

OXFORD OURD



Dusemond Excursion Guidebook

Let's



Go!



NOTES ON THIS EXCURSION

Oxford is.....

one of our most popular excursions, the trip often includes either entry to Christ Church college or Magdalen College. You will be told what is applicable to your trip. It is a great excursion with many different points of interest. Be mindful that this is a tourist hotspot, especially during the holidays, keep an eye out for big crowds, cars, buses and unfortunately, pick pockets- who will be on the look out for tourists. Take the opportunity to explore Oxford for yourself, whilst showing the students around the city. Take lots of photos and have fun!



ESSENTIAL INFO

What to do if..?

If there is a problem, call your AM.

Driver management...?

Make sure you take your driver's name and number, arrange a pick up time and meeting point.

Emergency number...?

Make sure that each student has the emergency number for your centre.

Keeping your centre informed...?

Let your AM know when you have got into the college. Let the AM know when you have left to return to the centre?

Managing timings...?

Be mindful of meeting point timings and walking distances.



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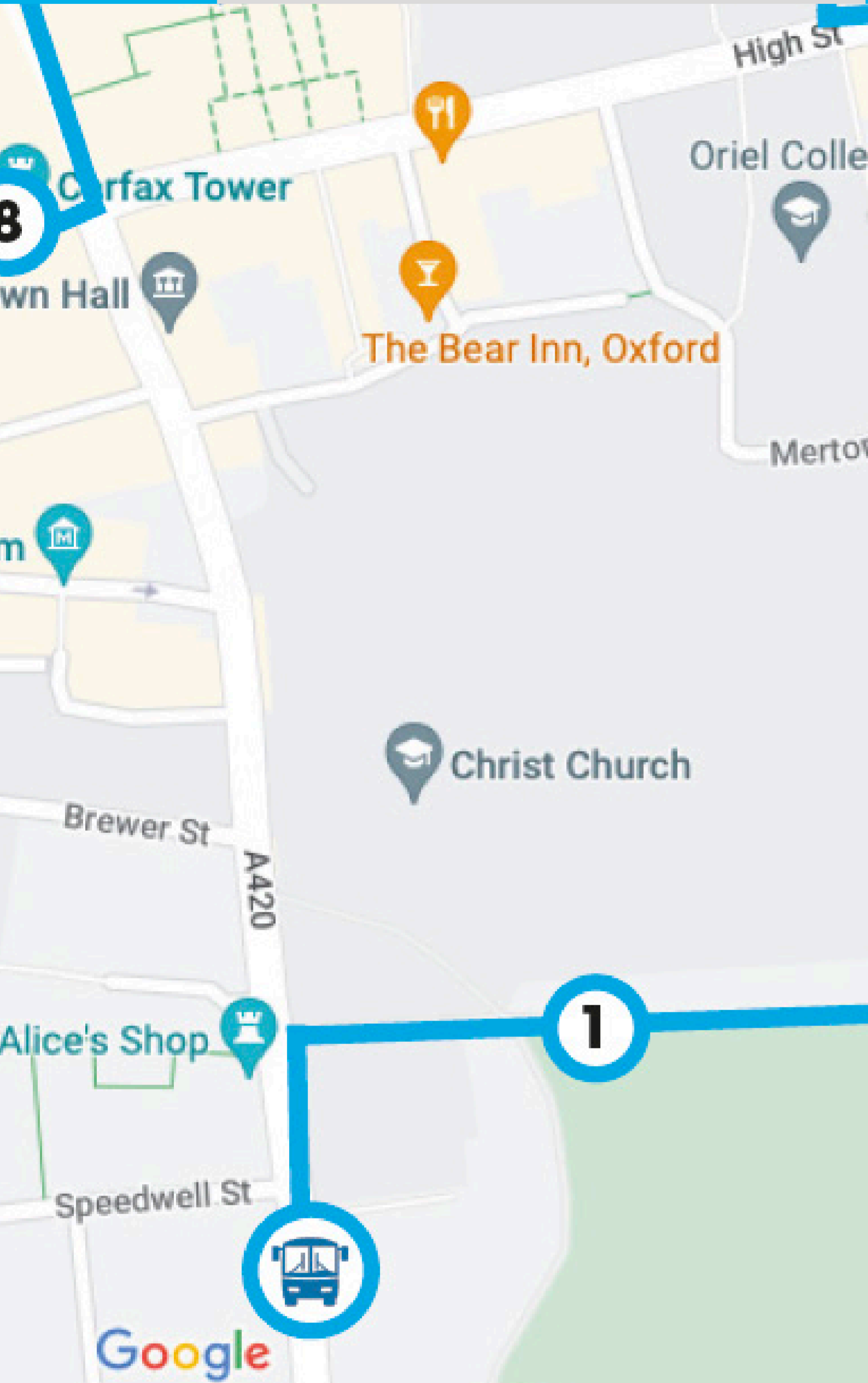
COACH DROP OFF / PICK UP



TOILET POINT

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CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE



DIRECTIONS

The drop off point is on St Aldate's St. Walk up the street and turn right through the black metal gates into Christ Church Meadow. Once you have walked through the flower garden you will come to a large open area.

