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Event: King of the Castle

Date/s: Saturday 22nd July – Friday 1 September 2017

Place: *Oxford Castle Unlocked*, 44-46 Oxford Castle, Oxford, OX1 1AY

Price: **Adult: £10.95, Child (5-15): £7.75, Concession: £9.25, Family: £35**

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Summary:

There is medieval fun at Oxford Castle Unlocked this summer, when the King Arthur legends will be brought to life with a series of activities for all the family.

Throughout the school holidays, families will be challenged to a quest around the castle as they complete their guided tour, seeking clues to help them solve a 'King of the Castle' themed trail. Arts and crafts in the prison wing will then keep the children entertained as parents enjoy a chance to absorb the fascinating history contained in the exhibition area, with compelling stories of castle characters and events from its 1000 year timespan.

Weekends from Saturday 22 July to Monday 29 August will see the castleyard commandeered by knights who will invite children to enrol in their Knight School and learn the techniques and tricks required to protect the castle from its foes! Two 30 minute sessions of Knight School will run each day, at 11.30am and 2.30pm, with pre-booking recommended.

Becky Attrill, Guest Experience Manager at Oxford Castle Unlocked, commented: “Oxford Castle is the site where monk and scholar Geoffrey of Monmouth wrote the first known version of the Legends of King Arthur. This gifted us with the perfect theme for our summer holiday event, creating entertaining and educational activities for the whole family.”

Oxford Castle Unlocked is nestled in the heart of Oxford city centre. Visitors can explore the historic buildings on a 50 minute guided tour and discover fascinating stories from a character tour guide including the story of an Empress’ escape, the location where the famous tales of King Arthur were penned, the preserved Georgian prison wing which housed a variety of intriguing and questionable characters, and the ancient man-made mound, offering breath-taking views over Oxford’s dreaming spires.

Oxford Castle Unlocked is open daily from 10.00am to 5.30pm (last tour 4.20pm). For further information or to book online, visit www.oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk .

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For further media information, images or to arrange a visit to *Oxford Castle Unlocked* please contact: Ellie Morgan on 07713 307 925 or email emorgan@oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk

NOTES TO EDITORS:

About Oxford Castle Unlocked:

Oxford Castle Unlocked is open daily from 10.00am to 5.30pm (last tour 4.20pm). We are closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Admission prices from 01 February 2017: Adults £10.95, Children £7.75, Concessions £9.25, Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £35.00.

Oxford Castle Unlocked is a 1000 year old castle which also served as a prison for over 800 years. The visitor attraction opened on 2 June 2006 and gives visitors the opportunity to learn about the real people who lived and died throughout the site’s turbulent past. Visitors are able to walk through the ancient buildings and experience the stories that connect the real people to these extraordinary events.

The guardians of this important historic site, The Oxford Preservation Trust were awarded a £3.8 million grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore the castle and site buildings. The post of Learning and Access Officer is funded by Oxfordshire County Council.

Oxford Castle Unlocked is operated by Continuum Attractions - visitor attraction operators and specialists in the tourism and leisure industry.

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