Student Accommodation Handbook

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1. **Rooms**

1.1. **College accommodation and number of rooms in College houses**

1.1.1. As at the beginning of October 2020, Fitzwilliam College provides 357 rooms on site and 85 rooms in College houses for undergraduates, and 35 rooms on site and 162 rooms in College houses for postgraduates. Since 14 of the graduate rooms are for couples, this gives the potential to accommodate a maximum of 211 graduate students.

1.1.2. The College has four rooms which have been specially adapted for disabled students.

1.1.3. All Fitzwilliam College rooms should contain:

- Bed, mattress protector and pillow
- Desk, desk chair and desk light
- Wardrobe
- Bookcase
- Radiator
- Waste bin
- Curtains/blinds

All students checking in to Fitzwilliam College Accommodation must review and submit a **Room Inventory Form (RIF)** within 72 hours of moving in to confirm it accurately reflects the condition of their room. This is important, as students are responsible for damage to their room or for any non-recorded faults. If the completed form is not returned within 72 hours of taking possession of the room, the form will be ‘locked’ and the information on the form will be binding.

To complete the online **Room Inventory Form**, follow the link on the email sent by the Accommodation Officer on the day of your arrival.

Returning of RIF indicates that the room was inspected, results recorded and any comments added about the condition of the accommodation.

1.2. **Allocation**

Please use the following link for information on the room allocation procedure:

[http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/accommodation](http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/accommodation)

1.3. **Rents**

Please use the following link for information on room rents:

[http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/accommodation](http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/accommodation)

1.4. **Payment terms**

Please see Appendix 8.

1.5. **Termly rental periods**

Please see Appendix 8.

NB Rooms must be vacated by 9am on the day of departure unless advised in advance by the Accommodation officer, regardless of whether the student is residing in their own room or a temporary room. Breach of this Regulation will result in disciplinary action being taken.

Undergraduate accommodation will normally be ready from 10am on the first day of the Residence Period at the beginning of the academic year. Students returning during term time will have access to their accommodation from 11:30am.

Graduate accommodation will be ready from 2pm on the first day of the Residence Period at the beginning of the academic year. Please note that students may be asked to arrive at different times.

Any empty rooms during term time may be filled by visitors

1.6. **Insurance**

For information about insurance details please use the following link:

[http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/accommodation/personal-possessions-insurance](http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/accommodation/personal-possessions-insurance)
1.7. Disability
Please use the following link for more information: http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/welfare/disability

2. Health and safety

2.1. Accident procedures
In the event of an accident or serious illness, you must inform the Porters’ Lodge immediately and should ask that your Tutor be notified. In case of dire emergency, dial 999 and then immediately notify the Porters’ Lodge that a 999 call has been made.

2.2. First aid provision
There are first aid boxes in the Porters’ Lodge, Catering, Housekeeping and Maintenance departments. There are also first aid boxes in the kitchens of all outside properties for emergency use. Defibrillators are held at the Gatehouse Porters’ Lodge and in the Buttery/Servery. Find a full list of the locations of first aid boxes and defibrillators within College.

If you are unsure, please contact the duty Porter.

2.3. Emergency contacts
A list of qualified First Aiders, and their contact numbers, is displayed on College noticeboards including noticeboards at Gatehouse Porters’ Lodge and North Lodge, on noticeboards in gyp rooms or on staircases and in each outside house. All full-time Porters are qualified First Aiders. The College Nurse is able to give any necessary treatment during her surgery hours.

2.4. Accident and incident reporting
If you have an accident on College premises, you should, at the earliest opportunity, report to the Porters’ Lodge. If necessary, arrangements will be made for the appropriate treatment elsewhere, either by the College Nurse or by transfer to hospital. After receiving any attention or treatment, you must complete an accident form. You must give the place, date and time of the accident, the names of any witnesses and a full description of the event. Accident and incident forms are available from the Porters’ Lodge. If you are involved in any other type of incident on College property, such as theft, assault etc., you should report this to the Porters’ Lodge as soon as possible in order that an incident report form may be completed.

2.5. Window restrictors
Window restrictors are fitted for your safety; they must not be tampered with.

3. Fire safety

3.1. Fire drills
The Head Porter is responsible for arranging fire drills for each staircase and a log is kept of all drills. In addition, the Housekeeping Outside Property Supervisor will undertake periodic fire drills. Generally, drills arranged by the Porters will take place during the Michaelmas term, although retesting may take place if responses have been slow or incorrect (e.g. going to the wrong assembly point).

3.2. Prevention
It is the duty of all College members, guests and visitors to prevent fire. On a personal level, this means that you must be critically aware of potential dangers and take full responsibility to prevent fires – e.g. when using smoking or cooking areas; avoid using worn electrical leads; no candles, no incense sticks, oil lamps and the like – while the College also has a number of procedures to ensure that risks are minimised. All accommodation has a weekly alarm test during a designated period and a notice will be at the entrance of each staircase informing of the regular day and time that it will take place. This does not negate all occupants’ duty to maintain correct fire safety procedures (i.e. fire extinguishers in place, fire doors correctly closed and no naked flames etc.).

3.3. Detection, Alarm & Escape
All accommodation on the main Fitzwilliam College site is equipped with automated fire detection and alarm equipment. This is a hard-wired system, relayed back to the Porters’ Lodge by a dedicated link. The external
houses have stand-alone systems. Any tampering with the fire detection, alarm systems or ‘first aid fire appliances’ (e.g. extinguishers etc.,) is deemed a very serious offence, and will be dealt with most severely by the College; Behaviour of irresponsible cooking, tampering with or damaging the fire detection system or equipment (including the covering of detectors) will lead to students being reported to the Dean. Appropriate disciplinary action, which may lead to the cancellation of your room licence and you being evicted from your college accommodation, will be taken. It is essential that all members of College understand the actions which need to be taken in the event of a fire alarm, and these are further described in Appendix 1.

Each staircase has its means of escape clearly posted. It is important that escape routes, especially staircases, are kept clear of flammable material, such as paper and cardboard boxes. Furthermore, all fire doors are to be kept closed; they are never to be wedged open. Each area of College accommodation has been surveyed, and details are kept in the Porters’ Lodge covering the following topics:

3.3.1. Fire risk assessments
3.3.2. Emergency plan: actions to be taken in the event of a fire (general and specific to property).

3.4. Smoking Policy
The College recognises that smoking, vaping and the use of e-cigarettes causes a hazard to the health of both smokers and non-smokers, and can constitute a fire hazard. Accordingly, the College does not allow Fellows, staff, students, visitors, conference guests, contractors or members of the public to smoke, vape or use e-cigarettes on any part of its premises, other than in designated smoking areas (see 3.5.2).

3.4.1. College premises include all buildings on the site, and other College premises such as undergraduate and graduate houses, the boathouse and the sports pavilion.

3.4.2. Anyone wishing to smoke may do so in the designated smoking areas. These areas are the smoking area/shelter near the exit of the Huntingdon Road car park, the smoking area near the Wychfield Lane entrance in the Storey’s Way car park where ashtrays are provided, the designated smoking area at each off-site College property where an ashtray is provided usually in the garden to the rear of the property.

3.4.3. You are discouraged from smoking because of the risk to your health, and to the health of others.

3.4.4. This policy will be communicated to Freshers by the Tutorial and Admissions Staff on their arrival. You are required to advise your guests of this College policy, and ensure that it is followed.

3.4.5. The Domestic Bursar is responsible for implementing and monitoring the effectiveness of this policy. Anyone who breaches the policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

4. Utilities

4.1. Heating
Central heating is supplied to all College rooms between 1 October and 1 May each year. These dates may be adjusted in response to weather conditions. Heating systems will be turned on at 6am and turned off at 10.30pm each day. Occupants are encouraged to help to save energy and cost by keeping windows closed in cold weather, and using radiator thermostatic settings sensibly.

4.2. Appliances
If you need assistance in operating any of the appliances, please consult the Housekeeping and Accommodation Office (email: housekeeping@fitz.cam.ac.uk) who will be happy to assist you. For safety reasons, occupants must NEVER interfere with gas or electrical installations.

4.3. Gas installations
All gas installations are serviced annually by qualified Gas Safe registered operatives. Where possible, the College aims to undertake this type of servicing during the Long Vacation in order to minimise disruption to occupants. However, Health and Safety considerations must always be paramount, and servicing and repairs will sometimes have to be undertaken during periods of residency; as far as possible, this will be planned so as to reduce inconvenience.

4.4. Electrical installations (including Portable Appliance Testing)
The testing of all College-owned mains-powered electrical appliances (Portable Appliance Testing – PAT) is undertaken annually. Students are responsible for the electrical safety of all personally-owned, mains-
powered electrical equipment. If electrical items that are unsafe are found in student rooms at any time they will be removed and stored in the Maintenance Department for investigation and possible disposal.

4.5. Water supplies
All cold water taps may be used for drinking water – please do not drink from the hot water tap.

4.6. Waste water
Waste water systems are connected to Local Authority sewers. Waste chemicals and environmentally damaging or toxic substances must not be poured into the waste water systems (via basins, baths, showers, toilets or external drains, e.g. under rainwater downpipes) and must be disposed of correctly. It is your personal duty to safely dispose of such waste.

