ST CATHERINE’S COLLEGE

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Information and Regulations for Members of the College 2023 - 2024
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Statutes, By-Laws and Regulations

This booklet contains general information about St Catherine’s College, its pattern of life, and its facilities. It also contains regulations governing different aspects of life as a student member of the College, including academic progress, residence and standards of behaviour. These apply independent of students’ accommodation and other contracts with the College, and may be amended by the College at any time. The current and authoritative version will be accessible from the College website, at https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/about-us/policies/. It is legally binding, and has been made by the Governing Body of the College under Clause 3 of College Statute I.

It is essential that you read this document carefully now, on first joining the College, and then keep it for reference as and when necessary during the remainder of your period at St Catherine’s.

St Catherine’s is one of the colleges which constitute the University of Oxford and, upon matriculation, members of the College become members of the University. This involves both the conferral of rights and the imposition of duties. So far as the College is concerned, your rights and duties as a student derive from its Statutes, By-Laws and Regulations. These are basically constitutional documents. They are available for consultation on the College website. The principal Statutes which affect student members of the College are Statutes VII (The Officers) and IX (Student Members and Tuition). The principal By-Laws which relate to student members are in By-Law XI (Student Members). The principal Regulations which concern student members are the Personal Relationships Policy, the Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy, and the regulations set out below.

The College Regulations below are contained within the information sections of this booklet because the College takes the view that there is value in placing them beside explanations as to why they have been put in place and why it is important that they are complied with. They fall into three categories:

i) those which relate to student members in respect of academic matters. These academic regulations are referenced by a letter A and a number.

ii) those which relate to student members in respect of residence within College buildings. These residential regulations are referenced by a letter R and a number.

iii) those which relate to student members in respect of general services, facilities and procedures which all members of the College use or are subject to, whether resident in College buildings or not. These general regulations are referenced by a letter G and a number.

The term ‘student member’ includes Associate and Visiting Students and, consequentially, these and other Regulations (and the Statutes and By-Laws under which they are made) apply to them in the same way as they do to undergraduate and graduate student members of the
College. However, because of differences in their relationship with the University, parts of the regulations contained in this booklet do not apply to Associate and Visiting Students and, where this is so, it is expressly stated.

You are asked to pay particular attention to Sections 3 (Academic Code of Practice), 6 (College Rooms and Houses), and 13 (Noise in College), and to the following list of prohibited activities. The College considers these activities to be particularly serious insofar as they compromise the safety and expectations of a quiet working environment of all members of the College. Any student who engages in them can expect to face disciplinary action.

**Student members must not engage in any of the following activities (Regulation G13)**

1. bringing illegal drugs into College or College-owned or managed property;
2. bringing any form of animal life into College or College-owned or managed property;
3. bringing firearms into College or College-owned or managed property;
4. using uncertified electrical appliances in rooms;
5. misusing fire extinguishers in College or College-owned or managed property;
6. lighting candles or storing flammable liquids or other materials in study rooms, the MCR or the JCR;
7. climbing onto external elements of buildings (e.g. the concrete ledges in New Quad), up the exterior of buildings or onto roofs, ladders or scaffolding installed either by the College or contractors;
8. walking, sitting or playing games on the grass of the Quad, or on the grassed areas along the Water Garden or adjacent to Staircase 23 to 26 or the Lodge;
9. roller-blading, scootering and cycling in College other than on the access roads;
10. discarding chewing gum anywhere in College or College-owned or managed property except in rubbish bins;
11. trespassing on Merton Sports Ground;
12. cooking on the balcony areas of Staircases 17 to 19 or anywhere other than pantries, or using or storing any cooking equipment other than a kettle (e.g. toasters, sandwich makers, rice cookers) in student rooms;
13. playing any sort of game (e.g., frisbee or football) in the Quad, car park and in front of Staircases 17 to 26, or using the path along the external sides of the Meadow (Staircases 1 to 8) or River (Staircases 9 to 16) Blocks;
14. bringing alcohol into areas of the College which are licensed for the sale or supply of alcohol under the Licensing Act 2003 or engaging in other behaviour which might compromise the College’s licences under that Act;
15. carrying on any profession, trade or business from College or College-owned or managed property, including using the College name for business purposes or using College or College-owned or managed property as a business address.

