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E.1 BEHAVIOUR IN COLLEGE, DISCIPLINE AND THE ROLE OF THE DEAN

The Dean and Junior Deans have a role in both general College discipline and in welfare (see Part D Advice and Help of this Handbook).

The Dean
The Dean is responsible for seeing that College (and University) rules are kept by members of the College, and has power to impose fines on those who infringe them. Details of the College disciplinary rules and potential penalties are given in College By-Law XX. In cases where individuals cannot be identified, the Dean may decide to impose a fine collectively upon either a defined group or upon a Common Room. The Dean deals with such matters as complaints about noise and final authorisation for some bookings of College rooms for meetings and parties when deemed appropriate by the Domestic Bursar and Buildings Manager. The Dean will help any student who needs advice about consulting a lawyer or contact with the police. The Dean, Domestic Bursar and Buildings Manager are concerned with the general security of those living in College.

Junior Deans
The Junior Deans support the Dean as deputies and assistants. They are resident in College and normally present during the evenings and at weekends. They can be contacted for help in emergencies, outside office hours, and may sometimes act in a limited welfare capacity.

All students in College accommodation must realise that they are responsible for their own behaviour and for the behaviour of their guests. Certain levels of noise are not appropriate to an academic environment. Students and their guests should at all times show respect for communal spaces and for health and safety regulations.

E.2 ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Residence in College
All first year undergraduates normally reside in College. Most second year undergraduates who do not have examinations during that year reside outside the main College site, usually in separately rented accommodation. Undergraduates in their final (third or fourth) year are generally resident in College accommodation. A room ballot is held during Hilary Term each year. Details are available from the Domestic Bursar’s Office or the JCR.

Vacation Residence
If you are an undergraduate resident in College-owned property, it may be possible for you to retain your room for one week after the end of Full Term and to return to it on the Sunday before the beginning of Full Term. There is accommodation in some off-site College buildings available for longer periods. If you wish to stay in College during the vacation, you must have the approval of your tutor, and make arrangements with the Accommodation Officer. As an undergraduate at St Hilda’s you will be charged for the full period of vacation residence you signed up for on the key signing list in the Lodge. You must not enter your room in the vacation between the arranged dates of departure and arrival without the permission of your tutor and the Accommodation Officer.
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Beds and Bedding
Students are expected to use the bed, mattress, curtains and furniture provided in their rooms, unless special arrangements are made with the Domestic Bursar’s Office. All College furniture, furnishings, mattresses and pillows should comply with the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire Safety) Regulations 1994.

Overnight Visitors
Overnight guests may be accommodated in one of three ways:

(a) If there is a guest room available, it may be booked through the Domestic Bursar’s Office for a maximum of 3 consecutive nights; the College provides linen, and breakfast (except on Saturdays and Sundays). The Domestic Bursar’s Office will provide details of charges.

(b) A student may arrange to have a guest in the room of an absent student who agrees to this. The Domestic Bursar’s Office must be informed in writing before this guest arrives.

(c) A student may have one overnight visitor in their room on any night of the week. No guest may stay for more than three nights in any one week. Guests must be booked in; for reasons of fire safety the host and room number must be entered via the intranet or at the Lodge. Overnight visitors must always be accompanied by their host between 11.00 pm and 8.00 am. Any unaccompanied visitor found in College buildings between 11.00 pm and 8.00 am will be asked to leave the College. Visitors may be taken in to meals but must be accompanied by their host who must pay for the meal with their Bodcard. Hosts are responsible for the behaviour of their guests.

The privilege of inviting overnight guests may be withdrawn from any student, at the Dean’s discretion. Reasons for this would include failure to sign in a guest, failure to accompany guests after 11.00 pm, too much noise at inappropriate times, or inviting guests to stay for more than three nights. The Dean may also issue a fine (see Part H II.1 Tariff of Fines).

Other Visitors
From 11.00 pm to 2.00 am a student may have one guest only in their room. These should be signed in as usual either via the intranet or at the Lodge.

