bus/taxi and for the Oxford traffic, and it allows you to take in the features of our historical city. Route **A** takes you through the George Street and Broad Street where many eateries can be found, and where the latter is a pedestrianised street with Oxford colleges and near

the Sheldonian Theatre where concerts and academic meetings are held.

NOTE that the entrance is where the red marker is in the image.

Route **B**, is the **recommended route** takes you past “the mound” where a Norman castle once stood, passes Oxford’s largest shopping centre (Westgate), the centre of Oxford that is Carfax Tower, a historical indoor market (The Covered Market).

Off both routes you can find the main Oxford university libraries, those being the Bodleian Library and the gorgeous and famous Radcliffe camera.

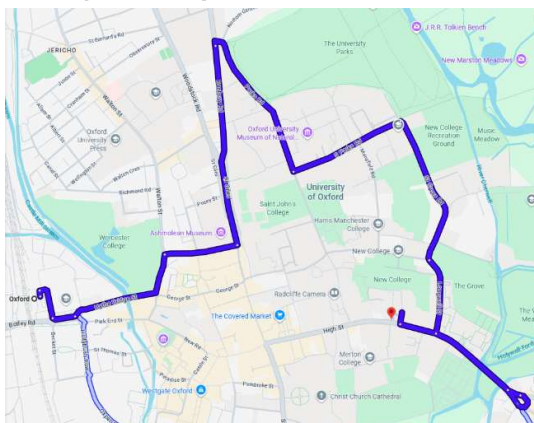


Travel by Taxi

A taxi can drop attendees directly outside Queen’s main entrance on the High Street. Oxford has a few taxi companies, with some being black cabs directly outside the train station in taxi ranks. However, due to one-way roads and traffic restrictions, the journey may take 15 minutes minimum if there is a taxi ready and no traffic.

Oxford has Uber, 001 taxis, Royal Taxis, which all have apps you can use to prebook a ride or on-the-fly.

Therefore, if you can walk or take the bus those are more advised, due to time, money, and experience.



Travel by Bus

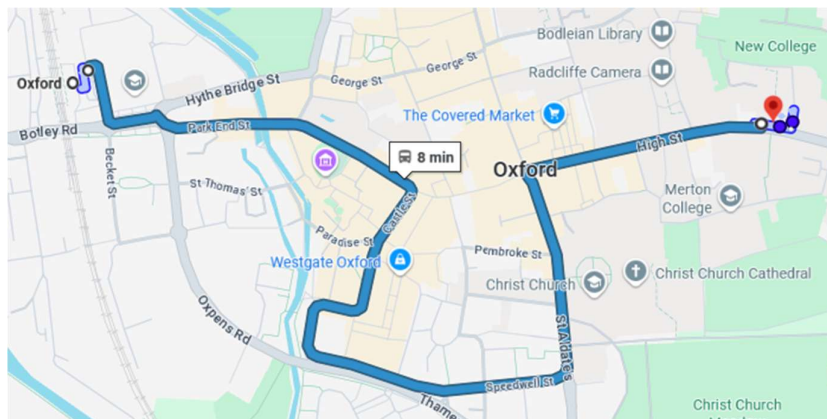
Buses **1, 3, 5 and 5A** stop directly outside the College.

Buses **3A, 3, and 400** depart from the **railway station (Stop R6, see before)** and ends at **Queen’s Lane (Stop K2)**. From there you will be right next to the college’s main

entrance.

If you want to buy tickets ahead of time and track the buses, you can use the Oxford Bus app ([Android](#), [iPhone](#)). They should be “tap on tap off” too with NFC on your phone or credit/debit card.

With no traffic and if a bus is ready, the journey could be as quick as 8 minutes.



What To Do When You Have Arrived

- The doors to Queen’s main entrance on High Street should be open, and you should be able to see this lovely view on the right (weather dependent).
- **Arrival/check-in:** On entering through the main entrance, look left, the **Porters’ Lodge is located in the far-left corner**. The Lodge is staffed **24/7** and can assist delegates with check-in and any queries during their stay.
- **Conference Registration:** On your way to the Lodge, in what are called cloisters, should be organisers handing out lanyards and dealing with the registration. 16h00-20h00 on Monday evening. In the conference room from Tuesday morning.



Figure 2 - Main quad of Queens college.
Porters lodge out of site.

What Do I Do If I have Arrived Out-of-Hours or not on Monday evening?

- There are effectively no out-of-hours arrivals from an accommodation check-in perspective.
- As the Lodge is staffed **24/7**, there will always be someone available to check guests into their rooms, regardless of what time or day they arrive.
- **Returning when the main entrance is closed:** If attendees return later in the evening after the main entrance has closed, they can use either the **High Street Late Gate** or the **Back Quad Late Gate**. These are also highlighted on the attached map.

Accommodation

- Your accommodation will be in the **Carrodus Quad** right next door to the college, as shown in the *College Locations* section in this guide.

Conference Venue

- Within the college grounds, the venue for the talks will be the **Shulman Auditorium**, it is in a **theatre-style layout** and is equipped with projection and microphone facilities suitable for presentations.
- Its location is marked on the college map in *College Locations*.



Figure 4 - Shulman Auditorium



Figure 3 - Queen's college dining hall

Conference Dinner

- The conference dinner will be held in the stunning Baroque college dining hall. As marked on the college map in *College Locations*. Dress code: *'Business Casual'*

History of The Queen's College

- The Queen's College is one of the constituent colleges of the University of Oxford being founded as "Hall of the Queen's Scholars at Oxford" by Robert de Eglesfield, a chaplain in the household of Queen Philippa of Hainault, who named it in her honour.
- In the seventeenth-century, Queen's continued to grow and the magnificent Library, one of the finest in England, was added during 1693-6 to house Barlow's books. Around 1700 the decision was taken to rebuild the medieval College entirely, so that by 1760 Queen's was the only Oxford college to be housed entirely in Baroque buildings.
- <https://www.queens.ox.ac.uk/history/>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Queen%27s_College,_Oxford

College Locations