4.7. Water hygiene
Risk assessments and monitoring of water in all areas of the College is carried out in line with Health and Safety Executive Policy. Testing for Legionnaire’s Disease is carried out by outside specialists every six months. All showerheads are de-scaled annually.

4.8. Lighting
Suitable lighting is provided in all rooms, and externally around the College site. If a bulb fails, and you cannot change it yourself (replacement bulbs are available from the Porters’ Lodge), you should report it on the online maintenance helpdesk system on: https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk
Whenever practicable, all light bulbs will be low-energy, long-life bulbs.

4.9. Permitted appliance
Electrical appliances with low to medium current consumption (e.g. radios, hairdryers, straighteners and electric razors) may be used but other appliances with heavier consumption (e.g. electric fires, electric fan heaters) are strictly forbidden; note the ban on fridges in Section 6.2. All plugs and adaptors must be fused. Electric clothes driers, mains operated fairy lights, humidifiers, electric deep fat fryers and electric plug-in air fresheners are not to be used in college. Kettles, toasters, coffee machines and any cooking appliances (e.g. rice cookers, microwaves, sandwich makers, slow cookers, etc.) and irons, must only be used in kitchens/gyp rooms and not student bedrooms. Students found misusing electrical appliances or using cooking appliances in the bedrooms will be subject to disciplinary action. **The safety of any privately owned electrical appliance is the responsibility of its user and you must remember to turn it off after use, e.g. hair straighteners, which can become a fire hazard if left on.** We make every effort to provide sufficient power outlets for your use. In the event that more sockets are required, a **single 4-way floating socket** may be used (with mains cut-off switch); **socket adapters (normally 2 or 3 way)** are not to be used under any circumstances. It is in the interest of everyone’s safety that these rules are strictly observed. The Maintenance Manager shall disconnect items that he considers to be electrically unsafe or are being used in an unsafe way. The Maintenance Manager’s decisions on safety grounds are not subject to question.

4.10. The College network
All College rooms have facilities that enable residents to connect their computers to the Cambridge University Data Network (CUDN). These can be accessed via a wireless connection (using eduroam) or a wired Ethernet connection. This gives access to a number of facilities including the internet and email. Use and maintenance of any device connected via the College network is at your own risk and carries a responsibility to abide by the College and University rules and regulations. For more information please see the IT Office website: [https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/facilities/computing](https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/facilities/computing).

4.11. Computing support
Students have access to support for their IT-based facilities via the Fitzwilliam College IT Office and the University Information Service Helpdesk. The IT Office Helpdesk is accessed at [https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk](https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk) or at [https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk/mobile](https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk/mobile) on a mobile device.

Televisions
It is your responsibility to obtain a TV licence for any device, including a TV, desktop computer, laptop, mobile phone, tablet, games console, digital box or DVD/VHS recorder capable of receiving television that is brought into College or a College owned house/hostel. Watching BBC iPlayer also requires a licence. Your home licence will not cover you and there is no College-wide cover. The TV licensing authorities make checks on a
regular basis and if discovered to be using an unlicensed TV or device you will be personally liable for any fines imposed. Both the JCR (Junior Common Room) and the MCR (Middle Common Room) have big TVs with digital satellite, Sky Sports, etc. Further information about obtaining a licence can be found on the TV Licensing website at [http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/for-your-home/students-aud1](http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/for-your-home/students-aud1) [Please note that this is an external website and the College cannot accept any responsibility for its contents.]

5. Security

5.1. Room keys
Please see the College Regulations at [https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/accommodation/room-regulations](https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/accommodation/room-regulations)

5.2. Building and room security
The College has installed proximity access locks on all access and egress points to the College site to provide a greater degree of security for residents and possessions. Students are strongly advised to lock the door of their rooms, and close and secure the windows whenever they go out, however briefly. Giving your University Card to a third party could negate your insurance, and could make you liable for losses sustained by others.

5.3. Personal safety
Members should take the normal precautions associated with living in a relatively big city.

5.4. Security plan (bomb and incendiary device procedures)
There are three aspects to consider with regard to Security alerts in the College:
- initial prevention
- reaction to a general alert
- reaction to a specific threat

5.4.1. Initial prevention
Access to the College is controlled by means of the Porters and the access control system (Gatehouse Porters’ Lodge entrance is open 6am-9pm), backed up by staff vigilance and CCTV monitoring. Please ensure that all College House external doors are closed and locked. Each person is responsible for his/her individual room. Unknown persons should be questioned as to their presence inside buildings. Rubbish bins (wastepaper/skips etc.) are located away from inhabited buildings, and regularly emptied and inspected by Housekeeping staff.

5.4.2. General alert
This is a non-specific threat towards the area (Cambridge) or the establishment (the University). Such threat advice is rapidly disseminated to all concerned by the Head Porter and his staff. Each department is then responsible for its own security sweep and reporting back to the Porters’ Lodge when complete. The public areas – Library, Chapel, and Auditorium etc. will be checked by Housekeepers. Residential Fellows are responsible for checking their own rooms. The aim, whenever possible, is to split the work up among many people to reduce the overall time taken, to improve reaction time, and to heighten awareness.

5.4.3. Specific threat
At this level we would have had information that the College or a particular staircase or building has been targeted. In the unlikely event of a specific threat being made, the building or area concerned should be evacuated immediately by sounding the fire alarm. A full investigation will then be carried out by bomb disposal experts. Bomb disposal reporting will be via the Porters to the local police station.

5.5. CCTV

5.5.1. CCTV cameras are used on the College site to help to safeguard the security of people and property. Cameras are positioned to capture views of the perimeter of College, the main entrance and certain strategic areas. The live pictures are viewed by the College’s Porters, in order to detect any suspicious activity. For further details please refer to data protection at: [https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/about/official-information/data-protection](https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/about/official-information/data-protection)

5.5.2. Warning signs are in place at entrance points to inform Fellows, staff, students and members of the public that surveillance cameras are in operation. CCTV footage is retained for 28 days and stored in a secure location. It is then erased if not required as evidence.
5.5.3. Information derived from CCTV surveillance will only be used for security purposes, unless it leads to the discovery of an activity that the College could not reasonably be expected to ignore.

5.5.4. You have the right of access to information about yourself held on CCTV footage. To request access, you will be asked to complete a Data Access Request Form (available from the Domestic Bursar), pay the current fee and provide evidence of your identity.

6. Kitchen facilities, food storage, washing facilities, furnishing, cleaning schedules and other matters

6.1. Kitchens

Cooking is not allowed in bedrooms in College or its houses because of hazards to personal and group safety, and the risk of damage to furnishings and fittings. Meals, hot drinks and snacks may be prepared in the gyp room/kitchen located on each staircase and in each house, provided that it does not cause nuisance to others and you clean up promptly after yourself. Housekeepers are not required to clear up the gyp room/kitchen. The facilities provided for your use are intended for modest catering. The Stretton Room is available for hosting private dinner parties of up to 12, and can be booked for any night of the week. Functions must end by 23:00, except on Fridays and Saturdays, where they must end by 00:00. Please note that the College is answerable to the City Environmental Health Department for the proper conduct of all large-scale catering taking place in College, and legal proceedings can ensue should any breach of these regulations occur.

6.2. Food storage

The College operates in line with stringent Food Safety legislation and guidelines. If you wish to discuss food safety issues, please arrange to see the Head of Catering & Events. All gyp rooms have one storage cupboard for each person who may be using the area. Any cases of theft will be dealt with severely. Students are not allowed to bring refrigerators or freezers onto College premises without first gaining permission from their Tutor. An application form for this permission can be requested from the Tutorial Office. This permission will be only granted on medical/religious grounds. The refrigerator must comply with current Health and Safety legislation and may only be kept in the student’s bedroom during his or her periods of residence. Failure to remove the fridge at the end of the academic year will result in the College disposing of the fridge and the cost of disposal being charged to the student.

6.3. Bathroom, toilet and shower areas

Communal bathrooms and toilets are cleaned on a daily basis Monday-Friday. Any problems with facilities (blocked drains, leaking taps etc.) should be reported to the Maintenance Department, via the online maintenance helpdesk system: https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk or at https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk/mobile on a mobile device.

6.4. En suite facilities

Housekeepers must be allowed access to clean en suite bathrooms at least once a week. A room and bathroom cleaning rota will be clearly published in each staircase/house.

6.5. Furnishing quality

6.5.1. Furniture and decoration of rooms in College and in College houses

The occupants of all College rooms and College Houses are held personally responsible for any damage to the furniture and decorations of their rooms, excluding reasonable wear and tear. Much chargeable damage has been done in the past by the hanging of pictures with pins, Blu Tack or other fixatives to walls and woodwork, and it is essential that the Housekeeping Manager’s approval is obtained before anything is fixed to walls or woodwork. The use of all forms of adhesive, including Sellotape, Blu Tack and its equivalent is forbidden. Those who mark walls by using unauthorised adhesives may be charged for the cost of any redecoration.