Quiet
Quiet should be maintained in all College buildings. A student who is disturbed by noise should complain in the first instance to the offender and, if the noise persists, to the Junior Deans or the Dean. Radios, music systems etc., may be used until midnight provided that other people are not disturbed; no music of any kind is to be played after midnight. It is particularly important that quiet should be maintained during examination periods.
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Living Out
Students who do not live in College property must inform the Academic Office of their lodgings address by the beginning of September and must update their term-time address on the Student Self-Service website by this date. Certificate of Enrolment to prove exemption from Council Tax to Oxford City Council can be printed from the Student Self Service facility at www.ox.ac.uk/students, but note that the lodgings address must be correct for the certificate to be valid. All College accommodation is covered by the UUKACOP Student Accommodation Code www.thesoc.org.uk

Undergraduates: College accommodation consists principally of single study-bedrooms but there are some two room sets and 36 en-suite rooms in the Christina Barrett Building. Students in College property occupy their rooms under licence for the academic year and are obliged to pay full College maintenance charges for the period.

Graduates: The College has a limited amount of accommodation for graduates in flats and houses especially equipped for their use. Enquiries about booking College accommodation should be addressed to the Accommodation Officer. College accommodation consists principally of single study-bedrooms. Graduates must re-apply for accommodation each year if they wish to be in a College room. Accommodation in College owned property cannot be guaranteed, and will not normally be available for more than two years.

Finding accommodation outside College
The Domestic Bursar’s Office may know of lodgings. Students may also consult the Accommodation Office, Ewert House, Ewert Place, Summertown OX2 7DD.
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Meals

Undergraduates: Formal dinner is served on Wednesdays and must be booked in advance via UpayChilli; all other meals are self-service. Gowns are not worn for meals. The Dining Hall is open from breakfast time on Monday of 0th week until lunch time on Friday of 9th week. At weekends the catering provision is brunch from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturday and dinner from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm on Sunday. Junior members may invite a guest to lunch or dinner. At the beginning of each term, an undergraduate’s Bodcard will be credited with the amount to which their maintenance charge entitles them. Additional credit may be purchased for cash at the Accounts Office. Alternatively, items may be bought for cash in the Dining Hall. Times of meals are outlined below.

Graduates: Members of the MCR may take breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Dining Hall any day during term and in 0th and 9th Week. Formal dinner is served on Wednesdays and must be booked in advance via UpayChilli; all other meals are self-service. The College organises regular formal dinners specifically for members of the MCR, their guests and their supervisors. The College provides a Saturday brunch and Sunday dinner. MCR members may invite a guest to lunch or dinner and may pay for their guest’s meal using their Bod card. Formal dinners are charged at a per person rate debited from the Bod card at time of booking, self-service meals are charged per item debited from the Bod card at the till. Additional meal credits may be bought for cash from the Accounts Office. Alternatively, items may be bought for cash in the Dining Hall. Times of meals are outlined below. On Monday evenings during term and during some periods of the vacation, members of the MCR may, upon payment, join the SCR for meals: details are available from the Domestic Bursar. Graduate students should check vacation meal availability on UpayChilli. The cost per meal will be debited from the student’s Bod card.
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Dining Hall Opening Times
Please find below the Standard Term Time opening times for the Dining Hall. The opening times vary out of term and students should check vacation opening times on UpayChilli.

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The Dining Hall remains open for the sale of beverages, snacks, cakes and ice-cream between 8.00am and 7.30pm.

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Special Events
Dining Hall special events, themed nights and Formal Hall will be advertised weekly on UpayChilli. Formal Hall must be booked by 2.00pm on the Monday before the event. For those not attending Formal Hall on Wednesdays, a takeaway service is available in the Dining Hall from 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

Snacks
Snack meals are available at lunch and dinner. Other snacks, soft drinks and coffee are also available as shown above.

Menus
During term time weekly menus are available on UpayChilli.

Buttery
The College Buttery run by the JCR (in the basement of Hall Building) sells confectionery, biscuits, tinned foods, soft drinks, fruit, yoghurt, toiletries, etc. Coffee, tea and snacks are also served.

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The JCR Bar next to the Buttery serves draught and bottled beers, spirits, and soft drinks.

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Laundries and Pantries
There are card-operated laundry machines in the laundry rooms in Wolfson, Milham Ford, and Christina Barrett Building. Cards are available for sale at the Lodge (currently this requires a £5 note). The instructions displayed in the laundries must be carefully followed. Any items left in laundry rooms at the end of term will be removed. There are ironing facilities in each College laundry area. Please report any faults promptly to the Lodge and to the Buildings Manager (buildings-support@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk).

