

MOVEMENT, ADAPTATION, and RESILIENCE

archaeological science and the African past

25 February 2026
University of Oxford
MTB Hall, St Hughs College

10:00am: Arrival

10:20am: Welcome and Purpose of Workshop
Professor Shadreck Chirikure

10:30–11:30am: Recap of the State of the Art
Where are we? Issues, questions and key insights?
Professor Chapurukha Kusimba

11:30am–12:30pm: Movements I: People, Ideas, Materials, Plants and Animals
Mobility, isotopes, technology and people, aDNA and migration models from eastern and southern Africa, hunter-gatherer farmer interactions, high resolution chronologies.
Chair: Professor Shadreck Chirikure and Professor Paul Lane

12:30-1:30pm: Lunch
1:30-2:30pm: Hinterland and Coastal Entanglements
Chair: Dr. Abigail Moffett, Dr. Scott Dunleavy and Muchen Zhou

2:30-3:30pm: Resilience
Paleoenvironments, resilience and usable pasts, contributions of archaeological science
Chair: Dr. Freda Nkirote, Dr. Matt Davies, and Dr. Rachel King

3:30-3:45pm: Tea

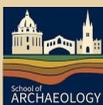
3:45-4:30pm: Integrating It All and Way Forward
Chair: Professor Chapurukha Kusimba, Professor Shadreck Chirikure, Professor Paul Lane, Professor Peter Mitchell

4:30 pm Closing Remarks:
Professor Peter Mitchell

Link to the workshop:

[Movement, Adaptation, and Resilience in African Prehistory | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Workshop Programme



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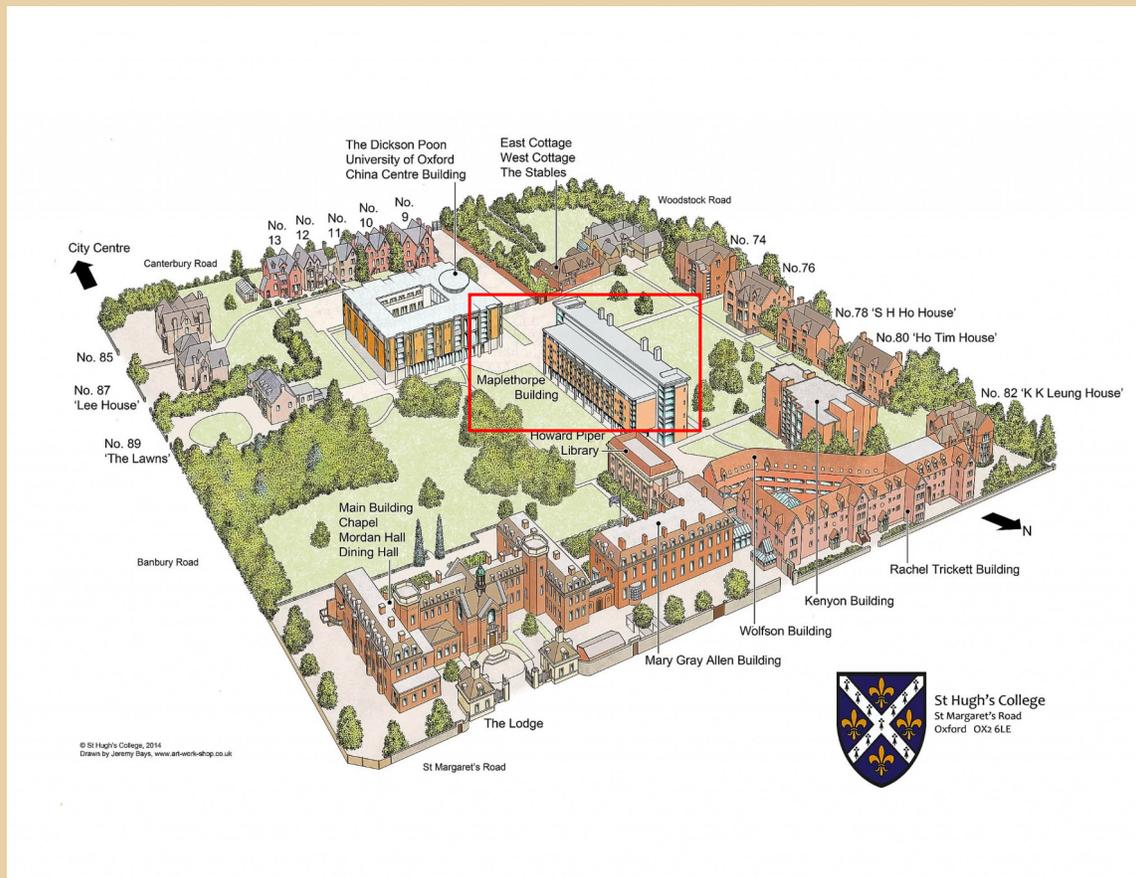
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Location:

MTB Hall, Maplethorpe Building
St Hughs College, Oxford

From Oxford Railway Station to St Hugh's College

🚆 14 | 300 | S3 | S1 (10–20 mins)

🚶 30 mins walk



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