



700riel

YEARS OF PEOPLE & PLACE

ORIEL ALUMNI BALL

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2026



Welcome Drink

**The Grange Oriel 700
Sparkling**

English Sparkling Wine

Produced by Zam Baring (1982)

Oriel 700 Ale

**Specially brewed by Oriel staff to
celebrate the 700th Anniversary**

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Provost's Welcome

Welcome, Orielenses and guests.

Oriel College was founded by King Edward II in 1326. I am delighted to mark the 700th anniversary of this royal foundation with you tonight, only a few weeks after HM King Charles III made an official visit to College.

Throughout this year I have met alumni from across the globe and from different generations who all share the same deep affection for our College. I am reminded often that Oriel is a vanishingly rare institution which has an impact far beyond the few years that students spend here.

Orielenses have always ensured that our college has thrived and excelled. Thank you for your support, enthusiasm, and friendship.

Floreat Oriel!

Lord Mendoza CBE

Provost and Orielensis (1978)

Key Timings

- 18:00** **Doors Open**
Welcome Drinks
- 20:00** **Last Entry**
- 21:30** **700th Anniversary Toast**
The Provost
Second Quad
- 23:45** **Headliner - The Talent**
Second Quad
- 01:00** **Silent Disco**
Second Quad
- 02:00** **Carriages**

Site Map

- 1 First Quad**
Live Music, Fairground Stalls, Bar, Food Vendors
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Live Music, Silent Disco, Bar
- 3 Third Quad**
Gold Dining, Chill-out Zone, Coffee, Water Station
- 4 The Senior Common Room**
Casino, Photobooth
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- 6 The Bar**
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Coat-Check