Each College building currently has pantries, with cooking facilities and refrigerators, for use by students. Students are required to ensure that these are left tidy and free of washing up. All study-bedrooms in the Christina Barrett Building have fridges.

Cleaning of Rooms
Study-bedrooms will be cleaned once weekly unless otherwise specified in some off-site houses. It is a condition of room rental that scouts should be able to enter to clean rooms. The scout will arrange the day and try to come at the same time each week. On that day it is most helpful if the room is left in such a way that thorough cleaning can be done: e.g. books and clothes removed from the floor.

Kitchens and pantries will usually be cleaned each day from Monday to Friday although arrangements in some off-site houses may vary. Students are expected to do their own washing-up and to leave pantries tidy; otherwise they are liable to be charged for extra cleaning. Each building has a small cache of cleaning implements for students’ use: ask the scout or housekeeper where these are to be found. Recycling facilities should be used appropriately. Any difficulties should be discussed either with the Housekeeper or with the Accommodation Officer.

When you leave College, you are required to clear your room completely. Any property left in College accommodation at the end of a student’s course will be disposed of.

Storage in Vacations
Due to the College’s very limited storage space, only those with home addresses overseas may store their luggage in vacation, and only if they are returning the following term. Prior arrangements should be made with the Domestic Bursar. Any goods are left at the owner’s risk. No food, TVs, or white goods may be stored. Any of these items found will be disposed of at the student’s expense. All items in storage must be properly labelled with intended collection date. Store rooms will be cleared once a year and all incorrectly labelled or unlabelled items will be removed. If they remain unclaimed, they will be sent to local charities.

Parties and Meetings
Students wishing to book meetings, dinners and/or parties in College rooms or off-site College properties should go to the Domestic Bursar’s Office in South 15. The staff will check availability and issue a pink form to be completed by the organiser, signed by the relevant College staff listed and returned to the Domestic Bursar at least two weeks before the intended date of the event. The Domestic Bursar and Buildings Manager must approve arrangements and will determine whether an event booking needs to be referred to the Dean. Any damage caused to College rooms as a result of a meeting or party will be charged for.

In the last five weeks of Trinity Term and the week following, no events are allowed in College which might disturb those preparing for examinations.
Meetings involving outside speakers: Any student wishing to book a College room for a meeting that will involve an outside speaker must ask permission of the Dean and obtain the approval of the Domestic Bursar. The student must give at least two weeks' notice of the meeting. The organiser should provide the Dean with full details of the purpose of the meeting, the name of the group or society, and the names of all outside speakers. (See The Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech Part H II.7 of this Handbook which must be observed by all junior members of the College).

- Larger Meetings: Some College rooms may be booked for larger parties and for meetings of College and University Societies. No room may be booked until the Domestic Bursar and Buildings Manager have given approval of the practical arrangements via the pink form.

- Jacqueline du Pré Music Building: Students wishing to use the Music Building for meetings etc. must obtain permission from the Dean and the Administrator. No food and drink will be allowed. See also under Music Facilities.

- Hall JCR: A student wishing to hire the JCR should firstly confirm with the President of the JCR that the room is available. They should then consult the Domestic Bursar’s Office and complete a pink form, getting it signed by the relevant College staff. Events may be held at the following hours only:
  - Monday to Thursday: 8.00 - 10.30 pm. (parties must finish promptly at 10.30 pm.)
  - Friday and Saturday: 4.00 - 11.00 pm
  - Sunday: 11.30 am – 1.00 pm, 4.00 - 10.30 pm

- Hall Garden Room: This room may be booked for small parties and meetings (of 20 people or less). If it is booked for parties, the hours and the restrictions on music are the same as those applying to the Hall JCR.

- Lady Brodie Room and Sibthorpe Room: These rooms may be booked for meetings or College-catered events.

- Vernon Harcourt Room: This room may be used for drinks or College-catered events.

- The Lawns and the Meadow: The Lawns and the Meadow may be used for College events with the permission of the Buildings Manager and the Domestic Bursar.

Alcohol
All sales of alcohol must comply with the 2003 Licensing Act and local licensing objectives and be approved by the designated premises supervisor (the Domestic Bursar). Students are reminded of the importance of the safe and responsible consumption of alcohol. Any student who creates excessive noise, disturbance, or mess, or who behaves in an unacceptable manner towards members of staff of the College while under the influence of alcohol will be cautioned by the Dean, and may be fined.

