



St Hilda's College – Oxford - OX4 1DY

Electrical Regulations

- 1) The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 places an obligation on the College to ensure that appliances connected to its electrical system are of an approved standard. All student electrical appliances are therefore given a visual safety check **and electrical PAT** test as soon as possible after their arrival.
- 2) Any students bringing personal electrical appliances into College **must** make them available for safety checks by the College – the timing will be advised at the beginning of each academic year. All appliances must carry the appropriate British Standard number or Kite-Mark. Plugs must conform to BS 1363, be of the safety sleeve type and correctly fused for the appliance. Flexible cables must be in good condition and not worn, perished, split, stretched or twisted. **Please note that any appliances found on inspection to be defective will be rendered inoperative, red-stamped and reported to the Buildings Office.**
- 3) Only the following electrical appliances may be used in student rooms:

■ PC/Laptop/Tablet and accessories	■ Small television (see 7 below)
■ Hairdressing appliances	■ Small refrigerator
■ Radio/music equipment	■ Desk lamp
■ Water kettle (see 6 below)	■ Mobile phone and accessories
■ Toothbrush/shaver	■ Camera/Player/Chargers
- 4) Toasters, microwaves, bread makers, rice cookers, etc with valid safety certificates are **only** allowed, to be used in kitchens because of the risk to burning food.
- 5) Multi-way block sockets that plug directly into a fixed wall socket are **prohibited**. If more sockets are needed over those provided in the room, a standard approved extension lead should be used (two to six sockets) and with its plug correctly fused.
- 6) Water kettles must have an automatic shut-off, be boiled with low level water and with the lid firmly closed in order to minimise the risk of excessive steam activating the fire alarm – also ensure these are not located directly under a fire alarm or smoke detector. Furthermore, kettles should only be used when located on a water-containing tray.
- 7) Students bringing their own television will need to acquire **their own TV licence** as required by law. The TV Licensing Authority is notified periodically of sets being operated within the College.
- 8) Electric heaters (unless supplied by College), chip fryers and fairy lights are **prohibited**. These and any other unauthorised equipment will be removed.
- 9) **For further information please also check the Official Student Handbook.**