Materials such as posters, notices, flags, lights, etc., must not be displayed in any window. Such material should be affixed only to the notice boards provided for such publicity purposes (and must be removed at
the end of each term). Any damage to walls or doors will be charged to the Junior Member concerned as detailed above.

6.5.2. Inspection/damages

Rooms are inspected during each Easter Term, and whenever the occupancy of a room changes, with a view to repairing any damage during the Long Vacation (if it can wait until then). You will receive an inventory when you collect your room key at the start of your occupancy and to avoid any dispute as to possible liability, this should be completed and returned to the Housekeeping and Accommodation Office within 72 hours. It is your responsibility to note any defects in the room or its furnishings upon taking occupancy in your room, otherwise you may be charged for the cost of repairs to any damages (see Section 1.1). Each resident should bear in mind that they are one of a series of occupants of main rooms and while the College has a continuing programme of room redecoration and refurbishment, any extra expense caused by damage can only limit the extent of this programme.

6.5.3. Repairs

The College aims to respond quickly to any problems with equipment or furnishing in rooms. Any fault or damage, which occurs after occupancy has commenced must be entered on the online maintenance helpdesk: https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk or at https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk/mobile on a mobile device. Repairs are normally undertaken and completed during normal working hours (Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm), but emergency cover is available 24 hours a day for major faults. There is a service level agreement in place defining anticipated repair times (see Appendix 3).

6.5.4. Furniture

The range of furniture provided in each room is detailed in Section 1.1.3, and you are not permitted to bring or remove additional major furniture items into College (e.g. beds, armchairs, sofas, etc.). In a single occupancy room, you are not allowed to replace a single bed with a double bed, or to keep a second single bed. You are expected to supply bed linen, blankets and duvets. If needed, bed linen can be hired for a termly charge by informing the Housekeeping and Accommodation Office before coming into residence. Please note that crockery and cutlery is not provided. In the interests of safety, it is essential to observe the conditions about electrical appliances mentioned in Sections 4.4 and 4.9, for those who come from overseas it is stressed that all electrical appliances must be safely adapted for 220–240 volts AC. Also, for safety reasons you are not allowed to bring rugs into your room or communal areas, as these are potential trip hazards.

6.6. Cleaning

6.6.1. The Housekeepers are responsible for cleaning bedrooms and communal service areas within College; they come in regularly each morning for this purpose. Bins will be emptied when left outside your room, and your room will be cleaned thoroughly at least once a week (except on weekends, Bank Holidays, and during periods when the College is closed) according to a defined rota, displayed in each staircase. These services are all included in the weekly rent. It is your responsibility to ensure that Housekeepers have regular access to your room and that your room is kept in a reasonably tidy state to enable them to do their job properly. Failure to ensure such access may result in disciplinary action. In addition, you must not damage or leave in a dirty or untidy state any other part of the building of which your room is part (e.g., Gyp rooms, hallways, and landings). Storage of items on a ledge or external face of a building is forbidden, as is storage of items on a corridor.

6.6.2. The Housekeeping Manager checks cleaning and maintenance in rooms at regular intervals, and will deliver the service in accordance with the service level agreement (see Appendix 2). The College shall not be held liable if failure to provide any of these services is due to factors reasonably beyond its control (such as mechanical failure, staff shortages/illness, or a lack of materials).

6.6.3. The College may need to send in people to make repairs, etc., to your room. This will normally only be done at reasonable times, and giving reasonable advance notice, of at least 24 hours, if at all possible. However, the College reserves the right to enter the accommodation at all reasonable times to inspect, carry out any necessary works and to show others round the property (e.g. builders, architects, etc.); this may be with only minimal notice, or without notice, as appropriate, in any case of emergency.
6.7. Laundry facilities
Token-operated washing machines and dryers are available in the main College Laundry, and at various locations across the Houses outside of College. Tokens may be purchased from the Porters’ Lodge or the Café. Items of clothing should not be left unattended, and the College will not accept any responsibility for loss of personal laundry. Any equipment malfunction should be notified directly to the owner of the equipment as described by the signage in each area. There is an iron and ironing board for use in the laundry room, irons are not allowed to be used in student rooms. Please avoid drying clothes in your rooms for health and safety reasons and for the avoidance of mould and health risks to you. If you choose to dry delicate items, please open your window.

6.8. Energy
You are asked to be energy-conscious and switch off lights and any appliances, including computers, when leaving your rooms. For more information, please see the College’s Environmental Policy (see Section 8 and Appendix 6).

6.9. Post/mail
Each student, whether resident in College, a College House or living out, will be allocated a pigeonhole in the Gatehouse Foyer area. The Porters will place all mail which is personally addressed in the pigeonholes. Students will be notified of larger items via email. Only the Porters and members of Fitzwilliam College may place mail in pigeonholes, any student wishing to place items in pigeonholes should first obtain permission from the duty Porter. When students leave the College, letters addressed to them at the College or individual houses will be forwarded to their last recorded UK address, for a period of three months.

6.10. Storage
Limited storage space for vacation periods is available for International students residing overseas. Students should complete the relevant form available from the Porters’ Lodge. All items must be removed at the beginning of the following Term. Insurance cover will apply if you meet all the requirements stated on the relevant form. Every attempt will be made to identify owners of any property not removed from storage within the specified time period. However, should this not be possible, the items will be disposed of and the College will accept no liability for any loss.

6.11. Accommodation for conference and events use
As the College rooms may be used by other occupants during the vacation, the wardrobe must be left empty. All students’ belongings which are left in their room must be placed in the lockable cupboard if provided.

7. Maintenance and repair regimes

7.1. Organisation
Maintenance and repair of Fitzwilliam College property is undertaken by a variety of means. The maintenance team are available for routine and emergency maintenance work. However, some regular repair work is subcontracted (e.g. boiler servicing), as is most periodic testing (e.g. emergency lighting, fire alarm and Legionnaire’s testing, lift and winch tests, lightning conductor tests, etc.). Finally, specialist contractors may be brought in to undertake more major works, such as refurbishment of rooms, staircases and houses. Required maintenance work can be requested via the online helpdesk system, using the following link: https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk

7.2. Approved contractors
If you are unsure as to the identity of anyone arriving to undertake work, check their details with the Maintenance Manager or in their absence the Porters’ Lodge before allowing them to enter.

7.3. Response times and planned maintenance
Response times for repairs at different levels of urgency are given in the Maintenance Service Level Agreement (Appendix 3). If these response times cannot be met – for example because of a lack of parts – the person who placed the request will be advised of a revised estimated time for completion.
7.4. **Construction quality**
Records for all of the buildings are kept by the Maintenance Manager. The Clerk of Works/Maintenance Manager and the Architect for each specific project are responsible for construction quality, which must be in accordance with the current Building Regulations and Local Authority and Planning directives.

7.5. **Grounds maintenance**
Grounds staff will maintain the grounds around all College buildings in a tidy, aesthetic and practical manner. Gardens, particularly those facing onto roads, will be maintained in a manner to give some screening for occupants in their rooms, while minimising opportunities for the concealment of intruders. Principal pathways are maintained to provide a suitable surface for all users, including those with limited mobility, and the College is following an active programme to improve access to all areas. While not all paths are fully illuminated, principal routes have suitable intensity lighting to provide security to users. A full service level agreement for grounds maintenance is provided in Appendix 4.

7.6. **Litter clearance**
All College members are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the College buildings and the College site, and should ensure that their waste and that of their guests is disposed of correctly.

External litter bins and recycling points are positioned around the College site, and are regularly emptied by housekeepers (see Section 8.3).

7.7. **Snow and ice clearance policies**
The College snow clearance policy is defined as part of the gardening service level agreement. Students should take particular care during snowy periods that their actions do not cause a hazard for others. Hence, creating ice slides on roadways or steps, or making and using snowballs containing gravel from the paths should be avoided.

8. **Environmental quality**

8.1. **Energy efficiency**
An energy efficiency survey by the Government’s Carbon Trust has been undertaken and the results are held in the Domestic Bursar’s Office. Importantly it notes that the major waste and contributor to both local costs and global warming is caused by individuals being careless in their behaviour: leaving lights on in unoccupied rooms; opening windows rather than turning down heating; turning heating up rather than dressing slightly more warmly. The College Environmental Committee is proactively working at ways of reducing environmental impact which will require greater participation from occupants to reduce energy use. Some of the actions taken by the College as part of an ongoing programme are as follows:

1. Lighting is being upgraded to LED lighting where possible to reduce energy.
2. We are upgrading the windows to a high performance specification and increasing the performance of the roof insulation in an effort to reduce heat loss to student accommodation in the refurbishment programme.
3. Windows and doors are having draught excluders and replacement ironmongery fitted to reduce heat loss.
4. Existing boilers are being replaced with condensing boilers moving their efficiency rating from around 70% to 90%
5. Power usage is being closely monitored.
6. Nearly 100% of electricity is generated from renewable sources under the new contracts.

8.2. **Refuse collection**
Housekeepers will clear waste bins and recycling bags on a daily basis. Collections of sanitary waste will be made on a monthly basis.