Christ Church College is the building on your left

ENTRANCES INFO?

Tickets

If your trip includes entry to Christ Church college, you will be informed by your AM. In your pack there will be tickets or vouchers that you will need to present at the ticket office.

TAKE NOTE:

Set a meeting with your driver, most likely back at St. Aldate's Rd. Outline the day plan and pick up point and time.

Note the toilet point for those that need!



QUIZ QUESTIONS



2. Lewis Carrol studied here, what famous children's novel did he write?

Alice in Wonderland

3. The College has a large clock tower, but what is it called?

a. Bill

b. Harry

c. Tom (after its bell 'Great Tom')

1. The same number of British Prime Ministers studied here as all the other Oxford Colleges combined, how many?

CLUE: It's an unlucky number...

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FAST FACTS

WHEN?

Founded in 1546 by Henry VIII.

WHAT?

One of the largest Oxford Colleges, it contains the cathedral church of Oxford

POINTS OF INTEREST

Other famous alumni include King Edward

VII of England, King William II of the Netherlands, 17 Archbishops, Philosopher John

Locke and author W.H. Auden.
King Charles I held parliament in the Dining



DIRECTIONS

Continue along Christ Church Meadow, until just past Christchurch College, then turn left down the path there. At the end of this path go through the kissing gate (black metal gate).

One activity leader should go through first to make sure the group doesn't block the path.

Continue to the end of the lane and turn right onto Merton St. Continue along Merton St. until you reach Merton College.

ENTRANCES INFO?

Tickets
N/A

TAKE NOTE:

Be aware of other groups/ visitors when walking with the group, try not to spread out too much and keep together!



QUIZ QUESTIONS



1. Two famous authors are linked to Merton, who are they?

Harder CLUE: one wrote fantasy and the other poetry...

Easier CLUE: one wrote *The Lords of the Rings*, the other wrote *The Wasteland*...