**1.2 Disciplinary and Appeals procedure**

Under College Statute VII.3, the Deans are responsible for maintaining the discipline of student members. To this end, the Deans have authority to determine appropriate penalties for student breaches of a regulation having regard to the nature and seriousness of the breach. Without limitation to the Deans’ discretion, such penalties may take a variety of forms, from fines and
community service to suspension or recommendation of termination of a student’s College membership under By-Law XI. Students are encouraged to read By-Law XI in its entirety, along with the previously mentioned Statutes VII and IX.

The following conduct by a student member constitutes a major offence for which the student’s membership of College may be suspended or terminated under By-Law XI: (a) violence against, assault, harassment or bullying of any College or University member; (b) wilful destruction or theft of any College or University property; (c) wilful damage to or interference with any College fire safety system; (d) conduct for which criminal liability may be incurred at general law; (e) failure to abide by any decisions or measures introduced, or instructions or guidance given, by the College or University, or an authorised member of College or University staff, in response to a pandemic (including but not limited to COVID-19), epidemic or other public health emergency; (f) failure immediately to notify the College of any actual or suspected symptoms of any notifiable disease that the student has.

Breach of any regulation not involving such conduct constitutes a minor offence for which action may be taken against a student, including in certain circumstances formal action under By-Law XI.

1.3 Student Concerns and Complaints procedure

This Section describes the procedures that exist for current students to raise a concern or make a complaint about a College matter arising or subsisting while they are a student member of the College, including:
- The conduct of a student member, tutor, (other) Fellow, or (other) member of College;
- Accommodation or other College domestic facilities or services;
- The provision of College-based teaching;
- The College’s Statutes, By-Laws or Regulations.

Any student who is considering raising a concern or making a complaint and would like guidance or support in doing so is encouraged to seek it from one or more of the following:
- For matters concerning harassment or bullying – a College or University Harassment Advisor (see https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/st-catherines-college-anti-harassment-and-bullying-policy);
- Your Director of Studies or College Advisor;
- The Oxford Student Union (see https://www.oxfordsu.org).

1.3.1 Informal Procedures: Raising a concern

If you have a concern about a matter involving the College, you are encouraged to raise it as early as possible with the appropriate person (for guidance see Section 1.3.2). You may do so orally or in writing. If you do not feel comfortable raising the concern yourself, you are encouraged to ask one of the JCR/MCR representatives to raise it on your behalf. When raising a concern you should consider any particular outcome you would like to see and make the person with whom you are raising your concern aware of it.
a. A person with whom you raise a concern (directly or through a JCR/MCR representative) may wish to discuss it with you and/or make enquiries of others. (If there is anyone with whom you do not wish your concern to be discussed, you should make this explicit when raising the concern.) In some cases they may refer your concern to someone else within the College whom they regard as more appropriately placed to respond, or decline to deal with the concern informally. If the person with whom you raise your concern declines to deal with it informally, you will need to pursue it as a formal complaint.

b. A person with whom you raise a concern will inform you of whether they propose to take any action in response to it and, if they do, what that action is, within a reasonable period of the concern being raised. What constitutes ‘a reasonable period’ will depend on the nature of the particular concern. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of raising a concern, you may pursue it as a formal complaint.

1.3.2 Formal Procedures: Making a complaint

For information about making other types of complaints please refer to the University Student Handbook, published on the University’s website at https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/student-handbook.

a. You may make a formal complaint about any College matter at any time, regardless of whether you have first raised the matter informally as a concern. There are three stages to a complaint, the first two of which will be followed in all cases.

Stage 1: Initiation

b. Complaints must be made in writing and clearly identified as a complaint. The letter initiating the complaint should describe in detail the nature of the complaint, the facts giving rise to it, and your preferred outcome. A copy of that letter and all subsequent correspondence regarding your complaint (including any appeal) will be kept in a College Complaints Register accessible to the Master. The Master may also grant access to individual files contained in the Register to any other College Officer where such access is in the Master’s view necessary to enable the Officer properly to perform their duties as such.

c. Complaints must be addressed to the appropriate Officer, as follows:

   i. For complaints involving a tutor, (other) Fellow, or the provision of teaching, the Senior Tutor;

   ii. For complaints involving a student member, the Deans;

   iii. For complaints involving College accommodation or domestic/administrative staff, facilities or services, the Home Bursar;

d. If for any reason you do not wish your complaint to be dealt with by the Officer identified above, you may direct it to the Master with a written explanation of why you would like someone other than that Officer to handle it. It will be for the Master to decide whether
someone other than the Officer identified above should deal with your complaint, and if so who. You will be informed of the Master’s decision in writing.

e. Unless otherwise indicated, references to ‘Officer’ in the following paragraphs are to the Officer responsible for handling the complaint in accordance with paragraphs c and d above, or to such other person whom the Master believes is more appropriately placed to deal with your complaint and to whom your complaint is referred by the Master for that purpose.

