Graduate Student charges for Accommodation, Heat, Light and Utilities, and the Kitchen Fixed Charge

This page talks about charges for Graduates. Charges for Undergraduates are set in similar ways but are explained at:

http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/students/undergraduate-resources/finance-and-funding

Graduate single rooms are located in hostels at Russell Street and 29 Barton Road (both en-suite rooms) and South Green Road (bedsit rooms). The flats at Brookside (for students with partners) are outside the scope of this note and details are available from the Graduate Tutors’ Assistant.

Student Bills include charges for the facilities you enjoy in the College, as follows:

Accommodation charges. From October 2016 this will include the cost of the room and utilities i.e. Electricity, Gas (for heating), Water and Broadband connection, including the costs of Wi-Fi.

Unfortunately Water, Gas and Electric meters are not ideally placed to measure usage room by room. Therefore, costs are averaged across the Russell Street and 29 Barton Road rooms, and averaged across each house separately at South Green Road. The College purchases its energy in a consortium with other College, at costs below domestic prices.

Rooms are allocated by the Graduate Tutors’ Assistant as follows:

- **New students** (including undergraduates continuing to a graduate/Clinical course) are allocated a room upon confirmation of their admission and payment of a £100 room deposit. They can express a preference for a particular residence, however we do not guarantee that students will be allocated to their preferred residence.

- **Current graduate students** (either starting a new graduate course or proceeding to the 2nd or 3rd year of a PhD) Are able to express a preference for a particular residence through the Graduate accommodation survey which takes place from late-February to mid-April each year. Rooms are allocated in order of receipt.

- **4th year PhD students** who wish to live in College accommodation will be allocated rooms only once first, second and third year students have been housed.

The College Dean has the right to override room allocations for disciplinary reasons. Such cases, while rare, are likely to place a student in a room of a lower band that the original room choice, and no refunds or reductions are available in such cases.

Kitchen Fixed Charge (KFC). An important part of the Collegial nature of the student experience in Cambridge is eating together, which has been a facet of College life since the foundation of the University. The College maintains a year-round catering operation in Hall and the Coffee Shop with a high level of fixed costs such as wages, equipment maintenance and replacement. In addition the College provides modest cooking facilities in student accommodation, known as gyp rooms, and operates a College Bar/ Coffee Shop with prices a little below those in the town. The costs of providing meals and facilities for students are recovered in three ways:

1. A fixed termly charge, the KFC, which covers part of the fixed costs explained above. The KFC varies between locations, and is lowest for students living out of College accommodation,
primarily because Hall and the Bar/ Coffee Shop are on the Island Site, and hence more accessible to those living closer the Island Site.

2. Charges for each meal, in cafeteria, coffee shop and formal hall, and for drinks in the Bar

3. Primarily in the Vacations, the College (like all other Colleges) allows external conferences and meetings to use its meeting rooms and catering facilities. These customers pay significantly more than students for meals etc. This activity effectively subsidises the term-time student catering, including enabling us to provide some major functions free to students (including the Graduate Matriculation and Graduation Dinners).

The MCR Officers and the Bursar in Lent term negotiate changes to Accommodation Charges and KFC each year, for the following year.

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