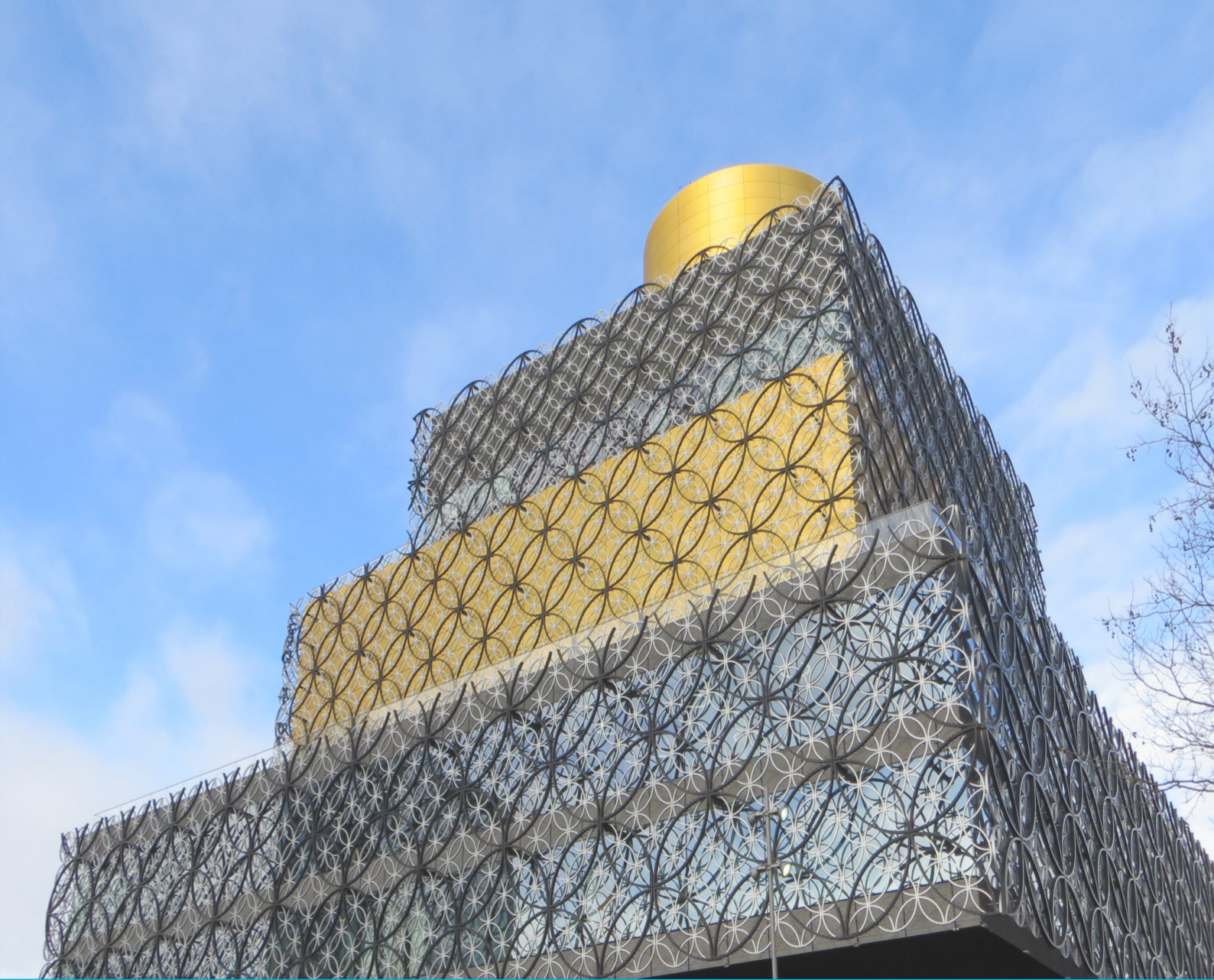
J.R.R. Tolkien and T.S. Elliot

2. How many fellows were there when the college was founded?

a. 20 b. 50 c. 70

3. Another famous alumnus of the college

is Thomas Bodley, why is he important?



FAST FACTS

WHEN?

Founded in 1264 by Walter de Merton

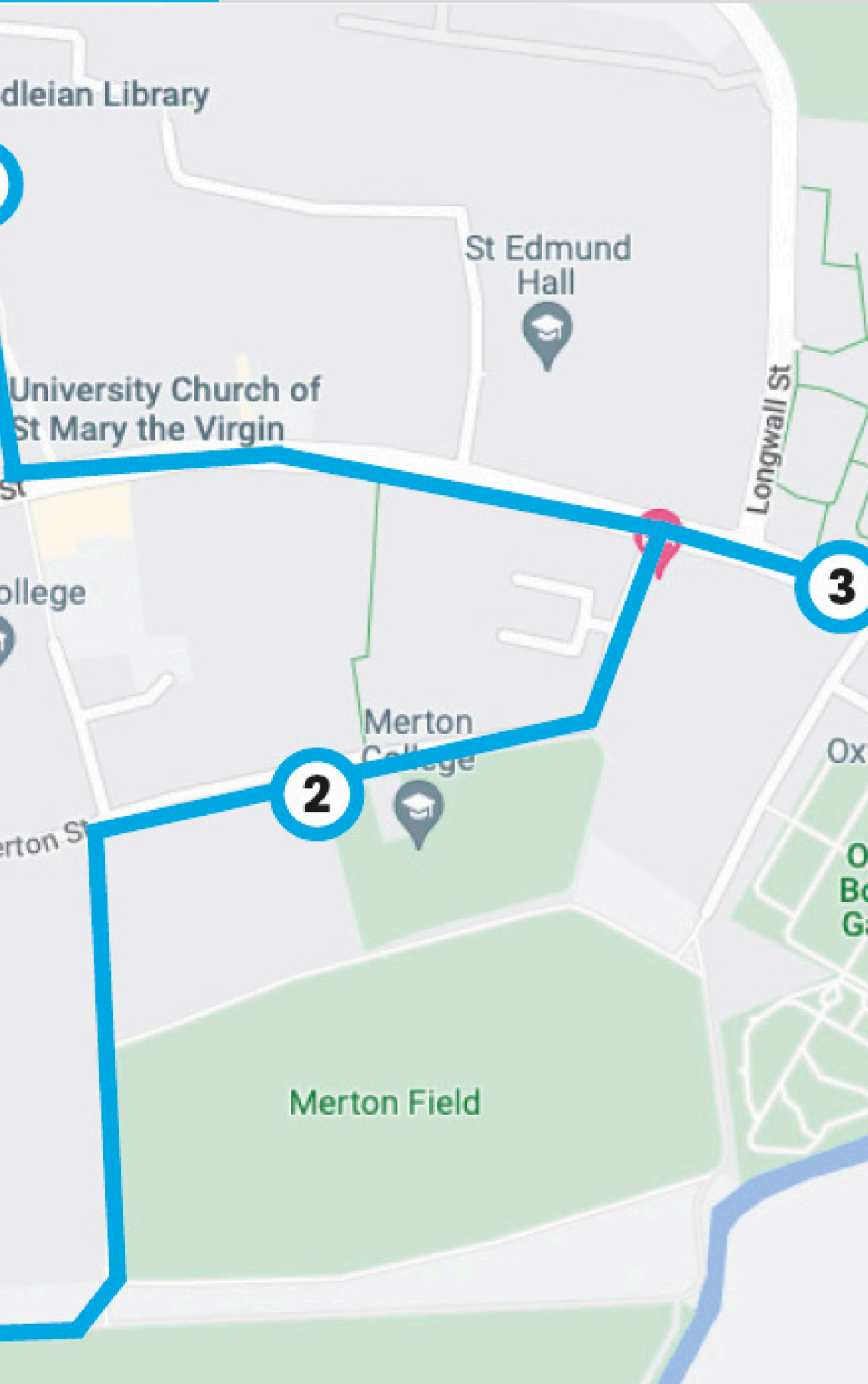
WHAT?

