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SUMMER SCHOOL 2016 **Exeter College, Oxford**

Weekend Courses 19th - 21st August
Five-Day Courses 21st -26th August

Dear Delegate,

Thank you for your Summer School booking. In this letter you will find useful information regarding the Summer School, including travel to Oxford and your stay at Exeter College.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the Summer School and hope you will thoroughly enjoy the courses.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me.

Best wishes,

Lindsay Gladstone

Summer School Registrar
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ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

The entrance to Exeter College is on Turl Street, as indicated on the accompanying map of Oxford. When you arrive at the front gate, you should collect your room key from the Porters' Lodge and you will be directed to the Summer School Registration Desk in the Junior Common Room in order to check in and collect your Summer School folder.

We will be open for registration in the Junior Common Room from **2pm on Friday 19th August** and **2pm on Sunday 21st August**.

Late Arrival

If you know that you will be arriving later than the start time for your course, please let us know in advance. For security purposes, **the entrance to the college is locked at 10pm to anyone without a key**, so we will need to know your estimated time of arrival. An out-of-hours mobile contact number is given below if you are travelling late and need to contact us during your journey.

Additional Accommodation

If you need accommodation on the night/s prior to the commencement of your course or after it has finished, we can certainly arrange this if you let us know in advance. Please contact Lindsay Gladstone at summerschool@astrology.org.uk.

COURSE TIMINGS

The Weekend courses will begin with a welcome and introduction session at 5pm on Friday 19th August and end at 1pm on Sunday 21st August (with lunch at 1pm for those who have booked for it).

The Five Day courses will begin with a welcome and introduction session at 5pm on Sunday 21st August and at 1pm on Friday 26th August (with lunch at 1pm for those who have booked it).

You will receive a folder of useful information at the Faculty Registration Desk, which includes the full programme details for your course.

YOUR STAY AT EXETER COLLEGE

General

The postal address is Exeter College, Turl Street, Oxford, OX1 3DP. The entrance and Porters Lodge are open from 7am till 10pm (outside of these times you can exit and enter the college using your room key).

Soap, towels and bed linen are all provided by the college, and tea & coffee making facilities are provided in every bedroom.

Useful Telephone Numbers

The main switchboard number for Exeter College is **01865 279600**. Faculty staff will be travelling to Oxford on Thursday 18th August and will be at Exeter from about 4pm onwards. If you need to contact us urgently and cannot get through on the main switchboard number, please ring **07763 887188** and the Summer School Registrar will be available to take your call.

Post

If you need to receive mail whilst you are at Exeter, you can collect letters and parcels from the Porters Lodge. Please make sure all mail is addressed to you c/o The Faculty of Astrological Studies Summer School.

Internet

There is wifi access throughout the college, including bedrooms and communal areas. You will need a personal access code to use this facility and a member of the Faculty team will be able to provide you with one either when you arrive or during your stay. Please ask for an access code at the Faculty Registration Desk in the Junior Common Room.

There is also an internet café close to the college on the High Street – Links Com, 33 High Street, OX1 4AN – and various wifi hotspots around the city (see

<http://www.oxfordcityguide.com/ee2/index.php?/SeeDo/WiFi>

Special Dietary Requirements & Pre-booked meals

The college is very happy to cater for vegetarian diets **if notified to us in advance**. **PLEASE NOTE: NO AMENDMENTS CAN BE MADE TO YOUR PRE-BOOKED MEAL OPTIONS AFTER JULY 31st.**

Non-Residential Delegates

If you are a non-residential delegate and would like to find accommodation in Oxford, you may find the following websites useful:

www.visitoxfordandoxfordshire.com

www.oxfordcity.co.uk/oxford/home_accommodation.html

www.stayoxford.co.uk/

www.booking.com

Birth Charts and Ephemeris

You are advised to bring with you a copy of your own birth chart, and of any others you wish to refer to during the course.

You may also like to bring an ephemeris with you, or laptop/tablet with astrological software, if you want to be able to check transits etc.

Important: If you have booked for Module 3 or Module 9, you will need to send your birth data (place, date and accurate time of birth) to the Summer School Programme Co-ordinator at carole.taylor@astrology.org.uk (or directly to the course tutors if you are in touch with them) **at least two weeks before the course begins**. If you do not know your exact time of birth (to within 10 minutes or so), please indicate this.

Astrological Bookshop & Software

John Etherington of Midheaven Bookshop (www.midheavenbooks.com) will be running his bookstall as usual this year, offering a wide selection of astrological books, and this will be set up to commence from Saturday 22nd August.

If there are any specific books you would like to order now and have waiting for you at Oxford, John can be contacted on midheaven@compuserve.com or on 020 7272 1466 (+44 20 7272 1466 from outside the UK). He will also be bringing Solar Fire astrological software for demonstration. The bookstall will be located in the Junior Common Room next to the Faculty registration area.

