FRIDGES AND FREEZERS IN COLLEGE

Category 1 – Medical, dietary and religious reasons

i) The College will provide a small household fridge to those students whose Student Support Document states that a fridge is required for medical reasons (if you do not yet have an SSD, please speak with your Tutor about your request).

ii) Students who require a fridge for dietary or religious reasons should discuss this with their Tutor at the earliest opportunity. The college can provide a fridge if the Student is unable to provide their own. Students are expected to remove their own fridge from College at the end of their degree course. The College will endeavour to store fridges for students who fall into this category over the summer vacation, should this be necessary, and students should speak to the Accommodation Manager in plenty of time if this is the case.

iii) Freezers will only be permitted for medical reasons. The procedures for being granted permission and for storage/removal are the same as those for fridges (see point (ii) above). Freezers must be no larger than 50 litres.

Category 2 - No medical or dietary reasons

Other students who would like their own fridge but do not have a medical, dietary or religious reason for this may bring their own fridge to College or hire a fridge from College. However, in these cases, the fridge must not be larger than 50 litres, be kept solely in the student’s own room and be added to the ‘Students Electrical Appliances’ list held in the Accommodation office. Students may not have more than one fridge. Where there is no medical/dietary/religious need for the fridge, the student must ensure that she removes the fridge from College premises over the summer vacation. There will be no storage facilities in College for fridges that fall into this category. In this category, students should speak to the Accommodation Office before bringing a fridge to College.

Categories 1 and 2

Students are reminded that they are responsible for their own health and safety and that of their fellow students. As such they should be mindful of electrical safety and the use of sockets in their rooms. Concerns or questions should be raised with the Maintenance Department.

All students who have a fridge and/or freezer are responsible for ensuring that they are kept in a hygienic condition, and students will be charged up to £25 if they do not do this. All students with a fridge and/or freezer are responsible for emptying, cleaning and turning them off when they leave their room for the vacation after the end of Michaelmas and Lent terms. Students who do not do this will also receive an additional charge.

The College does not accept liability for any loss or spoiling of food or medicines that may result from any power outage. The College does also not accept liability for fridges that are left in rooms during the Michaelmas and Lent vacations. Students who leave fridges/freezers in their rooms accept that these
rooms may be used during these periods both to accommodate other students and for commercial purposes, and as such by guests who might otherwise be unknown to the College.

Remember that fridges and freezers contain hazardous chemicals and require careful disposal which can involve a charge. It is a student’s responsibility to dispose of their own fridge/freezer if she no longer wants it; the College does not provide a disposal service – this does not apply to fridges supplied by the College.

**Additional Caution Money**

Any student who has a fridge or freezer in their room will be charged an additional £100 caution money. Please speak to your Tutor if this will cause you difficulties.

This additional caution money will be used to cover any damage to the room caused by the fridge or freezer, and, where the appliance is not provided by the College, disposal at the end of the student’s course should she fail to remove it from College on her departure. If no damage is caused, and the appliance is removed from College at the end of the student’s degree, then the £100 will be refunded in full. If you bring a fridge or freezer and do not register it and pay the caution money, the charge will double to £200, only £100 of which is refundable.

Caution money for fridges and freezers is in addition to the standard £200 caution money required of students when they commence their studies. It will be returned in accordance with the rules which apply to standard caution money except in relation to medical and veterinary students continuing from a BA to their clinical study and those continuing in to a 4th year, who decide to live in private accommodation. In these cases fridge/freezer caution money will be refunded when the fridge is removed, on provision of appropriate UK bank details.

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