A college with links to many famous writers.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Other Famous Alumni include Roger Bannister (runner of the first sub-4 minute mile); Naruhito, Crown Prince of Japan and Princess Akiko Mikasa, member of the Japanese Imperial Family.

It claims to be the oldest Oxford College,



DIRECTIONS

Next, follow Merton St. until the end (it will curve to the left 3/4 of the way along) and turn right onto the High St. Cross to the left side at the pedestrian crossing and continue down the High St to reach Magdalen College.

ENTRANCES INFO?

Tickets

If your trip includes entry to Magdalen college, you will be informed by your AM. In your pack there will be tickets or vouchers that you will need to present at the ticket office.

TAKE NOTE:

This is a busy main road, make sure when walking that the students stick to the path



QUIZ QUESTIONS



1. The college is famous for its choir, what time do the choir's members start singing in the morning?

7:30 am

2. In the 1960s and 70s the college tried offering a new service to its members, can you guess what it was?

CLUE: now we send emails instead...

The college tried selling its own stamps for letters to be delivered by the college porters



FAST FACTS

WHEN?

Founded in 1458 by William of Waynflete,
Bishop of Winchester

WHAT?

One of the richest Oxford colleges, it has around 180.8 million pounds worth of assets.

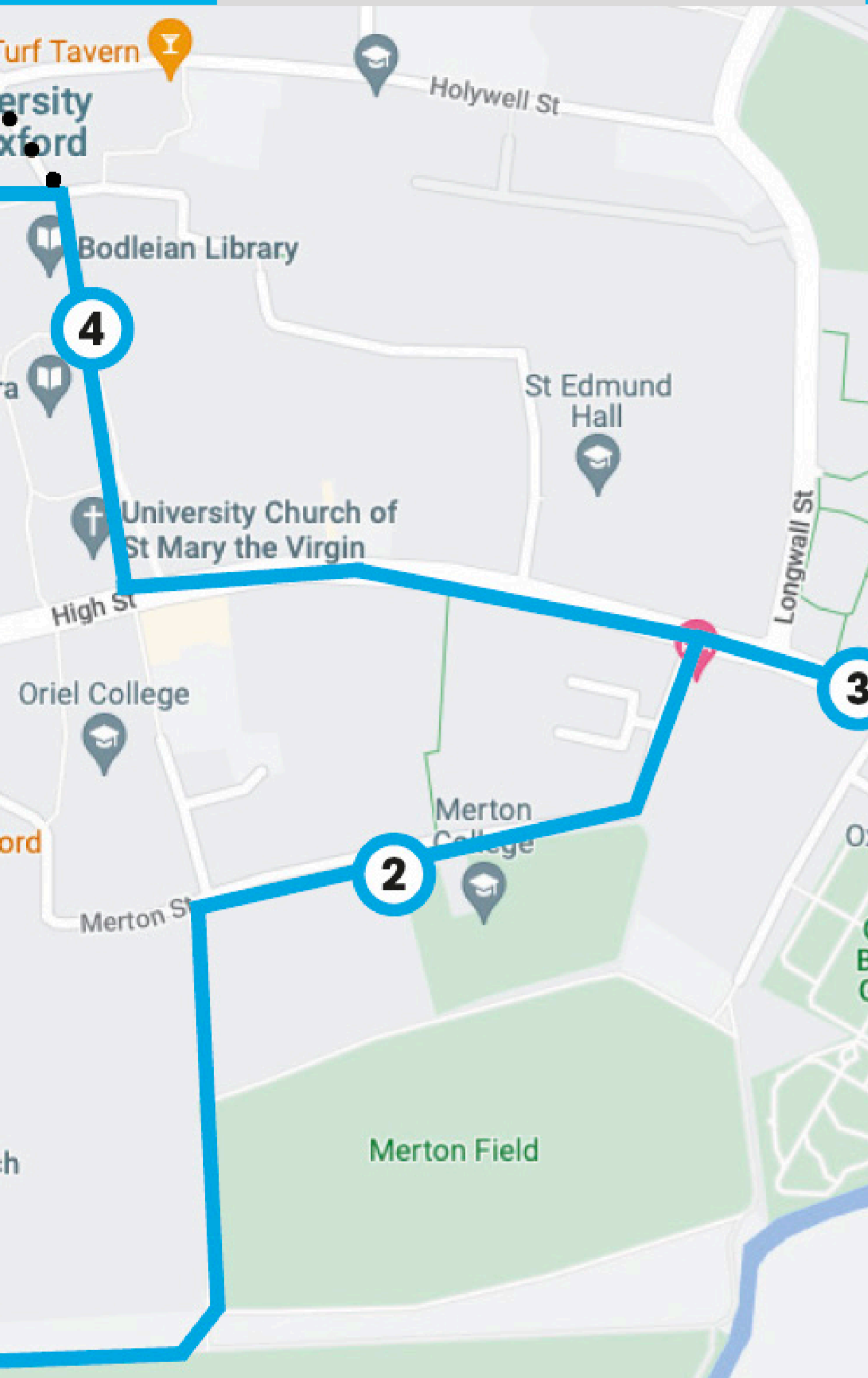
POINTS OF INTEREST

The choir sing from the top of the college's tower at 6 am every May Day (1st of May).