Disabled WC



Coffee



Food Vendor



WC



Water



Bar

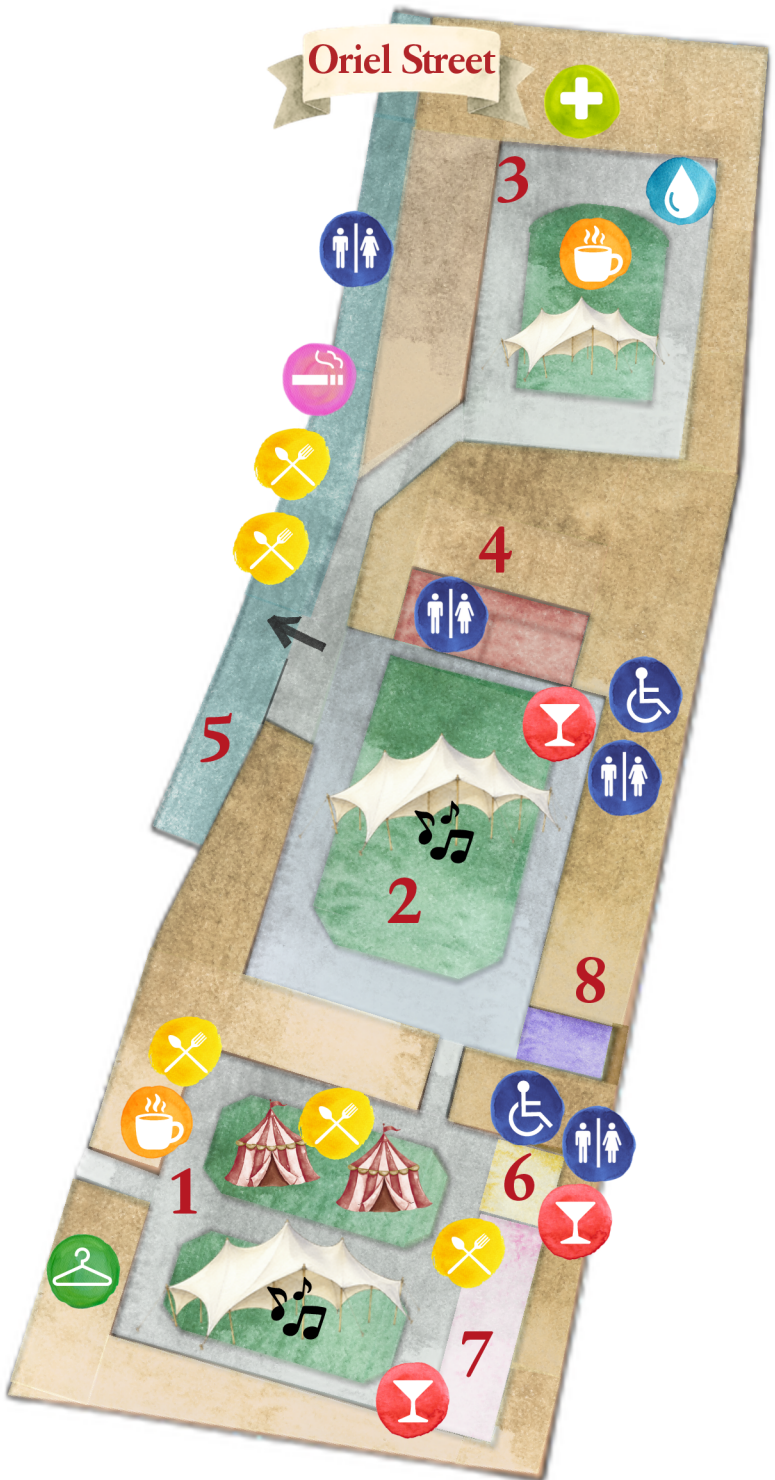


Smoking Area



First Aid

Oriel Street



Schedule

First Quad

18:00		Welcome Drink	Anneka Vetta	
19:00			The William Arthur Trio	
20:00			Taya Nicole Mae Quartet	
21:00	College Bar Open		Taya Nicole Mae Quartet	FunFair Stalls, Candyfloss & Popcorn
22:00				
23:00			Rufus Quickenden	
00:00				
01:00				

Second Quad

Third Quad

DJ Rory C

The OUJO Salsa Project

Roaming Mentalist

Casino

SCR

The Talent

Silent Disco

Gold Ticket Holder Dining

Chillout Zone

First Quad

Music

18:00 Anneka Vetta

Opera sung by Oriensis Anneka Vetta (2023),
accompanied by Arthur Barton

19:15 The William Arthur Trio

The Bear's resident Jazz trio, bringing smooth
grooves and lively improvisation

20:30 The Taya Nicole Mae Quartet

and

21:45

An ensemble of emerging jazz artists
performing timeless classics and contemporary
favourites

23:00 Rufus Quickenden

Sandy's resident pianist, performing a mix of
pop, jazz and classical

Entertainment

Funfair Stalls

Prizes to be won!

Edwin - Mentalist and Magician

Second Quad

Music

18:00 **DJ Rory C**

20:00 **The OUJO Salsa Project**
Oxford's premier Big Band bringing latin funk

21:30 **The 700th Anniversary Toast**
A welcome from the Provost

21:45 **The Greasers**
Performing as a band for the first time since 1985, the Oriel supergroup is returning. Featuring Andy Paterson (1977), Rick Stevenson (1979) and Michael Hoffman (1979)

22:30 **The Dirty Big Canal Band**
Join us for a Ceildh and dance the night away!

23:45 **The Talent**
Performing hits from every decade

01:00 **Silent Disco**

Food Vendors

First Quad

Crepes O Mania

V, Ve and gf options

The Pizza Boyz

V and Ve options

Oriel Street

Oxford Gyoza

Halal, V, Ve and gf options

Legends Food Gyros

V and Ve options

Vaults & Gardens

V and Ve options

Drinks

Bars

Quad Bars

Beers, Wines, Spirits, and Soft Drinks

Cocktails: Glennies and Woo-Woo

The College Bar

Beers, Wines, Spirits, Soft Drinks and Cocktails

Oriel 700 Ale complimentary until 19:30

Coffee

Complimentary

First Quad
Crepes O Mania

Third Quad
from 22:00

General Information

Accessibility

While every effort has been made to ensure that the Ball is as accessible as possible, some parts of the College may not be level. If you require assistance or an alternative route please ask a staff member or security personnel.

Security

Security and staff will be clearly identified by their uniforms and are positioned throughout the Ball to assist.

Photography and Film

Please note that photographs and video footage will be taken throughout the Ball. Oriel College may make use of these images for publicity and marketing purposes. If you do not consent to having your image taken, please make the photographers aware.

First Aid and Welfare

Paramedics and First Aid provision can be found in the in Third Quad. If you require urgent assistance and cannot make your way to Third Quad, please let a member of staff or the porters in the Lodge know.

Strobe Lighting

There may be strobe lighting in all performance spaces.

Lost Property

Lost property can be found in the Porter's Lodge.

Re-Entry Policy

We are unable to accommodate re-entry to the Ball.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Lord Mendoza C.B.E.,
Provost,
Oriel College

Please convey my warmest thanks to the Provost, Fellows, staff and students at Oriel College for their loyal greetings, sent on the occasion of their 700th Anniversary which is being celebrated today.

As Oriel's Visitor, I much appreciate your message of loyal greetings on behalf of the College, which is Oxford's oldest Royal foundation. I was truly touched to be reminded that my beloved mother, Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, was Oriel's longest serving Visitor and met students and fellows on several occasions prior to and during her reign. In return, I send my warmest good wishes to all those who are present for this memorable occasion.

CHARLES R

21st January, 2026



Oriel College