Stage 2: Investigation

f. Subject to paragraph g, the procedure for investigating a complaint will be as follows.

i. The Officer will acknowledge the complaint in writing within two weeks of receiving it.

ii. The Officer, assisted by an administrative Officer or (other) member of staff, will invite you to a meeting to discuss the complaint and ask any questions they have regarding its content. That meeting will ordinarily take place within two weeks, and no later than one month, of receipt of the complaint. You may invite someone to attend the meeting with you, but must give the Officer seven days’ prior written notice if the person you are inviting is legally qualified.

iii. After meeting with you, the Officer will investigate the matters raised in the complaint. In order to do so they may need to speak with others, and/or to seek clarification or further information from you.

g. Where, in the opinion of the Officer, a complaint involving College accommodation or services provided by domestic/administrative staff (but not a complaint involving an individual member of staff), facilities or services involves a matter affecting a substantial section of the College community, and on which JCR and/or MCR representatives have expressed a view, the Officer may at their discretion refer it to the Student Liaison Committee for resolution. In the case of such a referral responsibility for handling the complaint will rest with the Student Liaison Committee, and references in these procedures to ‘Officer’ will be read accordingly.

h. The Officer will ordinarily make a decision about your complaint within one month of meeting with you. You will be informed of that decision and the reasons for it in writing as soon as is reasonably practicable, and in any case within two months of first meeting with the Officer.

Optional Stage 3: Appeal

i. If you are dissatisfied with the resolution of your complaint, you may appeal in writing to the Master. The letter initiating your appeal should describe in sufficient detail the reason for your appeal, and include a copy of the decision you are appealing against.
j. The Master will acknowledge your appeal in writing within two weeks of its receipt, and use all reasonable efforts to make a decision in respect of your appeal and to notify you in writing of that decision and the reasons for it within two months of its receipt. That notification will take the form of a Completion of Procedures letter.

k. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your appeal to the Master, you should speak to the Oxford Student Union (see https://www.oxfordsu.org) about the options open to you to pursue your complaint externally.

2. COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

The College is a self-governing institution with a Governing Body consisting of the Master and certain of its Fellows. Most of those Fellows hold academic appointments in both the College and the University, but some hold administrative positions. A number of them have particular responsibilities as College Officers. The Officers you are most likely to meet are the Master, Senior Tutor, Academic Registrar, Deans, Home Bursar and Library Fellow.

The Master, Professor Kersti Börjars, has overall responsibility for the running of the College and it is to her that other Officers of the College report.

The Senior Tutor, Professor Marc Mulholland, Academic Registrar, Cressida Chappell, Tutor for Admissions, Dr Jim Thomson, and the Tutor for Graduates, Professor Ashok Handa are together responsible for the academic administration of the College. The Director of Studies for Visiting Students, Naomi Freud, has special responsibility for Visiting Student members. Student members should feel free to contact the relevant College Officer about any issue associated with their academic progress.

The Dean, Professor David Gillespie, and Assistant Dean, Professor Louise Fawcett, are responsible for the well-being of student members and for College Clubs and activities. Student members should feel free to contact the Deans about anything that concerns them. The Deans are available to see students each weekday and may be contacted at any time through the General Office or the Lodge. The Deans are also responsible for College discipline. In dealing with breaches of College Regulations, the Deans may issue warnings, impose fines or suspended fines, impose community service orders, ban student members from particular areas of the College, or take such other action as is deemed necessary. The Deans are assisted by the Junior Deans; their names and details are displayed on posters in each staircase in the College and their shared email address is juniordean@stcatz.ox.ac.uk. One of the Junior Deans will be in College every evening during term-time. They should be contacted via the Porters’ Lodge if any problem arises in College outside office hours, particularly if problems arise concerning excessive noise. Failure to co-operate with the Junior Deans will lead to serious disciplinary action being taken by the Deans.