Famous Alumni include King Edward VIII, C.S. Lewis, and Oscar Wilde.

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BODLEIAN LIBRARY & RADCLIFFE CAMERA



DIRECTIONS

Walk back along the High St. towards the town centre. Then take a right onto Catte St. (it is the 3rd right, a pedestrianised lane with a tree next to it)

Continue up this small lane and you will find the Radcliffe Camera (4b): the large round building in the middle, and...

The Bodleian Library (4a): The large stone building at the far end of the square.

ENTRANCES INFO?

Tickets

N/A

TAKE NOTE:

This is a great spot for a group photo, especially with the Dusemond flag!



QUIZ QUESTIONS



1. How many books does the library own?

a. 1 million b. 7 million c. 13 million

2. Before being allowed inside, it is traditional to swear an oath, what do you have to say you will not do inside?

Write on or damage any books,

3. The library owns some very special books, one of them is known as the First Folio, who is the author of this work?

CLUE: he is a famous English playwright

William Shakespeare



FAST FACTS

BODLEIAN LIBRARY

WHEN? It first opened in 1602.

WHAT? One of the oldest libraries in Europe, one of six UK libraries which receives a copy of every book published in the UK

RADCLIFFE CAMERA

WHEN? It was built between 1737-1749

WHAT? Originally the Radcliffe Science Library, now it is an extension of the Bodleian Library.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Radcliffe Camera and Bodleian Library are connected by a two-storey underground tunnel finished in 1912.

In the Victorian era the tunnels underneath the library used to contain a prison cell used by the university's police.

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SHELDONIAN THEATRE



DIRECTIONS

After this continue up the right side of the Bodleian. Just beyond the library building will be a black metal gate on the left, go through it*: the Sheldonian Theatre (5) is the large circular building in front of you.

*If this gate is closed, or anyone in your group is unable to easily use the stairs, then continue straight until you reach a crossroads and turn left onto Broad St (black dotted line). The Sheldonian will be on your left, behind the black metal gates with large stone head sculptures on top.

ENTRANCES INFO?

Tickets

N/A

TAKE NOTE:



QUIZ QUESTIONS



1. The theatre has been used for music concerts, lectures and university ceremonies since it was built in 1664, when was the first play shown here? **2015 - the Christ Church Dramatic society put on the Crucible**

2. At first the theatre was built without an important part, what was this?

A roof - they wanted to copy the Roman style of theatre with no roof

3. The theatre was built to replace an earlier building which was considered unsuitable to the students' noisy partying at graduation and degree ceremonies, what was this first building?

A church! (St Mary-the-Virgin-on-High)



FAST FACTS

WHEN?