Food waste is collected in brown bins, garden waste in green bins, and both are sent for composting. General waste is compacted thus reducing the number of collections.

8.3. **Recycling**
The College has introduced recycling bins in various locations such as the Coffee Shop. Housekeeping provide clear bin bags for student recycling and collect glass bottles on a daily basis. At the end of Easter Term, any
food (in tins or unopened packets) left by students is collected and sent to Jimmy’s Night Shelter. Any crockery/pots, etc., is also collected and redistributed.

Bicycles left at the end of term are collected and recycled by a local tradesperson.

The Maintenance Department does recycle a number of the components for reuse around the College buildings.

The Maintenance Department will recycle small electrical appliances; please bring any items to the Maintenance Department located in Fellows’ Court.

8.3.1. The environment and College recycling facilities

The College actively seeks to enhance the environment through a positive approach to health and safety by control of pollution and care for the environment, and will meet its obligations under the Environmental Protection Act. The potential for pollution from our activities is assessed and either eliminated or controlled so far as is reasonably practicable.

8.3.2. As part of the College’s environmental policy we have made a commitment to recycle as much waste as possible in the safest possible manner. Recycling facilities ‘in College’ are clearly labelled and are situated in all four courts.

- Paper: Bins are provided (for paper, newspapers, magazines – not cardboard) in the Library, computer rooms, Tutorial and Admissions Office, and the Bursarial Administration Offices.
- Toner cartridges: There is a disposal point for old printer and toner cartridges outside of the IT Office at the bottom of the Walker staircase.
- Clinical waste: Please contact the Housekeeping and Accommodation Office for further details.

External houses: All College houses are now serviced by Cambridge City Council with recycling facilities. These require residents to be correct in their segregation of recyclable waste, since ‘contamination’ e.g. food waste in paper/cardboard recycling will result in that waste not being taken away. Residents must move any full recycling bags out of the kitchens to the correct recycling bin. Since 2007, Cambridge City Council has imposed charges for contaminated waste, and these will be passed to the College house occupants concerned. Please see https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-rubbish for more information about recycling facilities in your area. [Please note that this is an external website and the College cannot accept any responsibility for its contents.]

9. Transport

9.1. Car parking

9.1.1. Owing to traffic problems in Cambridge, the University and Colleges are under an obligation to the civic authorities to restrict the use of motor vehicles used by junior members (undergraduates and graduates). Consequently, it is a University offence for a student to keep, hire or drive a car in Cambridge during Term without permission. Please refer to College Regulations for more details.

9.1.2. Permission must be sought before bringing a car to Cambridge, full details are available on our website https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/facilities/bringing-your-car-cambridge

9.2. Bicycles

9.2.1. All student bicycles must be marked with the distinguishing letters of the College and with a personal number which will be allocated by the Porters. This is not only to satisfy University Regulations (Proctors may issue warnings or on-the-spot fines for failure to comply) but also to maximise the chance of the bike’s return should it be stolen. Information as to accommodation for bicycles in the College should be obtained from the Porters’ Lodge. Unregistered bicycles are liable to be removed from college property and disposed of.

9.2.2. The storage of bicycles in student rooms is strictly prohibited both on the College site and in College houses. Bicycles must not be brought into College or stored on a staircase in College or stored within one of the College houses.

9.2.3. In the event that students are riding at competition level for the College or the University, secure bike storage will be provided by the College – please discuss qualification, access and prices with the Head Porter at the beginning of term.
9.3. Park and Ride
You should advise your guests that there are five park and ride sites in Cambridge, which operate Monday to Saturday between 6am-8pm and on Sunday between 9am-6pm. All the sites are staffed during opening hours. The Madingley Road stop (on request) is closest to the College. Full timetable is available on the Cambridgeshire County Council website at http://cambridgeparkandride.info/

10. Good neighbour policy

Students will be expected to be mindful of the proximity of neighbours both within College properties and in the wider community. Particular attention is drawn to students resident in external properties which are in a non-academic environment. The College takes a particularly serious view of student misbehaviour, which inconveniences other members of the College or its neighbours.

11. College and student relationship

11.1. Policies and procedures
The relationship between the landlord (Fitzwilliam College) and the licensee (each student) is detailed in the Student Residential Contract (see Appendix 8 for an example agreement). Student accommodation is managed by the Accommodation Officer, who is located on the L staircase. The Accommodation Officer and the Bursary can provide information on the allocation and payment for this accommodation. In broad terms, the operation of this accommodation is shown below:

11.1.1. Application and allocation
Further details are available online at http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/accommodation

11.1.2. Charges for accommodation
Accommodation charges are reviewed by the College each year, in conjunction with JCR and MCR representatives. Final recommendation of these charges is the responsibility of the College Committee and the Governing Body.

11.1.3. Collection of charges
Students are charged for their accommodation rent on a termly basis, in advance. Any charges for damages will be added to the bill for the current term, except where the student may be required to settle such bills immediately. Late payments attract an interest charge at the rate of 3% above the Bank of England base rate for all overdue payments.

There is no accommodation specific deposit, but all students are required to pay a general College deposit, which may be used for a variety of purposes, including accommodation damage as required.

11.1.4. Termination/cancellation of contracts
All tenants are required to stay for the period of the current contract.

11.1.5. Complaints
If a student has any complaints about the delivery of services in relation to accommodation, this should be raised with the Accommodation Officer or Domestic Bursar in the first instance. An investigation will be undertaken and any agreed problems resolved. Should this not be acceptable, the student may appeal to the Bursar and, failing agreement at this level, to the Complaints Officer, following the Complaints Procedure detailed in Appendix (9) of the College Regulations.

11.1.6. Inventories
These will be provided at the start of residency, usually the beginning of the Michaelmas Term (see Section 6.5.2).

11.1.7. Access to rooms
The College will require access to study bedrooms for cleaning, maintenance and inspection purposes. Notice periods for this access are defined under the appropriate sections of this document. The College reserves the right to enter any room at no notice in circumstances of an emergency.
11.1.8. Defect reporting
Please ensure that defects are reported via the online maintenance system.

11.1.9. Non-residents/guests
Rules regarding overnight guests can be found in Appendix 5 of the College Regulations. Please note that Junior Members are not permitted to sublet their rooms.

11.2. Additional conditions
Additional conditions may apply to certain College accommodation due to terms imposed by landlords on the College or under Planning Conditions and the College will notify occupiers accordingly.

12. Communication between the College and students

12.1. Advance information
The Tutorial and Admissions Offices correspond with all Freshers prior to their arrival in College and provide full details of the accommodation available as well as other aspects of life as a student in Cambridge. Further information may be found on the Fitzwilliam College website.

12.2. Induction briefing
All new students, both undergraduate and graduate, are given an induction briefing from senior College Officers, including the Domestic Bursar, his staff and external experts (e.g. local Police and Fire Services). This is part of the matriculation process.

12.3. Management structure and contact details
The Accommodation Handbook, the College Regulations and the JCR and MCR Handbooks are updated and published annually, for access by all students in College.

13. Contractual relationship

13.1. Student tenancy contract
Every student living in College-provided accommodation will be issued with a Residential Contract (Memorandum of Agreement) (See Appendix 8). In addition to defining the period of agreed residency and cost of the accommodation, this also details the basic rules for living in such accommodation. Note that, while every effort will be made to leave students in a specific room during each period of residence, it may be necessary to move the student to alternate accommodation for maintenance or tutorial reasons, and sometimes for the benefit of the College community as a whole. If this occurs and a resident is required to move to a higher grade of room, there will be no increase in the individual’s rent; if they move to a lower grade of room there will be a reduction in their rent. The College will also give assistance in the actual move.

14. Student support

14.1. General
College provides a range of student support services, including health care, tutorial, pastoral and spiritual guidance. All Tutors and many of the staff can offer advice on where help can be found. The College Porters’ Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day, and the Duty Porter can always contact the College Officers as required. The University also offers a number of counselling services. Further details can be found on the College website, in various College publications and online at http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/welfare

14.2. College Nurse and doctors
The College employs a Nurse who holds a surgery each working day during Term at Murray Edwards College. In addition, all students should register with a local doctor or practice; note that the Huntingdon Road Medical Practice is very close to the College and external houses, and is where the majority of students register. The College Nurse can be contacted on nurse@fitz.cam.ac.uk
14.3. **College Counsellor**
The College employs a Counsellor who can be contacted by emailing counsellor@fitz.cam.ac.uk

14.4. **JCR and MCR peer support**
Both the JCR and MCR have peer support available from their committee Welfare Officers.

15. **Student satisfaction**

15.1. **Student complaints**
Every attempt will be made to deal quickly and effectively with any complaints made about any matter of concern to students. Any minor concerns of a domestic nature, that relate to accommodation faults or the non-functioning of other student facilities should be entered in the online Maintenance helpdesk system. Major domestic concerns should be referred to the Domestic Bursar (domestic.bursar@fitz.cam.ac.uk), while complaints about bills and other financial matters should be addressed using the accounts helpdesk on myFitz. If students are not satisfied with the College response to any complaint they make then they should contact the Senior Tutor either via the Tutorial and Admissions Office or by email: senior.tutor@fitz.cam.ac.uk.

