

**GIRTON COLLEGE**  
**College Charges 2016/17**

**GRADUATES**

*College charges vary according to status (graduate or undergraduate) and whether living in College accommodation or not. This note covers the charges applicable to graduate students.*

*Standard College accommodation for graduates comprises a variety of study-bedrooms at Wolfson Court. There are also a small number of flats and houses suitable for student couples and/or families.*

*College charges cover access to College's non-academic facilities e.g. accommodation; catering services; gym and swimming pool. Access to academic facilities is covered by College fees (see separate web page).*

*College charges for graduate students vary according to the year of commencement of graduate study. Charges for 2016/17 are shown for each cohort of students in residence, and are fixed for the duration of the course. As a transitional arrangements, all students commencing graduate study in 2014 and earlier years are treated as a single cohort for the purpose of College charges. (N.B. These arrangements are subject to review by Council during the academic year 2016/17.)*

**Residence and facilities charges**

**1) Graduates living in standard College accommodation:**

- a) There is a standard residence period of 48 weeks *per annum* starting on 1<sup>st</sup> October each year and billed as three terms of 13 weeks followed by one summer term of 9 weeks.
- b) Non-standard tenancies for periods of between 39 and 51 weeks may be granted by arrangement with the Warden of Wolfson Court.
- c) You will be required to sign a formal agreement with College detailing the terms and conditions of your residence, including the period of notice which you will be required to give before leaving your accommodation.
- d) There is a single inclusive residence charge which covers room rent and access to College's general non-academic facilities, including use of the cafeterias<sup>1</sup>, gym and swimming pool; the residence charge is fixed by Council each year. Different rates of residence charge apply to different categories of College accommodation<sup>2</sup>.
- e) The residence charge is billed termly and is pro-rated for the final period of residence of nine weeks.

**2) Graduates living in College flats or houses with partners and/or children:**

- a) There is a standard tenancy of eleven months.
- b) There is a monthly residence charge for each flat or house which covers rent and access to College's general non-academic facilities, including use of the cafeterias, gym and swimming pool, and is fixed by Council each year. The residence charge does not normally cover utilities or Council Tax (where applicable).
- c) The monthly residence charge is pro-rated where necessary.
- d) Non-standard tenancies for periods of between nine and twelve months may be granted by arrangement with the Warden of Wolfson Court.

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<sup>1</sup> The charge for this is known as Kitchen Fixed Charge (KFC) and is a separate charge in some other Cambridge Colleges.

<sup>2</sup> Note that for the purposes of comparison with other Colleges residence charges are deemed to include both rent and KFC.

### **Graduates living out of College accommodation:**

- e) There is a facilities charge which covers access to College non-academic facilities, including use of the cafeterias, gym and swimming pool, and is fixed by Council each year.
- f) Graduates who wish to extend their access to College non-academic facilities beyond the normal length of their course (e.g. while writing up) may retain their Uniware card on payment of the graduate facilities charge applicable for that year.

### **3) Long Vacation residence:**

- a) The College offers Long Vacation tenancies for students wishing to reside in Cambridge for all or part of the Long Vacation. There is a weekly rate of residence charge applicable to these tenancies which covers room rent and access to College non-academic facilities outside of the standard residence period for undergraduates, and which is fixed for a year at a time.
- b) There is also a daily residence charge for casual Long Vacation residence, which covers room rent and access to College non-academic facilities outside of the standard residence period for undergraduates, and which is fixed for each year. This rate of residence charge applies to all undergraduates and graduates not otherwise holding a tenancy at the rate applicable at the time of residence.
- c) VAT will be added to the weekly residence charge for Long Vacation residence for non-academic reasons.

### **Security deposits**

4) There is a security deposit charge (also known as caution money) which is charged termly in the first year of your course of study and is refundable on completion of your course, subject to the cost of rectifying any damage to your room or other College property other than normal wear and tear.

5) These security deposit charges are payable by all students and are in addition to any pre-payment required from self-funding students as a financial guarantee. Self-funding students are required to make a pre-payment equivalent to one Term's College bill (which includes University fees). This deposit will be refunded against the last Term's bill before completion of your course.

### **Formal Hall**

- 6) Formal Hall is held on Thursday evenings during Full Term.
  - a. There is a charge for Formal Hall.
  - b. There is a separate charge for guest tickets for Formal Hall.

### **Other matters**

- 7) There is normally no charge for a stay in the Health and Welfare Centre, but College reserves the right to charge in exceptional circumstances.
- 8) Fines and interest will be charged on overdue accounts at rates approved from time to time by Council.
- 9) College reserves the right to charge residents of College houses and hostels an additional deposit where there is a telephone in the house, unless outgoing calls are barred.
- 10) Council Tax will be paid by the College and re-charged where applicable.
- 11) All students are granted £500 of credit on their Uniware card for the duration of their course, which may be used to pay for meals in the cafeterias at College and Wolfson

Court. Students who retain their Uniware card thereafter (see item 3(b) above) will be granted a credit on request with a lower limit of £50.

12) Rooms may only be changed in exceptional circumstances. There is a £25 administration charge for changing rooms during the year.

13) Use of the washing machines in the laundry rooms is charged at £2 per load, and of the drying machines at £1 per load. Tokens can be purchased from the Porters' Lodge.

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