Ball Games
Ball games are not allowed on site, except on the courts. The only exception to this rule is croquet which may be played on South Lawn in Trinity term.
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Barbecues
These are not allowed for Health & Safety reasons, including at all off-site properties and at the Boathouse.

Responsibility of the Host
The student booking a College room must be present throughout the party or meeting, ensuring no disturbance to others, and must be responsible for seeing that the room is left in good order afterwards. The host (in principle) will be charged the full cost of cleaning and repair if any damage is done.

Damage to College Property
College property, if lost, broken, burnt or damaged will be fully charged on battels. A student who causes damage by fastening pictures, or other objects to walls, doors or furniture, will be fined (see Part H II.1 Tariff of Fines). The use of Sellotape, White-Tack, Blu-Tack, drawing-pins or staples on walls is absolutely prohibited. For safety reasons NO notices may be stuck on fire-doors, fire-screens, or glass door panels. Students may display posters and notices only on the boards provided in their own rooms and on designated student notice boards: any notices placed elsewhere, e.g. on official College notice boards, will be removed.

Furniture and furnishings may not be altered; they may not be moved from one room to another or removed from any room without the Domestic Bursar's permission. Crockery, cutlery, and glasses, etc. must not be taken from the Dining Hall.

It is forbidden to put drapes over lights or in any area which may cause danger.

Repairs
Any necessary repairs or maintenance problems for both on-site and off-site accommodation should be reported to the College Buildings Office by e-mailing: buildings-support@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk. Generally work will take place from 8.00 am onwards. However work in student rooms will take place from 9.00 am Monday to Friday unless deemed to be of an urgent nature. The maintenance team will generally respond to urgent requests within 24 hours Mon-Fri. Completion of repairs may depend on availability of parts or the need to call specialist contractors.

1. Out of normal office hours, urgent faults should be reported to the Porters’ Lodge, (2)76884. Non-urgent faults should be emailed to buildings-support@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk

2. College planned work will be reported to the JCR/MCR President as appropriate or on house notice boards. Major tasks will also be reported to the appropriate house representative. For planned maintenance a minimum of 7 days notice will usually be given and sensitive periods, such as exams, will be avoided. Such works will take place out of term-time where possible.

3. Similar guidelines apply to contractors who can be identified by a badge issued by the Lodge.

Should there be any problem regarding these guidelines, or should you wish to follow up a fault, please notify the Buildings Office (2) 86670.
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Animals
No animals, fish, or livestock may be kept in student rooms. Please do not feed any livestock found on College premises.

Infestations
Infestations should be reported either to the Buildings Office: buildings-support@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk or to the Accommodation Officer: nicky.charles@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk. Appropriate arrangements will then usually be made with a pest control company.

E.3 SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Buildings Manager is responsible for the buildings of the College, and the Lodge is responsible for College security. Any security matters should be referred to the Porter’s Lodge (T: (2)76884).

Keys
Students in College accommodation will be given a key to their room. All keys, complete with key-tag, must be returned to the Lodge when the room is vacated. A student who has not returned their keys by the time they go down at the end of term will be charged on their battels. Between 11pm and 5.30am students will need to use their Bod card for access through the pedestrian gate and into College buildings.

If keys are lost for any reason, the loss must be reported immediately to the Lodge. The lost key(s) will be replaced as quickly as possible, by the issue of a duplicate key(s). A charge will be made for the replacement and this charge will be battled to the individual concerned.

The charge will be based on the following criteria:

- £15.00 per key lost

Locking of College
The pedestrian gate and all outer doors to on-site College buildings are electronically locked at night. A night porter is on duty in the Lodge. Students unlocking doors to gain entrance should ensure the doors are re-locked behind them. Students will need their Bod card to enter the pedestrian gate and College buildings.

N.B. It is important to make sure that the front doors of College houses in Jack Straw’s Lane, Alma Place, 51 Union Street, 205 Cowley Road, and Tyndale Road are kept locked by day as well as by night.