16. **Administration, accreditation and compliance with the ANUK code of practice**

16.1. **General**
The College is a long-established, self-governing organisation, subject to regular internal and external audits, which includes all aspects of institutional management. While the College has well established student accommodation practices – detailed above, and amplified in other publications such as the College Regulations, JCR and MCR Handbooks, it has also registered with the Accreditation Network UK (ANUK) as abiding by its published Code of Practice [https://www.nationalcode.org/](https://www.nationalcode.org/).

ANUK will periodically review and update its Code; the College will in principle amend its procedures to conform.

16.2. **Administration**
Unipol Student Homes have overall responsibility for administering the Code of Practice. This includes; maintaining a list of all institutions signed up to the Code, and all buildings within those institutions covered by the Code; liaising with other bodies over areas where the Code is only applicable in parts; and periodically reviewing the Code. This triannual review and audit will be undertaken by Peer inspectors representing relevant stakeholder groups, including University management, students and specialist professions (e.g. facilities managers, maintenance, etc.). In this task, they will take note of significant complaints made by students concerning non-observance, other breaches noted by internal or external audits. If necessary, Unipol may undertake further investigation, and then issue remedial proposals. In extreme cases, Unipol may decide that a higher educational institution is no longer compliant with the Code, at which stage responsibility may pass to an alternate body, such as the Local Authority, to impose changes. Under the terms of the Housing Act 2004, Fitzwilliam College is required to be licensed either with an approved Code of Standards (typically known as ANUK/Unipol) or with the Local Authority. While this document refers to ANUK, it is possible that it will be amended to an alternate registering authority at some point, in which case that authority should be inserted in place of ANUK.

16.3. **College responsibilities**
In registering with the ANUK Code of Practice the College undertakes that:

16.3.1. All the accommodation registered with ANUK meets the standards and accords with the procedures set out in the Code.

16.3.2. An appropriate complaints procedure is in place, integrated into normal College practices with a procedure for reporting back to ANUK on any significant complaints relating to the Code.
16.3.3. Auditors will consider the College’s management of its student accommodation in relation to the Code, advising HEFCE and ANUK as appropriate.

16.4. **Complaints**

If a student has any complaints about the delivery of services in relation to accommodation, this should be raised with the Accommodation Officer or the Domestic Bursar in the first instance. An investigation will be undertaken and any agreed problems resolved. Should this not be acceptable, the student may appeal to the Bursar and, failing agreement at this level, to the Complaints Officer (Senior Tutor) unless the Senior Tutor is the subject of the complaint, in which case the complainant should inform the Master in writing, and the Master will then appoint a senior Fellow of the College as Complaints Officer. The final and ultimate right of appeal may be referred to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator under the Accreditation Network UK (ANUK) Code of Practice ([https://www.nationalcode.org/](https://www.nationalcode.org/)). Please refer to Appendix 9 of the College Regulations for further detail.
Appendix 1: Fire Safety

Actions to be taken in the event of fire (general) (Fellows, students, staff and visitors)

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY - YOUR LIFE MAY DEPEND UPON IT

- To read this notice carefully.
- To find out the location of the nearest Fire Alarm Call Point (Break Glass) and the nearest Fire Extinguisher.
- To familiarise yourself with all the possible means of escape in the event of a fire.
- To keep fire doors closed (they must NOT be wedged open).
- To keep landings, staircases and other escape routes clear of obstructions at all times.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE

IN THE EVENT OF AN ALARM SOUNDING

- Use the nearest available exit.
- Do not stop to collect personal belongings.
- Ensure all doors and windows are closed (not locked) on vacating the room.
- Do not re-enter the building.
- Proceed to your allocated assembly point.

IF YOU DISCOVER A FIRE

- Operate the nearest Fire Alarm Call Point (Break Glass).
- Do not take any unnecessary risks.
- Close but do not lock all windows and doors on your way out.
- Inform Porters in person if safe to do so.
- Proceed to the designated assembly point.

FIRE ALARM PREVENTION

GYP ROOMS

- Never leave items being cooked (including toast) unattended.
- Never remove burning items from Gyp Rooms.

IMPORTANT STUDENT NOTES

- Students must not cause smoke or fire whilst frying.
- Candles, oil lamps and the like are not permitted.
- Overnight guests must be registered with the Porters’ Lodge.
- Students breaking College fire regulations will be referred to the Dean.

Fire drills (attended by the fire brigade) are carried out for the purpose of ensuring everyone on site follows the evacuation procedure promptly. They must be taken seriously. False alarms waste fire brigade resources and prevent them attending other (possibly major) incidents.
Appendix 2: Fitzwilliam College service level agreement (Housekeeping)

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Our mission is to provide convenient, clean and affordable accommodation to the students of Fitzwilliam College and to ensure that they are placed in the most appropriate accommodation available to fit their needs and requirements.

The Accommodation and Housekeeping Department aims to provide excellent customer service, by delivering the highest standards of care in a professional manner by well-trained and knowledgeable staff.

The Departmental Charter – explaining the full services provided – may be found at: https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Accommodation%20and%20Housekeeping%20Departmental%20Charter.pdf

The following will outline cleaning schedules for student rooms, offices, Fellows’ rooms and flexible space rooms.

1. Period of agreement

The agreement will commence on 1 October each year and terminate on 30 September of the following year. Unless advised to the contrary, the agreement will be deemed to continue into each subsequent year.

2. Services provided

The agreement shall include all work associated with the day-to-day cleaning of: on and off-site student rooms, kitchens, bathrooms and common areas (stairs and halls); offices; Fellows’ sets and studies; the Master’s Lodge; and all enclosed public areas (e.g. Library, Auditorium, etc.). In addition, Housekeeping staff are responsible for setting up public rooms for meetings of various types, entertainment and conferences. General movement and storage of furniture is also a responsibility of this department. During the vacations, the Accommodation and Housekeeping Department is responsible for ensuring that all bedrooms are ready for the arrival of conferences in the most cost-effective way.

3. Monitoring and reviewing

The service provider (Fitzwilliam College Accommodation and Housekeeping Department) and service client (Fitzwilliam College) will monitor and review performance on an ongoing basis meeting fortnightly to formally discuss service level agreements with the Bursar, Domestic Bursar, JCR President and MCR President.

The quality of work by Housekeeping staff will be scrutinised by the Accommodation and Housekeeping Services Manager, Deputy Manager and Supervisor and her supervisors; the Accommodation and Housekeeping Services Manager is responsible to the Domestic Bursar for the quality of service delivery. The Accommodation and Housekeeping Services Manager is to define a standardised method for assessing performance of the ability and standard of work of individual Housekeepers, which will be reflected in annual performance/appraisal reviews with each individual; Appendix A details cleaning frequencies and activities.
In addition, because of the nature of the environment, there may be separate and less structured feedback from both students and conferences, which requires timely investigation and rectification. A Housekeeping and Accommodation working party meets termly to review the service provided and to provide feedback to student enquiries.

4. Disputes

Any dispute regarding any matter relating to the service level agreement shall be referred to the Domestic Bursar. Any further disagreement shall be referred to the Bursar for appropriate action.

5. Response times

Requests for cleaning assistance will originate in a number of ways; many will be from student members by means of the online Helpdesk system. Requests will cover a range of activities, from general cleaning, kitchen and bathroom problems, and queries over furnishings, to incidents requiring a rapid response (e.g. hazardous waste).

- Urgent cleaning tasks (which might require external assistance) should be resolved within two hours of notification.
- General cleaning tasks should be handled within one working day.
- Furnishing queries should be dealt with expeditiously, and may be determined by external supply conditions (e.g. replacement desk chairs, special furniture for medical reasons etc.). Clients are to be advised of likely timescales within three working days of the request, and thereafter if anticipated delivery times are delayed.
- House Porter tasks – by their nature – are likely to be more time dependant; it is essential that realistic response times be agreed with those requesting assistance.

The SLA will be met if 90% of requests in each and every category are completed within the requisite timescale. The Domestic Manager is responsible for providing compliance data to the Domestic Bursar on a regular basis.

6. Liaison

Requests for general cleaning or replacement furnishings should be raised by e-mail to housekeeping@fitz.cam.ac.uk. Unless there has to be an escalation of urgency, clients should assume that the request will be effected within SLA guidelines, and ‘hastening’ should not be required. If the Housekeeping Department find that they are unable to meet the timescale because of a conflict of tasks, they will advise the client by email of the anticipated delay and the reason, and reschedule the work accordingly, creating an audit trail on the records.

Furnishing requests may need to be discussed with the Domestic Bursar to ensure that requests meet College policies, and any major problems should also be referred to them for resolution.

7. Call-out procedure

It will be very rare that Housekeeping staff will need to be called out, and ‘first call’ response out-of-hours will be effected by the Duty Porters.
Appendix 2a: Student bedroom and public area cleaning schedule

CLEANING ARRANGEMENTS

Gyp rooms, shared bathrooms, toilets and showers are cleaned Monday to Friday, bedrooms once a week. The Housekeeper on your staircase will inform you of the day that your room will be cleaned. If you would like your bin emptied daily, leave it outside your bedroom door, otherwise it will be emptied once a week. Please ensure any broken glass is kept separate and notify the housekeeper.

