

Graduate Utilities charges

For 2011/2012 a utilities charge of £10.50 per week will be charged to all graduates who reside in College accommodation (the charge applies to each individual room/flat, thereby if sharing a room with another Corpus member the charge will be split by the number sharing the flat). The utility charge is only applicable for the period whilst background heating is on. This charge which covers graduate utilities will not be introduced in the foreseeable future over weeks outside the stated and agreed "background heating" period in the tenancy agreement. Any changes to the charging of utilities will be undertaken with consultation with the MCR Committee.

This charge is a contribution to the costs of all general utilities: gas, electric, oil, water, and rates/council tax for Leckhampton House, GTB, Cranmer Road Properties, Selwyn Road Properties and Barton Road Properties, and includes background heating (see below). Background heating is provided by the College for 27 weeks of the year. For 2011/12 the heating will be turned on 10th October 2011 and will be turned off 13th April 2012. Background heating is provided seven days a week from 6.30am-9.30am and from 5pm-11pm. These background heating hours and dates are set at the beginning of the year by the MCR committee in agreement with the Finance Office. During the year, there is some flexibility and the heating hours or dates can be extended or reduced in the following ways.

a) At an open meeting the MCR committee can submit proposals for the extension or reduction of the heating hours or dates, which is then voted on by the MCR community

b) Individual properties (e.g., 7 Selwyn, 21 and 21a Cranmer Rd, the GTB etc.) can request a change to their heating hours and dates separately. This would require a unanimous decision to alter the standard background heating hours, and must be done through the MCR Lodgings Rep, who will contact Michael Martin.

Changes made must apply to at least one whole week, and Michael Martin must be given at least two working days notice. For example, if you wish your heating to be changed for Friday then the maintenance team must be notified by Wednesday at 4pm. Naturally alterations can not be made over the weekend, so if you wish the early heating hours on Monday morning to be altered, they must also be altered for Saturday and Sunday at additional cost or rebate accordingly.

When the background heating is altered in this way the extension/reduction of heating hours or weeks will trigger a charge/rebate of either £10.50 per week OR a charge/rebate of £1.17 for each hour added to/taken away from the daily background heating. Examples:

a) A vote is taken and it is agreed that for the last week of background heating, the hours shall be reduced from nine hours daily to five hours daily. The applicable charge for that week will therefore be reduced from £10.50 to £5.82 A credit of £4.68 will be put on the college bill.

b) A vote is taken, and it is agreed that there will be an extra week of background heating added for the full standard hours (6.30am-9.30am and from 5pm to 11pm). An additional charge of £10.50 will be added to the college bill.

Additional heating

If additional heating is required above the standard background heating provided an electric heater can be obtained from the Housekeeping Department. Two spare electric heaters will also be kept in the Porters' Lodge for emergency use. The cost of running the heater will be charged separately to your College Account based on meter usage.