Visitors
The College is open to visitors, whether accompanied or unaccompanied, from 9.00 am to 11.00 pm. After 11.00 pm visitors may enter College only if accompanied and registered in on the Intranet or at the Lodge by their host, who may not bring in more than one guest. All visitors should leave by 2.00 am (except as provided for under Overnight Visitors – see under Domestic Arrangements). After midnight, visitors moving about within College buildings should always be accompanied by their host, who must escort them to the door of the College building when they leave, and re-lock the door after them. From South Building they should leave by the door between the Dining Hall and the Domestic Bursar’s Office.
As they go from the College building to the Lodge on their way out, visitors may be asked to give the name of their host, as it is essential to have some check on possible intruders. Students are responsible for seeing that at all times neither they, nor their guests, disturb their neighbours; this is particularly important after 11.00 pm. Visitors who have accidentally overstayed should be accompanied to the Lodge by their host, where they will be asked to give their name to the Porter, who will then show the guest out. Those junior members of St Hilda’s who abuse this procedure will be cautioned by the Dean and may be fined (see Part H II.1 Tariff of Fines).

Personal Safety
For their personal safety, students are advised to draw curtains and secure windows accessible from outside at night, and at all times to keep their doors locked. It is particularly important that those who come in late should make sure that no stranger is admitted to the building on any pretext after doors are locked.

Security of Property, including laptops
Please note that the security of personal property is the responsibility of the owner: the College does not accept liability for theft, loss or damage. It is always advisable to keep money, cheque-books and jewellery in a locked drawer and to keep room doors and windows locked. Students should obtain a lock for their laptops. It is also essential to back up academic work stored on a laptop regularly onto a memory stick or other external device. All members of the College are urged to take out insurance on their personal belongings before they arrive in Oxford. All thefts should be reported immediately to the Lodge and then in writing to the Bursar. Thefts of computer equipment must be reported to IT.
Fire Precautions

PLEASE NOTE: IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT LEGISLATION, SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN ANY COLLEGE BUILDING

Generally the procedures are as follows:

- **On-site College Buildings:** Upon discovering a fire, activate the nearest fire alarm. On hearing the fire alarm, evacuate the building immediately. (All fire alarms are automatically relayed to the Lodge Porter, who then follows College procedure.)

- **Off-site College Houses:** Upon discovering a fire, activate the nearest fire alarm and evacuate the building, then call the Fire Brigade (999) and inform the College Lodge (2)76884.

- **Fire Alarm tests are carried out on a weekly basis.**

Please familiarise yourself with the fire precautions on your arrival at your property or room.

**General:** All doors fitted with closers are part of the fire precautions taken for the safety of all College residents. These must not be propped or wedged open under any circumstances. Fire extinguishers, blankets, smoke detectors, heat detectors, sounders and activation panels must not be touched except in the event of a fire emergency. Interference with these items under any other circumstances will be a disciplinary matter. Incense and candles must not be lit in College rooms and houses.

- **Smoke Alarms:** College buildings are fitted with extremely sensitive fire detection systems. To minimise the risk of false alarms please observe the following rules:

  1. Kitchen doors must be kept closed when you are cooking, and cookers should never be left unsupervised. If food burns, the kitchen door should not be opened. Ventilate the area by using the extractor fan and opening a window. This will prevent the smoke alarms (normally outside the kitchen) being set off.

  2. It is an offence to smoke inside any College building, including student rooms, bathrooms, and toilets.

  3. Incense and candles must not be used: the smoke is liable to activate smoke alarms.

  4. Do not boil kettles directly below a smoke alarm. Also do not spray aerosols directly below a smoke alarm.

If a student activates a fire alarm as a result of carelessness, they will be fined £50 (see Part H II.1 Tariff of Fines) and reported to the Dean. In cases where the individual cannot be identified, the house or floor will be fined collectively.
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Fire Safety Checks
College requests the assistance of all its members to ensure that its properties remain a safe place for all. In order to achieve this there are certain things you can do to help:

- Do not prop or wedge open fire doors.
- Complete a final safety sweep of your room before you leave, checking all electrical equipment is off, including lights and plug sockets.
- Ensure other electrical appliances are off after use, such as the cooker or the iron.
- Do not use multi-plug adaptors – only use 2 to 6 socket extension leads.
- Ensure cooker equipment is only used in the kitchens and not in your study-bedroom.

Electrical Regulations
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 as soon as possible after their arrival.

Any students bringing personal electrical appliances into College must make them available for a visual safety check by the College - the timing of which 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 be 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.