LINEN

Students are responsible for their own linen. They must either supply their own or use the Linen Hire Service as provided by the Housekeeping Department for students at a cost of £30.00 per term.

College linen may be exchanged between 8:30am and 11am Monday to Friday from the Linen Room on K staircase.

Camp Beds can also be hired from the Housekeeping and Accommodation Office.

QUERIES/COMPLAINTS

If you have a query or complaint, please speak first to the Housekeeper on your staircase. If they are unable to answer your query, or if you are not satisfied, please come to see the Housekeeping and Accommodation Office.
Appendix 3: Fitzwilliam College service level agreement (Maintenance)

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Our mission is to carry out the maintenance and improvements to college buildings and services competently, with due regard to the nature of the buildings; providing a friendly, professional service facilitating a better environment for all. The Departmental Charter - explaining the full services provided may be found at: https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/maintenancecharter

1. Period of agreement

The agreement will commence on 1 October each year and terminate on 30 September of the following year. Unless advised to the contrary, the agreement will be deemed to continue into each subsequent year.

2. Services provided

The agreement shall include all work associated with the day-to-day reactive and planned preventative maintenance of all Residential Accommodation Buildings and their Services. Project work and surveys for projects are not included in the service level agreement. For the purposes of this SLA, day-to-day maintenance is defined as ‘sensible and practical repair, on a like for like basis, for the continuance or preservation, protection, repair to and upkeep of the buildings’.

In addition to conventional maintenance tasks, the Department will also undertake appropriate testing to meet Health and Safety, Fire and Environmental requirements (legionella testing, hard wire test, PAT testing, fire alarm, emergency lighting, etc.). These tests, and any associated remedial action, will be undertaken as scheduled tasks within statutory deadlines.

3. Monitoring and reviewing

The service provider (Fitzwilliam College Maintenance Department) and service client (Fitzwilliam College) will monitor and review performance on an ongoing basis meeting fortnightly to formally discuss service level agreements with the Bursar, Domestic Bursar, JCR President and MCR President.

A selection (normally 5%) of completed jobs, picked at random, or at the request of a client from completed job requests, will be post-inspected by the Domestic Bursar, Maintenance Manager or their Deputy. The inspection will check that the job is complete, within the required timescale, that the quality of workmanship is satisfactory and that materials used are reasonable. Note that this will require access to student rooms after the work has been carried out.

A further random selection may be checked by the Bursar or Domestic Bursar should a large number of complaints be received in any period; a résumé of all the results will be provided to the annual SLA meeting.

4. Disputes

In the event of a dispute regarding any matter relating to the service level agreement, this shall be referred to the Domestic Bursar. Any further disagreement shall be referred to the Bursar for appropriate action.
5. **Response times**

Requests for maintenance will be actioned rapidly, and technical maintenance staff will respond within the following timescales of their being notified of the problem:

Type 1: Vital repairs – within 2 hours  
Type 2: Urgent repairs – within 48 hours  
Type 3: Routine repairs – within 5 working days  
Type 4: Deferred repairs – within 28 working days  
Type 5: Cyclical repairs – as planned by College

The above are initial response (i.e. investigating the problem) times. Repairs (i.e. fixing the problem) are subject to the availability of materials and suitable tradesmen, in which case temporary repairs will be undertaken to ensure safety and, where possible, comfort. If necessary for safety, alternate accommodation will be provided.

The SLA will be met if 90% of responses in each and every category are completed within the requisite timescale.

6. **Liaison**

Maintenance requests for Type 2, 3 and 4 repairs should be raised electronically using the online help desk ticket on MyFitz. The helpdesk is accessed at [https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk](https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk) or at [https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk/mobile](https://help.fitz.cam.ac.uk/mobile) on a mobile device. Unless there has to be an escalation of urgency (e.g. from ‘Routine’ to ‘Urgent’), clients should assume that the response will be effected within SLA guidelines and ‘hastening’ should not be required. Once you have raised a help desk ticket it will be assumed that Maintenance can access your room between 8.00am and 4.00pm. If the Maintenance Department find themselves unable to meet a reasonable repair timescale because of a lack of materials, they must advise the client by email of the anticipated delay and the reason, and reschedule the work accordingly, creating an audit trail on the records. Only in exceptional circumstances will ‘a lack of labour’ be an acceptable reason for failing to meet the service target.

Type 1 requests should be relayed to the Maintenance Manager or Deputy Maintenance Manager immediately in person or by phone 01223 330231 or 01223 332050 during normal working hours (8.00 - 4.00pm Monday to Friday). Out of working hours, or if the Maintenance Manager or Deputy Maintenance Manager are not available, the Porters’ Lodge should be contacted, for them to contact the out of hours on-call maintenance team.

7. **Call-out procedure**

The Maintenance Manager will inform the Porters’ Lodge who is on-call via the call-out rota updated every 12 weeks.
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Our mission is “To preserve and develop diverse, sustainable and attractive garden spaces for the benefit of study, learning and relaxation”

1. Period of agreement

The agreement will commence on 1 October each year and terminate on 30 September the following year. Unless advised to the contrary, the agreement will be deemed to continue into each subsequent year.

2. Services provided

The agreement shall include all work associated with maintaining the grounds of the Fitzwilliam College site and external properties in accordance with the requirements of the client. In general terms, the grounds, gardens, trees, greenhouses, etc., will be maintained to a standard providing a pleasant, relaxing and safe landscape environment for use by the client, guests and visitors to the College. This will pay due regard to the needs of security (e.g. providing clear sight lines for CCTV) and accepted environmental standards with regard to agricultural and arboriculture treatments. The Gardening Department are not responsible for the Fitzwilliam College Sports Field.

3. Monitoring and reviewing

The service provider (Fitzwilliam College Gardening Department) and service client (Fitzwilliam College) will monitor and review performance on an ongoing basis meeting fortnightly to formally discuss service level agreements with the Bursar, Domestic Bursar, JCR President and MCR President. In addition, guidance will be given by the Estates Committee, who should be consulted prior to any major planting or changes.

Work should be planned in such a manner as to reduce disturbance to the College. This is particularly important during examination periods (when the Tutorial Office and the Events & Catering Office will provide details of areas/times to be avoided).

Specific requirements include:

- Lawns are to be mowed and edged in accordance with seasonal demands with the cutting height maintained between 20mm and 70mm in general.
- Lawns are to be fertilised, moving towards the sole use of suitable, environmentally friendly products, and scarified as required. Fungal infection is to be treated where possible, keeping the lawn well fed and watered so that the overall ‘greening’ effect will mask any rings.
- Leaves and other organic waste material are to be removed from paths and lawns twice per week.
- Other than sufficient to maintain mulching requirements, all organic waste material must be disposed of outside the College site.
• Flower beds and other displays are to be maintained as a visual spectacle throughout the main growing season, kept watered and free from weeds. All beds must be regularly fertilised, moving towards the sole use of suitable, environmentally-friendly products.
• Hedges are to be pruned or clipped at regular intervals to maintain a neat shape and to keep growth away from pedestrians. Hedges are not to be allowed to shield entrances or impinge upon paths.
• Trees are to be regularly inspected and maintained; normally such maintenance will be undertaken by external contractors at the request of the Head Gardener.
• Gravel paths are to be repaired. Where surfaces are stabilised to assist wheelchair movement, these are to be treated appropriately to maintain their efficiency.
• All paths, external steps and principle vehicle routes must be kept clear of snow and ice; suitable products will be stocked to effect such clearance (see the Ice and Snow clearance policy below).
• Machinery is to be inspected regularly, maintained in accordance with manufacturers’ instructions, and only operated by trained individuals. Records of training are to be maintained by the Head Gardener.
• All tools are to be maintained and correct for their tasks. Any damaged tools are to be repaired or replaced in accordance with College Health and Safety regulations.
• The Gardeners’ greenhouses are to be operated to maintain a supply of plants for use in the College and external College properties.
• Planters are to be maintained to maximum effect.

4. Disputes
In the event of a dispute regarding any matter relating to the service level agreement, this shall be referred to the Domestic Bursar who may call upon the Estates Committee or other expert for advice. Any further disagreement shall be referred to the Bursar for appropriate action.

5. Response times
Any urgent request – e.g., where a tree poses a hazard because of danger of falling branches – must be responded to immediately within working hours or within two hours at other times. The only other time-critical operation is for ice and snow clearance, which requires the following actions:

• ‘Ice melt’ supplies are to be provided to the Porters for treatment of the Storey’s Way entrance.
• Within 1 hour. Main entrance, steps to North Porters’ Lodge cleared of snow and ice.
• Within 2 hours. All paths to be treated (to a width of 1m)
• Within 4 hours. Sufficient of the car park and access roads to make them safe for vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
• As requested. Other areas of the site prioritised as appropriate.