Student members who feel that a decision of an Officer or of the Governing Body affecting them is unjust may have a right to appeal under the By-Laws of the College. They may also be able to raise a concern or file a complaint in respect of the decision under Section 1.3 (‘Student Concerns and Complaints procedure’).
Discipline outside the College is enforced by the University Proctors, who publish a University Student Handbook which should also be read. It includes Regulations and Codes of Practice on freedom of speech, harassment and other matters, and is available at https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/student-handbook.

The Home Bursar, Inge-Marie Rossouw-Smith, is responsible for the domestic operation of the College, its non-academic support staff and its fabric, equipment and buildings. The Home Bursar also has a responsibility for fees, charges and student hardship (assisted by the Accounts Office), health and safety, data protection, information security and freedom of information requests.

The following table gives an outline of the administrative structure of the College.

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Undergraduate student members are members of the Junior Common Room (JCR) and graduate student members are members of the Middle Common Room (MCR). The JCR and MCR provide social facilities for their members and represent their views to College Committees. The **President of the JCR** is Axel Lee and the **Co-Presidents of the MCR** are Felice Wallner and Jeremy Sontchi.

3. **ACADEMIC CODE OF PRACTICE (UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MEMBERS)**

*Student Members are referred to the Statutes (Statute IX, Student Members and Tuition) and*
By-Laws (By-Law XI, Student Members), both of which are available on the College website. These documents provide the legal basis for the powers to make these Regulations and give, in detail, the arrangements for making decisions on disciplinary, academic, welfare and medical issues as well as for hearing appeals in these areas.

3.1 Admission and Matriculation

The primary purpose of St Catherine’s College is to pursue academic excellence across a range of disciplines. Membership of the College entails an obligation to further this purpose. The remarks which follow set out the structures and procedures through which undergraduate members of the College may properly fulfil this obligation. All undergraduates admitted to the College have been chosen in academic competition by College tutors, who will be involved in their teaching throughout the course. This is the start of a relationship much valued in Oxford.

Under University regulations each undergraduate must be formally registered in person as a member of the University at the Matriculation ceremony, which takes place soon after arrival.

3.2 Academic requirements

Each undergraduate will be informed at the start of their course of a College tutor or tutors who will be responsible for overseeing their academic progress. These will normally be in the field of the degree course in question, although in those few subjects taught exclusively out of College (e.g. Fine Art) the Fellow responsible is likely to be in a different discipline.

A minimum number of tutorials will be specified for each tutorially-taught paper studied or course taken. Undergraduate student members are required to attend tutorials, classes and collections (see Section 3.3) and, if necessary, meetings of College Committees. (Regulation A1) So as to enable alternative arrangements to be made, undergraduate student members, if prevented by illness or other urgent causes from attending a tutorial, class or collection, are required to inform their tutor as soon as possible (preferably in advance). Where it is not possible to contact a tutor, the Academic Office (email: college.office@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) should be contacted. (Regulation A2) No tutor will be obliged to make further time available, unless the tutor is satisfied of the good cause of the postponement. Tutors will advise undergraduates which lectures they should attend at the start of each term. Attendance at such lectures, in so far as they are centrally important to each undergraduate student member’s academic progress, may thereafter be informally monitored by the relevant subject tutor.

It is expected that undergraduate student members will treat academic study as a full-time commitment during term-time. Students should typically expect to spend approximately 40 hours per week on academic work during term-time; this includes both scheduled contact time (tutorials, lectures, classes, practicals, etc.) and time spent in private study. The balance between scheduled contact time and private study will vary between subjects. Students should seek advice from their tutors if they find it impossible to meet their academic obligations without spending significantly longer than 48 hours per week on academic study on a regular basis.

It is expected that undergraduate student members will use time outside term and during vacations to consolidate learning from the last term and to ‘read around’ their subject. They
may also need to undertake reading or work in preparation for the next term, and/or to revise for College Collections and University Examinations.