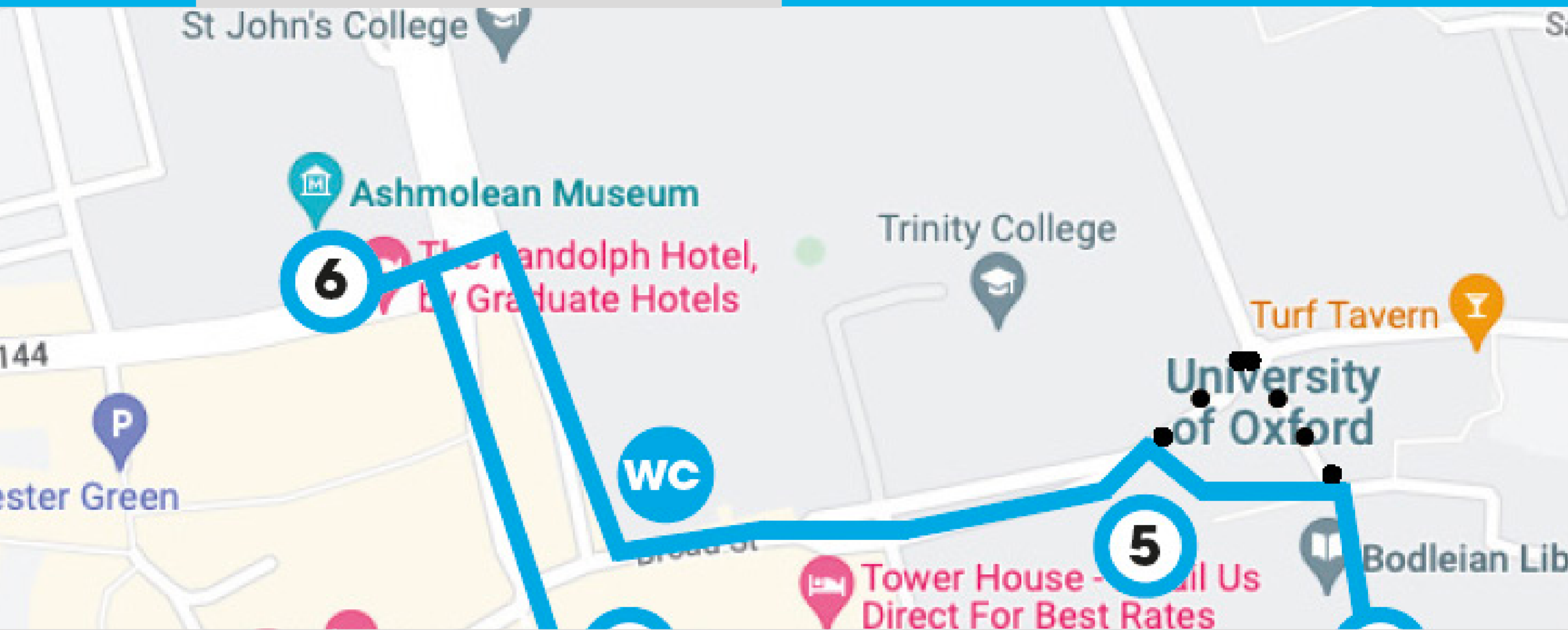
Built in 1664 following designs by Sir Christopher Wren, his first major construction

WHAT?

The official ceremonial hall of the University of Oxford. It is named after Gilbert Sheldon, who was Chancellor of the University when the theatre was built.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Two of the ceremonies which happen here are: matriculation - the official ceremony of acceptance for all Oxford students and Congregation - the university's parliament.



DIRECTIONS

Continue along Broad St. Cross onto the right side before the end. Next turn right onto Magdalen St East. At the end of the street, turn left and cross the road to reach the Ashmolean Museum

ENTRANCES INFO?

Tickets

N/A

TAKE NOTE:

Don't block the entrance to the museum, try keep to the side where you are not in the way but can still see the front!



QUIZ QUESTIONS



1. The museum has works from many famous artists, can you name some?

Michelangelo, Raphael, Leonardo da Vinci, Picasso, Rubens, Cézanne

2. One of the most famous items in the museum is the Messiah Stradivarius, what is it? **CLUE: a musical instrument**

A violin

3. The museum owns the cloak of Chief Powhatan, a native American chief who died in 1618, who was his daughter?

CLUE: there is a Disney film about her

Pochahontas



FAST FACTS

WHEN?

Opened in 1683 to display the collection of Elias Ashmole. The current building was made between 1841 and 1845.

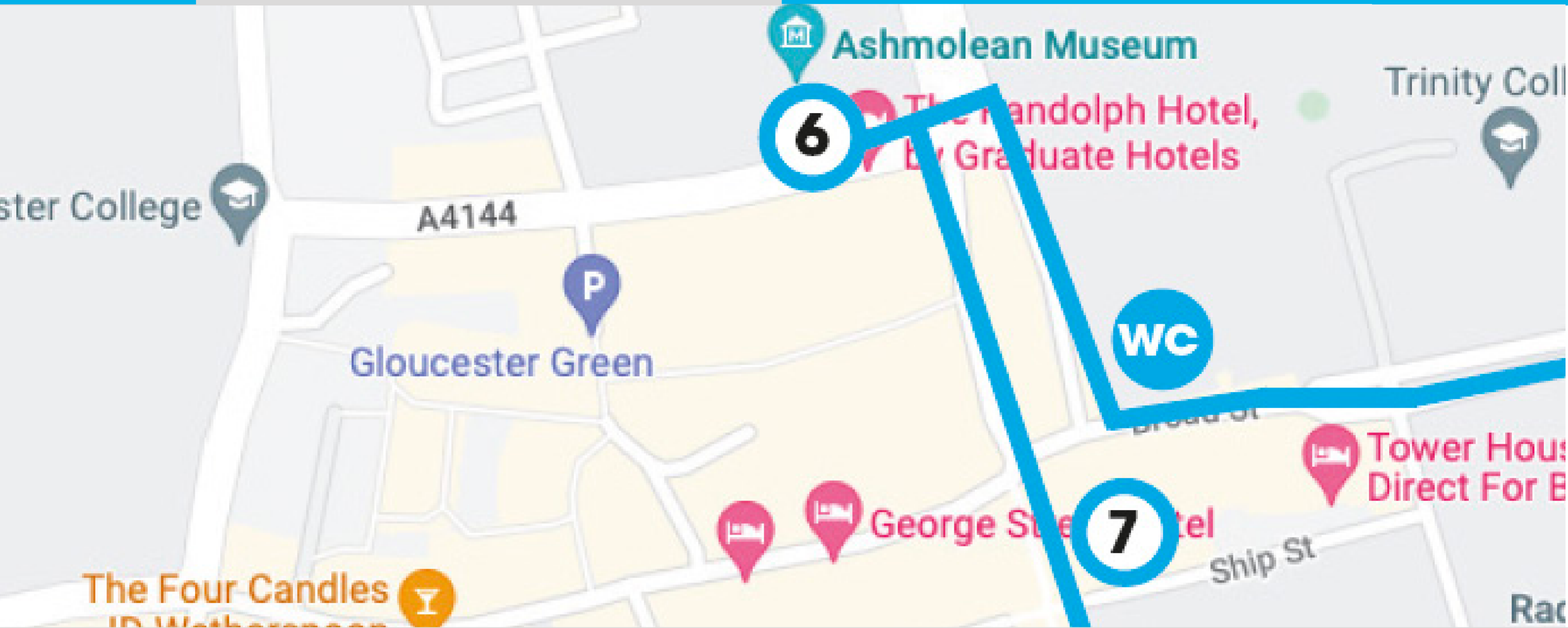
WHAT?