6. Liaison
Requests for general or specific gardening tasks should be raised via email to the Head Gardener. Safety must always be a priority, which means that pedestrian areas (e.g. steps and paths) must be kept clear of hazards, be it ice, snow, moss, or overhanging plants. However, because so much of the work is weather and growing season dependant, many requests will have to be agreed with the Head Gardener and Domestic Bursar for delivery at an appropriate time. Unless there has to be an escalation of urgency, clients should assume that the request will be undertaken within that timescale. If the Gardening Department find that they are unable to meet a timescale because of a conflict of tasks, the Head Gardener must advise the client by email of the anticipated delay and the reason, and reschedule the work accordingly, creating an audit trail on the records. Only in exceptional circumstances will ‘a lack of labour’ be an acceptable reason for failing to meet the service target.

7. Call-out procedure
It would be highly unlikely that Gardening staff would be called outside normal working hours. This would only be necessary where there was a very hazardous situation – e.g. storm-damaged trees or other natural
disaster. In such circumstances, Gardening staff are to avoid putting themselves at risk, and the appropriate action may be to put a safety cordon in place.
Appendix 5: Fitzwilliam College service level agreement (Porters’ Lodge)

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Our mission is ‘To provide a friendly and welcoming service and to ensure staff are trained to a high standard.’ Our departmental service charter may be found: https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2019-12/Porters%27Lodge%20Departmental%20Charter.pdf

1. Period of agreement

The agreement will commence on 1 October each year and terminate on 30 September of the following year. Unless advised to the contrary, the agreement will be deemed to continue into each subsequent year.

2. Services provided

The agreement shall include all work associated with the day-to-day reception, telephone switchboard, mail distribution and security of the College and associated outbuildings.

In addition to the above, the Porters’ Lodge will also provide a first aid response within the College and be responsible for the upkeep of installed First Aid boxes in the College and associated outbuildings. The Lodge will also undertake appropriate testing to meet Health and Safety, Fire and Environmental requirements. These tests, and any associated remedial action, will be undertaken as scheduled tasks within statutory deadlines.

Testing of College fire alarms will be conducted in such a way to minimise the disturbance to College users, particularly during conferences and exam periods.

The Porters’ Lodge will be responsible for the Health and Safety and Fire risk assessments for all College properties.

Additionally, the Lodge acts as a single point of contact for any ‘out of hours’ requests that fall within the remit of other College Departments.

3. Monitoring and reviewing

The service provider (Fitzwilliam College Porters) and service client (Fitzwilliam College) will monitor and review performance on an ongoing basis meeting fortnightly to formally discuss service level agreements with the Bursar, Domestic Bursar, JCR President and MCR President. The quality of service provided by the Porters will be monitored and reviewed by the Head Porter and/or Deputy Head Porter. Where any perceived shortfall in service is recognised, it should be brought to the attention of the Head Porter or Deputy as soon as possible.
4. Disputes

In the event of a dispute regarding any matter relating to the service level agreement, should, in the first instance be referred to the Head Porter, or nominated Deputy. He/she will then take the appropriate action and respond. In the event of the dispute not being satisfactorily resolved it shall then be referred to the Domestic Bursar. Any further disagreement shall be referred to the Bursar for appropriate action.

5. Response times

The Porters’ Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and normally queries and/or issues can be resolved within an almost immediate timescale.

Where this is not possible, an initial response will be made by the Head Porter or nominated Deputy within 24 hours, Monday to Friday, or by the end of the next working day for issues raised on a Saturday or Sunday.

Given the varied nature of the services provided by Fitzwilliam College, it is impossible to allocate a prescriptive schedule for responses. However, the above will be the minimum standard that this SLA will provide and the Porters’ Lodge will always endeavour to resolve issues as soon as possible after being made aware of them.

6. Liaison

Enquiries to the Lodge may be made in person, or via telephone (01223 332000).

7. Callout procedure

The Lodge is permanently staffed and therefore, no call out procedure exists for Porters. However, the Porters’ Lodge would normally be the initial point of contact to initiate a call out for any other department.
Appendix 6: Environmental issues

Approved and adopted by the Governing Body, 6 July 2016

In achieving excellence in teaching and research, Fitzwilliam College aims to manage its activities, buildings and estates to promote environmental sustainability, to conserve and enhance natural resources and to prevent environmental pollution to bring about a continual improvement in its environmental performance. Fitzwilliam College will comply fully with environmental legislation and officially approved codes of practice, and will make continued efforts to function all year round in a manner that minimises its harmful environmental impact. To this end, it will subject to financial constraints:

1. Maximise the proportion of waste that is recycled and minimise the quantity of non-recyclable refuse.
2. Reduce energy consumption in all College property.
3. Ensure that improvements, purchases and developments are environmentally sound.
4. Minimise the use of unsustainable transport by its staff and students.
5. Minimise consumption of water.
6. Minimise the use of chemical pollutants both in College by students and staff, and in College grounds by gardeners.
7. Ensure that the Environmental Policy is enacted, enforced and reviewed.
Appendix 7: Rental agreements

1. Occupancy

(a) Room allocation during the Residence Period\(^1\) is the responsibility of the Senior Tutor and first-year undergraduates must occupy accommodation allocated by the Senior Tutor.

(b) Junior Members wishing to change rooms will incur an administrative charge of £50, unless there is a request to a Tutor. During Easter Term changes to rooms are only possible in exceptional circumstances.

(c) The Senior Tutor may require an undergraduate to vacate a room with immediate effect if College Regulations relating to residence or rooms are not observed.

(d) Rooms must be vacated by 9:00am on the day of departure, whether the student's own permanent room or a temporary room allocated outside the Residence period (in which case the student will be notified in advance of the date to return to the permanent room). Breach of this Regulation will incur a charge equivalent to the daily room rent at conference rates at that specific time.

(e) Undergraduate accommodation will normally be ready from 10am on the first day of the Residence Period at the beginning of the academic year. Students returning during term time will have access to their accommodation from 11:30am.

(f) Any empty rooms during term time may be filled by visitors

Graduate accommodation will be ready from 2pm on the first day of the Residence Period at the beginning of the academic year. Please note that students may be asked to arrive at different times.

2. Rental agreement definitions

Agreement A – Termly residence

- Available for undergraduates only.
- Covers the residence period of the Michaelmas, Lent and Easter terms.
- In the case of graduands the agreement will be extended to the date of general admission (additional rent will apply for this extension).

Agreement B – Easter vacation residence

- Available for undergraduates only.
- Covers the Residence Period of Michaelmas term, and the period from the beginning of the residence period of Lent term to the end of the residence period of the Easter term.
- In the case of graduands the agreement will be extended to the date of general admission (additional rent will apply for this extension).

Agreement C – Full residence

- Available for undergraduates only.
- Runs from the beginning of the Residence Period of the Michaelmas Term to the end of the Residence Period of the Easter term.

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\(^1\) The College Residence Period runs for 10 weeks in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms and 9 weeks in the Easter Term. It commences on the Saturday before the beginning of Full Term and finishes on the Friday (inclusive) following the end of Full Term.
• In the case of graduands the agreement will be extended to the date of general admission (additional rent will apply for this extension).

Agreement D – 39 weeks

• Available for graduates only
• Runs for 39 weeks commencing at the beginning of the Residence Period of the Michaelmas term.
• Students who have not yet graduated, may elect to extend their contract into the Long Vacation, and will be charged at the same daily rate, according to the period of the extension. During the Long Vacation period, two weeks’ notice of vacating the room must be given in writing by the student.
• Students may be required to vacate their room for short periods to allow maintenance work to be undertaken.

For the purpose of rental agreements, Clinical Veterinary students are treated as undergraduates (though with contracts A and B available only for graduate rooms on the main College site). Clinical medics are treated as graduates for this purpose and are therefore restricted to Agreement D.

3. Rent

The following is subject to the provisions of any written agreement between the College and a student, which shall take precedence:

(a) Students will be guaranteed use of their own room throughout their rental agreement period unless urgent maintenance work is required. Outside that period students will be required to vacate their room, which will be available for College use.

(b) Undergraduate students wishing to stay in College accommodation during the Long Vacation for bona fide academic, pastoral or career reasons, which have the support of the Tutors, may do so at the normal student rental for the room

(c) A student who leaves a room in any state that prevents its use by another occupant will be charged rent for the room at the Conference Room rate, current to the time of charging (rates are available from the Events office), until the situation is corrected by the student or College staff; if by the latter, the student will be charged for the time involved at the actual labour rate of those involved’

(d) In signing for a room, Junior Members are accepting liability for the rent for the relevant parts of the whole academic year concerned. Junior Members wishing to vacate College accommodation must inform the Senior Tutor of their intention to move before the division of term immediately preceding the term in which they wish to vacate. Failure to give such notice will result in responsibility for the rent of the room for the following term.

4. Procedures for Out of Term Accommodation (undergraduates only)

(a) The Request for Out of Term Accommodation (ROTA) form will be electronically distributed to all students who do not have agreements that entitle them to vacation residence, at the beginning of the 5th week of term and will be required to be completed and returned by the end of the 7th week of term.

(b) Changes may be made to the submitted out of term booking dates by email to the Accommodation and Housekeeping Department with one week’s notice before the departure or return date.