All members of the College are required to respect the work patterns of others. In particular, this means that no disturbance is to be caused by general noise or music or rowdy behaviour to the detriment of the academic atmosphere of the College (see Section 13). In particular, silence must be observed in the Library. (Regulation A3)

3.3 Collections

‘Collection’ is the word used for two distinct events:

3.3.1 An internal College examination

These Collections are designed to give undergraduates experience of writing under examination conditions and to help students assess their own progress. Undergraduate student members, unless informed otherwise by their tutors, are required to sit Collections on the Friday and/or Saturday of the week before term. (Regulation A4) Undergraduates will be informed at the end of each term in which subjects Collections are to be set at the beginning of the following term. These examinations are normally set on the previous term’s work. Tutors will ensure that these are promptly marked and returned to the undergraduate. Collections may be set at other times if the subject tutors or the Senior Tutor require it. Failure to perform adequately in Collections may result in an undergraduate being put on probation (see Section 3.7).

3.3.2 A formal discussion with tutors or with the Master

Tutors will arrange to see their undergraduates individually and formally once a term (Tutors’ Collections), as an additional means of enabling undergraduates to gauge how they are doing academically. In addition the Master sees all students for Collections during the course of the academic year.

3.4 Tutorial Reports

Tutors write termly reports on the work of the undergraduates they have been teaching. During each vacation an email and link is sent to all undergraduates when submitted tutorial reports for the previous term have been released.

3.5 Undergraduates wishing to change course

It is not the College’s expectation that undergraduate student members will change course once they have commenced their studies in Oxford, but if the College is able to accommodate a change of course, and it is supported by all the relevant subject tutors, then it may be possible. Each case will be considered on an individual basis, according to the student member’s reasons for changing, the stage they have reached in their studies, the subject to which they wish to change, whether their tutors support it, and any other relevant factors. Student members should be aware that the academic skills and knowledge needed for a new subject are not likely to be the same as those of the subject they are currently reading, and they should therefore
expect to be interviewed to enable tutors to assess their academic suitability for the new course. Changing course is always conditional upon the student achieving good results in the First Public Examination and/or receiving good termly reports, depending on the stage reached in their course. There are no university regulations regarding this matter; the final decision is entirely at the College’s discretion, and is always subject to availability of College teaching and the agreement of the tutors concerned.

Undergraduate student members who wish to change course should approach the Director of Studies in their current subject in the first instance. Their tutor will discuss with them their reasons for wanting to change course. If they still strongly wish to change course, and their tutor is willing to support the transfer, the tutor will approach the subject tutors in the transfer subject, and the Senior Tutor and/or the Academic Registrar, to arrange interviews with them. The student will be informed as soon as possible after these interviews whether the change of course has been agreed.

3.6 University Examinations

Student members are required to submit examination entry forms for University Examinations. The College will assist, but ensuring that an examination entry form is submitted by the stipulated date is the responsibility of individual student members. (Regulation A5)

Under University regulations all undergraduates in Oxford are required to take a First Public Examination (called the Preliminary Examination or Moderations, and usually taken in the second or third term of the first academic year). Undergraduates at St Catherine’s College are expected to pass their First Public Examination at a level significantly higher than that of the minimum University requirement.

A student member who fails to pass the First Public Examination may be subject to formal action under By-Law XI. (Regulation A6)

If an undergraduate’s performance in the First Public Examination is below the College’s expectation, their tutor(s) will discuss with him or her, in the light both of the examination result and of tutors’ reports on the preceding academic work, whether the course chosen is the ideal one, and if appropriate, will offer advice about alternatives.

Student members who are concerned that personal difficulties or illness may have affected their work, their revision or their performance in an examination, are required to contact the Senior Tutor and/or the Academic Registrar for advice as soon as possible. (Regulation A7)

If a student member is given permission by the Proctors of the University to sit Public Examinations in College for medical reasons, no charges will be incurred. Student members whose examination scripts are returned by the Chairman of Examiners because they are illegible are required to dictate their content to a typist under invigilation and pay a fee per three-hour paper. (Regulation A8)
3.7 **Academic progress**

Students should always feel free to discuss their work, and any attendant difficulties which may arise. Indeed, problems affecting academic work should be discussed at the earliest opportunity, preferably with the tutor concerned. Tutors well understand that problems with work may be caused by ill health or personal problems, and will be prepared to make reasonable allowances. If for any reason discussion of problems with the tutor concerned is difficult, there are other avenues open for obtaining advice and help: the Senior Tutor, the Academic Registrar, the Deans, the Master, or one of the College Advisors (see Section 22.1). In a case of extreme difficulty, after consultation with a College Advisor and the Senior Tutor and/or the Academic Registrar, it is possible to change tutor, without necessarily discussing the reasons for such a change. With regard to the conduct of tutorials, undergraduates should also be aware of the College’s Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy and its Personal Relationships Policy (see Section 23).