Additional Activities

For the five-day courses, Wednesday 24th August is a free afternoon for relaxing or exploring Oxford, although there is a workshop scheduled on both Sunday and on Wednesday afternoon if you wish to attend either or both of these. There is an additional charge for the workshops – you can either book in advance or on the day. There will also be a free meditation session with Melanie Reinhart on Wednesday afternoon.

There will be a Gala Dinner on Thursday evening for which you may like to bring something special to wear.

TRAVEL TO OXFORD

Cars & Parking

We would generally advise you not to bring your car to Oxford due to the fact that many of the city centre streets are now closed to traffic and parking is very difficult. There are no parking facilities at the college itself and long-term secure parking facilities in Oxford are limited. Exeter is in the centre of the city, however, and is highly accessible – there is a taxi service from the mainline railway station, as well as buses from the train station to Gloucester Green bus station in the centre of the city, a short walk from the college. In addition, coaches from London, Gatwick and Heathrow airports all stop on the High Street quite close to the college (see below under ‘Coaches’).

If you do bring your car, it is possible to park briefly in front of the college on Turl Street to unload luggage before driving off to find a parking space. Access to Turl Street is via Broad Street only.

Trains

The railway station is just off Botley Road on the west side of the city, about 15 minutes walk from Exeter (or 5 minutes by bus to the city centre, then a walk of 5 minutes to Exeter; or 5-10 minutes by taxi direct from the station to the college). Trains run to and from London Paddington and Oxford regularly every day, with a typical journey time of approximately one hour. Direct trains also run regularly between Oxford and Reading, Banbury, Stratford-upon-Avon, Worcester, Birmingham New Street and Southampton, with less frequent services from Brighton, Liverpool, Manchester and Scotland.

The UK train enquiries telephone number is 08457 484950 for information about train services or you can check the National Rail Enquiries website www.nationalrail.co.uk. A full taxi and bus service is available as you exit the station, with frequent buses to the city centre.

Coaches

The nearest stop to Exeter College for all the coach services from London, Gatwick, Heathrow, Luton Airport and Stansted Airport listed below is on the High Street by Queens Lane and the Examination Schools (**ask the driver for the ‘Queens Lane’ stop**) and all coaches will stop here before finally terminating at the central Bus Station at Gloucester Green in the city centre.

From London – There are two regular coach services to and from London, both of which terminate at Gloucester Green Bus Station in the centre of Oxford. The journey takes about 1 hour 40 minutes from London.

The first is the Oxford Espress (X90) operated by the Oxford Bus Company, which runs at 15-20 minute intervals from Victoria Coach Station and again at 15-20 minute intervals from Oxford back to London (on both Fridays and Sundays). The other is the Oxford Tube service, which runs approximately every 15-20 minutes from Buckingham Palace Road near Victoria Station.

From Gatwick Airport – Either take the Oxford Bus Company's The Airline Bus (X80) which leaves the North and South terminals every hour during the day, or take the train from Gatwick to Reading (which leaves every hour and from where there are frequent trains to Oxford). Both bus and train journeys take between 2 and 2½ hours.

From Heathrow Airport – take the Oxford Bus Company's The Airline Bus. Buses leave Terminal 5 and the Central Bus Station (serving Terminals 1-4) every 30 minutes during the day. The journey takes approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.

*Usually, there is no need to book a coach seat in advance, you can simply board the bus and pay the driver. However, **it is advisable to check the journey details with the relevant company before you travel**, plus it is possible to buy advance tickets online.*

From Luton Airport

Catch the National Express Service 737 to Oxford, which runs 8 times a day with an approximate journey time of 1 hour 50 minutes. Coaches leave from Bay 4, 5 or 6 at the front of the terminal building and tickets are available at the nearby Onward Travel Centre. Tickets can also be booked online in advance at:

www.london-luton.co.uk/en/content/2/123/by-bus---coach.html

From Stansted Airport

Catch the National Express Service 737 to Oxford, which runs approximately every 2 hours. The journey takes a minimum of 3 hours and tickets can be purchased at the ticket office in the Arrivals area of the airport, at the coach station or when you board the coach.

For further information and timetables:

Oxford Bus Company – Tel: 01865 785410 or www.oxfordbus.co.uk

Oxford Tube – Tel: 01865 772250 or www.oxfordtube.com

National Express – Tel: 08717 818178 or www.nationalexpress.com

Travel from Luton Airport:

www.london-luton.co.uk/en/content/2/123/by-bus---coach.html

Travel from Stansted Airport:

www.stanstedairport.com/transport-and-directions/buses-and-coaches

Please Note: Delegates are strongly encouraged to double check travel arrangements shortly before travelling in case services change at short notice.