The first museum in the world, with a collection of amazing artefacts

POINTS OF INTEREST

The museum is still collecting artefacts: in 2017 they got a Viking hoard of 200 coins found in Oxfordshire

They also have the lantern Guy Fawkes' used in the Gunpowder plot. At midnight on the 4th November 1605 Guy Fawkes' was caught under the houses of parliament with 36 barrels of gunpowder, and a lantern.



DIRECTIONS

Next exit **Beaumont street** the way you came and turn right, heading towards the town centre. Continue straight until you reach **St Michael at the North Gate Church**.

ENTRANCES INFO?

Tickets

N/A

TAKE NOTE:

N/A



QUIZ QUESTIONS



1. In 1086 the church appears in the Domesday Book (a medieval tax record), the church owned 2 houses back then, how much were they worth?

52 pence



FAST FACTS

WHEN?

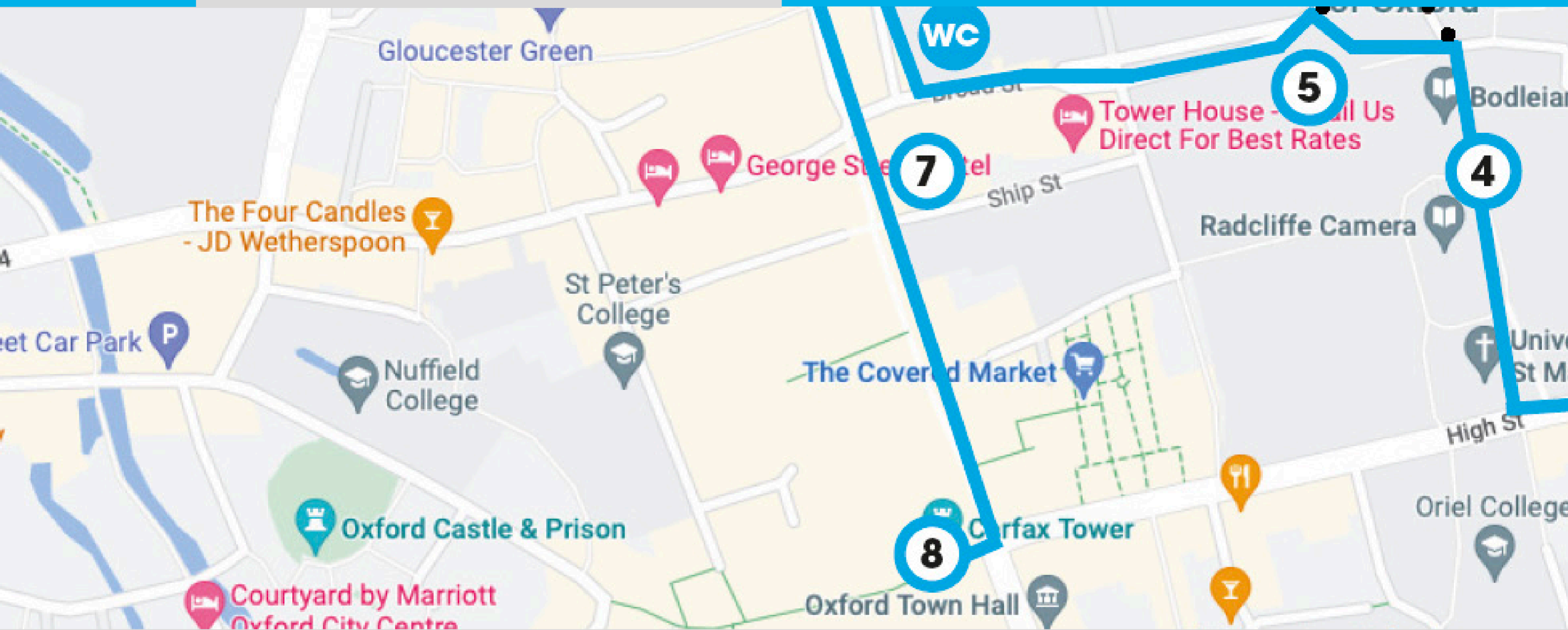
The tower was completed in 1040

WHAT?