(c) The early return of this form is essential to enable the Housekeeping and Accommodation Department to plan and prepare for the change of use of rooms at the end of the residence
period. For this reason, penalties will apply for failure to complete and return the form by the required deadline (see ‘e’ below.).

(d) It will be presumed that students who fail to complete or return the ROTA in accordance with the deadline will be keeping to the residence dates, and those rooms are available for reallocation during the vacation.

(e) Penalties
   i. Failure to complete or return the ROTA by the end of the 7th week of full term will result in the matter being reported to the Dean for disciplinary action to be taken.
   ii. Changes made with less than one week’s notice before the booked late departure or early return date will result in the matter being reported to the Dean for disciplinary action to be taken.
   iii. If a student fails to vacate their room in accordance with the ROTA procedures they will be expected to move to another room and will pay conference rate at that specific time for that room

(f) Billing
   i. Students will be charged for the full period booked regardless of actual occupation.
   ii. Accommodation charges for out of Term accommodation will be processed in the following term’s accounts.

5. Undergraduate Vacation Rent Allowance Scheme

(a) All students in receipt of a College Maintenance Bursary will be eligible for a Vacation Rent Allowance of £20 per night for residence in the College outside the standard 29-week residence period, up to an annual total of 14 nights. This Allowance is available to students in all years and on all forms of rent agreement.

(b) The key decision point on eligibility for financial support from the College is the Maintenance Bursary round. Undergraduates (both home and overseas) in financial need should apply for other available support (e.g. Cambridge Bursary) in the Michaelmas Term and then apply for a College Maintenance Bursary in Lent Term each year. The Vacation Rent Allowance will be automatically credited to the account of an eligible student following the period of residence.
Appendix 8: Sample room tenancy agreements

Sample of undergraduate room tenancy agreement

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made on the Date as in the schedule below records the conditions upon which the Room specified in the schedule (the Room) is to be occupied by a Member whose name is specified in the schedule (the Member) as Licensee of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge (the College) by virtue of such membership during the Academical Year specified in the schedule.

1. The weekly rate of payment (also known as the license fee) due from the Member to the College in respect of the Room is that specified in the schedule, payment for a period of weeks becoming due when debited to the College Account of the Member. The weekly rate is inclusive of electricity, heating (for such periods as the College may determine), water, personal possessions insurance (full details on College website), cleaning (where and when provided), the use of such communal toilet, shower, bath, kitchen, gyp room and other areas as may be provided and IT services via the College network, with free data allowance as specified from time to time by the College.

2. The Member may occupy the Room in respect of the Academical year and in accordance with such of the following agreement types as specified in the schedule.

3. This licence shall expire on the last day of the period specified in the relevant agreement type.

4. The Member shall observe the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University and of the College and shall permit the College, its servants or agents at all reasonable times on giving prior notice (except in emergency) to enter the Room for the purposes of maintenance, repair and decoration and to enter the Room at all reasonable times (without notice) for the purpose of cleaning.

5. The Member shall not share or part with possession of the Room or any part thereof except to visitors permitted under College Regulations and shall not use the Room for any business, trade, profession or for any immoral, illegal or improper purpose.

6. The Agreement Type cannot be changed after the commencement of the residency period of the Michaelmas Term.

TERMINATION

1. The College may terminate the license made under this Agreement in the event the Licensee (Member):
   a. is in breach of his or her obligations under this Agreement;
   b. is found guilty by the College, the University or the courts of a serious offence, including but not limited to substance abuse or supply, violent or aggressive behaviour, harassment or damage to property; or
   c. intermits or ceases to be a full-time student of the University

2. Should the College decide not to terminate the license under 1(a) or (b) but the breach or behaviour continues or is repeated then the College reserves the right to terminate the license on that basis. A written warning to this effect will be served on the Licensee.
3 If the College decides to terminate the license under 1(b) then it may continue to do so even if an appeal is made by the Licensee with regard to those disciplinary or criminal proceedings that gave rise to the termination of the license under 1(b).

4 In the event the College decides to terminate this license then a written Notice to Quit shall be served on the Licensee giving him or her not less than four weeks to quit those premises made available under this Agreement.

5 The Licensee remains liable for the license fee up to and including the date of vacation. The College will return to the Licensee any excess license fee, key deposit or other monies paid by the Licensee and refundable under this Agreement less any reasonable costs and expenses of the termination but the permitted payment will not exceed the loss suffered by the College.

6 Monies payable to the Licensee will only be paid after the Licensee has quit to the satisfaction of the College those premises made available under this Agreement.

7 In the event the Licensee has not quit those premises made available under this Agreement the College may apply to the court for an order for possession of those Premises. In the event such an order is granted the College will ask the court further to order the Licensee pays the College loss of income and its reasonable legal costs and expenses incurred in the contemplation, preparation, prosecution and enforcement of those legal proceedings with interest but the permitted payment will not exceed the loss suffered by the College.

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THE SCHEDULE

The Date: 3 October 2020

The Room: «Room»

The Member: «Student»

The Academical Year: 2020 - 2021

The Weekly Rate: £«Rent»

Applicable clauses of Agreement Type: «M_29week»

AS WITNESS the signatures of the Bursar of the College and of the Member

_______________________________ Bursar _______________________________ Member

1 In accordance with s5(1A) of the Protection of Eviction Act 1977.
2 In accordance with s3(2A) of the same act.
3 As stated in Student Accommodation Handbook: Appendix 8.2: Rental Agreement Definitions http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/accommodation
4 In accordance with s1 (7) of the Tenant Fees Act 2019
Sample of graduate room tenancy agreement

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made on the Date as in the schedule below records the conditions upon which the Room specified in the schedule (the Room) is to be occupied by a Member whose name is specified in the schedule (the Member) as Licensee of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge (the College) by virtue of such membership during the Academical Year specified in the schedule.

7. The weekly rate of payment (also known as the license fee) due from the Member to the College in respect of the Room is that specified in the schedule, payment for a period of weeks becoming due when debited to the College Account of the Member. The weekly rate is inclusive of electricity, heating (for such periods as the College may determine), water, personal possessions insurance (full details on College website), cleaning (where and when provided), the use of such communal toilet, shower, bath, kitchen, gyp room and other areas as may be provided and IT services via the College network, with free data allowance as specified from time to time by the College.

8. The Member may occupy the Room in respect of the Academical year and in accordance with such of the following agreement types as specified in the schedule.

9. This licence shall expire on the last day of the period specified in the relevant agreement type. If not previously expired, this licence shall determine absolutely on Saturday 26 September 2020.

10. The Member shall observe the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University and of the College and shall permit the College, its servants or agents at all reasonable times on giving prior notice (except in emergency) to enter the Room for the purposes of maintenance, repair and decoration and to enter the Room at all reasonable times (without notice) for the purpose of cleaning.

11. The Member shall not share or part with possession of the Room or any part thereof except to visitors permitted under College Regulations and shall not use the Room for any business, trade, profession or for any immoral, illegal or improper purpose.

12. A Member occupying a Room at 1 Glisson Road, Cambridge shall not apply for nor seek to obtain a residents on-street parking permit.

13. Any member electing to stay in the room for a full 52 weeks will receive a rebate of one week’s rent.

TERMINATION

2 The College may terminate the license made under this Agreement in the event the Licensee (Member):
   a. is in breach of his or her obligations under this Agreement;
   b. is found guilty by the College, the University or the courts of a serious offence, including but not limited to substance abuse or supply, violent or aggressive behaviour, harassment or damage to property; or
   c. intermits or ceases to be a full-time student of the University.
Should the College decide not to terminate the license under 1(a) or (b) but the breach or behaviour continues or is repeated then the College reserves the right to terminate the license on that basis. A written warning to this effect will be served on the Licensee.

If the College decides to terminate the license under 1(b) then it may continue to do so even if an appeal is made by the Licensee with regard to those disciplinary or criminal proceedings that gave rise to the termination of the license under 1(b).

In the event the College decides to terminate this license then a written Notice to Quit shall be served on the Licensee giving him or her not less than four weeks to quit those premises made available under this Agreement.

The Licensee remains liable for the license fee up to and including the date of vacation. The College will return to the Licensee any excess license fee, key deposit or other monies paid by the Licensee and refundable under this Agreement less any reasonable costs and expenses of the termination but the permitted payment will not exceed the loss suffered by the College.

Monies payable to the Licensee will only be paid after the Licensee has quit to the satisfaction of the College those premises made available under this Agreement.

In the event the Licensee has not quit those premises made available under this Agreement the College may apply to the court for an order for possession of those Premises. In the event such an order is granted the College will ask the court further to order the Licensee pays the College loss of income and its reasonable legal costs and expenses incurred in the contemplation, preparation, prosecution and enforcement of those legal proceedings with interest but the permitted payment will not exceed the loss suffered by the College.

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THE SCHEDULE

The Date: 1 October 2020 to 3 July 2021
The Room: «Room»
The Member: «Student»
The Academical Year: 2020 - 2021
The Weekly Rate: £«Rent»

Applicable clauses of Agreement Type:

AS WITNESS the signatures of the Bursar of the College and of the Member

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Bursar
_______________________________
Member

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