Only the following electrical appliances may be used in College rooms:

- PC/Laptop/Tablet, + extras
- Hairdressing appliances
- Radio/Music equipment
- Water kettle (see below)
- Toothbrush/Shaver
- Small television (see below)
- Small refrigerator
- Desk lamp
- Mobile Phone and accessories
- Camera/Player/Chargers
- 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.
- Multi-way block sockets that plug directly into a fixed wall socket are not allowed. If more sockets than those provided in the room are needed, a standard approved extension lead should be used (two to six sockets) and with its plug correctly fused.
- 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.
• Students bringing their own television will need to acquire their own licence as required by law. The TV Licensing Authority is notified periodically of sets being operated within the College.

• Electric heaters (unless supplied by College), chip fryers and fairy lights are not permitted. These and any other unauthorised equipment will be removed from buildings.

• If you subsequently acquire new equipment that too must be checked. Please contact the Buildings Office, South 20, to do so.

**Failure to comply with these regulations will lead to a fine and be reported to the Dean.**

**Questions about testing of electrical equipment should be directed to the Buildings Office.**

**Energy Conservation/Recycling**
The College is very conscious of energy usage and its conservation and encourages students to keep energy use to a minimum. There are arrangements in place on-site for the recycling of paper, cardboard, plastics, bottles and cans. Everyone is encouraged to ‘reduce, re-use, re-cycle’ wherever possible. A few simple ways you can help:

• Turn off equipment after use (do not leave it on standby), lights and other switches.
• Turn off computers, printers, scanners after use, and switch off plug sockets.
• Reduce the time spent in the shower/bath.
• Do not run the tap whilst cleaning teeth.
• Add another layer of clothing instead of turning up the temperature.
• Re-cycle wherever possible (see above).
• Report dripping taps/faults promptly (please notify the Buildings Office (2) 86670).
• Keep furniture away from radiators and make sure windows and doors are closed when the room is being heated.
• Try using full loads in the washing machine, at a high spin cycle and lower temperatures.

The JCR has an Ecology Representative, and matters related to energy efficiency, recycling, and the environment can be brought through this representative to the College’s Domestic Committee. MCR members are also welcome to bring matters concerning energy conservation and recycling to the College’s Domestic Committee.

**Storage of Perishable Goods**
Perishable goods belonging to students may be stored only in the refrigerator provided in pantries or in a small refrigerator (not of greater capacity than 140 litres) owned by the student, and not on room window sills. Any goods found on room window sills will be removed.
Bathrooms and Washing Facilities
It is forbidden to use shower adapters on College sink or bath taps. Where showers have
doors or curtains, please ensure they are closed properly during use to prevent water leakage.
Grey bins are located in each toilet for the disposal of sanitary products only. A monthly
exchange basis (i.e. full removed and replaced with an empty one) contract is in place.
However, the Housekeepers on and off site do have spare bins if some get overfull. Please
discuss this with the Housekeeper. Please do NOT put handtowels and paper into these bins
or down the toilets.

Roofs
Students are not allowed on the roofs, bay-platforms and parapets of any College buildings.
This is not only dangerous, but also a condition of the College Insurance.

River
Entering or swimming in the river from the College site is strictly forbidden.

Bicycles
No cycling is permitted in College. All students’ bicycles (Graduates and Undergraduates)
are to be registered and should display a registration number. Registration is made via the
Oxford University Bicycle Registration Scheme. Cycle Registration Packs are available from
the Porters’ Lodge. Phones, laptops and belongings can also be registered under this scheme.

In the College grounds, bicycles should be kept only in the stands provided. Students should
always leave their bicycles securely padlocked to guard against theft: the College will accept
no responsibility for their damage or loss. Bicycles should not be secured anywhere in
College (e.g. lamp posts, gates or railings) other than the designated bicycle areas.
Improperly parked bicycles will be cut free by College staff and impounded, and a release fee
charged. In no circumstances should bicycles be parked or stored inside College buildings.
All bicycles must be removed from College during the Long Vacation. Overseas students
need to register their bicycles at the Lodge and store them in the meadow.

Cars and Motorcycles
Neither students nor their visitors may bring cars or motorcycles into the College grounds
except to carry luggage at the beginning and end of term. Students in all years are most
strongly advised against keeping a car in Oxford, except in cases of exceptional need. There
is no parking available for students on College grounds, and within the whole city of Oxford,
parking space is very restricted and traffic congestion acute. You are instead urged to walk,
cycle, or use public transport.