Oxford's oldest building – an Anglo-Saxon church

POINTS OF INTEREST

Its name comes from the fact that the North Gate of the city walls used to be nearby.



DIRECTIONS

Continue straight until you reach the end of the pedestrianised zone, Carfax Tower (8) will be on your right.

ENTRANCES INFO?

TAKE NOTE:

After this point, set a meeting point and time before sending the students off for free time, Westgate shopping centre has lots of different shops and toilet facilities.

(Avoid immediately outside Carfax tower: all the summer schools use it as a meeting point and it gets very busy)



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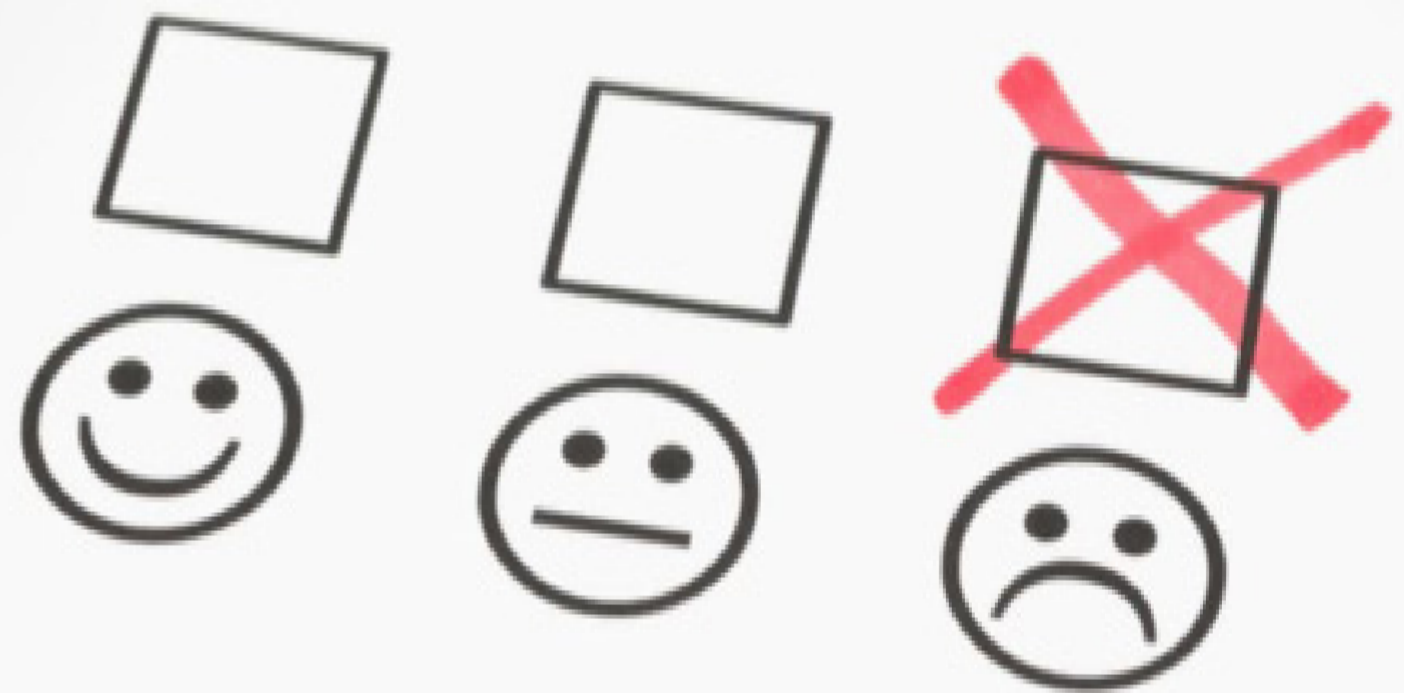


1. How tall is the tower?

23m/ 74 feet

2. In 1355 a two-day riot started in the Swindlestock Tavern (now the Santander) called the St Scholastica day riot. How did it start?

- a. Two students complained about the quality of their drinks
- b. Two students got sick from the food there
- c. Two students tried to run away without paying



FAST FACTS

WHEN?

Built in the 12th century, originally as part of a church

WHAT?

A large tower at the very centre of Oxford, its name come from the French carrefour meaning crossroads

POINTS OF INTEREST

The rest of the church was demolished in 1896 to make room for more traffic. There are 99 steps to reach the top of the tower.