Undergraduate students are expected to maintain a good standard of academic work throughout their time at St Catherine’s (see Section 3.1). (Regulation A9) Tutors will provide undergraduates with regular reports on the quality of their work (see Section 3.4); undergraduates are able to see their tutors or the Senior Tutor and/or the Academic Registrar at any convenient time to discuss their studies. Progress is checked regularly by tutors in tutorials and Collections (see Section 3.3).

The College is eager publicly to acknowledge outstanding academic work, and regular awards of College Scholarships and Exhibitions, and of various College Prizes, are made by the Governing Body on the recommendation of subject tutors.

Undergraduate student members who fail to maintain an adequate standard of academic work may face the operation of procedures which may result in their being sent down. (Regulation A10) The full details of these procedures are given in By-Law XI on Student Members.

3.8 **Plagiarism**

Students must familiarise themselves with the University rules and associated guidance governing cheating, dishonest conduct and plagiarism in connection with University examinations, including the relevant provisions of the University Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations. No student member shall do anything in connection with their tutorial work that would, if done in connection with a university examination, breach those provisions. This includes plagiarising by presenting someone else’s work as the student’s own, or by incorporating another person’s work or ideas into the student’s work, without full acknowledgement. (Regulation A11)

To avoid plagiarism, it is important for all students within individual subject areas to be aware of, and to follow, good practice in the use of sources and making appropriate reference. You will need to exercise judgement in determining when reference is required, and when material may be taken to be so much a part of the ‘general knowledge’ of your particular subject that formal citation would not be expected. The basis on which such judgements are made is likely to vary slightly between subject areas, as may the style and format of making references. If you are
unsure how to reference your work properly, and would like further advice, you should ask your tutors for guidance.

By following good practice in your subject area you should develop a rigorous approach to academic referencing, and avoid inadvertent plagiarism. Intentional or reckless plagiarism by students is taken extremely seriously by College, and can have serious consequences for students’ future careers. Where examiners suspect that this has occurred, they bring the matter to the attention of the Proctors.

3.9 JCR and Ball Committee

Undergraduates are required to obtain permission from their Director of Studies before standing for the main positions on the JCR Committee and Ball Committee (i.e. JCR President, JCR Vice-President & Domestic Liaison Officer, JCR Secretary, JCR Treasurer, JCR Welfare Reps, Ball President, Ball Vice-President and Ball Treasurer). (Regulation A12)

The form undergraduates must use when seeking the permission of their Director of Studies to stand for any of these positions can be found on the College website at https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/jcrballcommitteepermission

4. RESIDENCE AND CONTACT ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Residence

First-year undergraduate student members are required to live in College. All other student members may live out of College, but undergraduate student members are required to live within six miles of Carfax, and graduate student members are required to live within twenty-five miles of Carfax. (Regulation A13)

First-year undergraduate student members are required to arrive in College on Sunday or Monday of noughtth week in Michaelmas Term. Thereafter, all student members are required to return to Oxford by noon on the last Thursday of each vacation and remain in Oxford until the last Saturday of each term. (Regulation A14) Periods of residence are required by University regulations and must be observed. Failure to observe residence requirements may mean that a student member is debarred by the University from taking their degree.

Student members are required to agree beforehand with their Director of Studies or the Deans any overnight absence from College during term-time. Similarly, a student member who leaves Oxford for reasons of illness, family crisis, or for any other urgent unavoidable cause is required to inform their Director of Studies or Deans before doing so. (Regulation A15) This regulation is to ensure that University regulations on residence are fulfilled and that the College is able to contact student members in the case of an emergency.

4.2 Contact

Maintaining contact between the College and student members is very important at all times. Contact might be necessary to inform student members of tutorial arrangements or news
within College. There might also be cases where the College needs to contact a student member about an urgent request to get in touch with their families. Student members must, therefore, comply with the following:

Student members are required to collect mail regularly from pigeonholes in the Lodge (ideally once every 24 hours). Those living out must ensure that this is done, and failure to do so will not be regarded as a sufficient reason for missing an appointment with a College Officer (e.g. Senior Tutor, Deans or Academic Registrar) or with their tutors. (Regulation A16)

Student members are required to obtain a @stcatz.ox.ac.uk email address from IT Services by the Friday of second week of Michaelmas Term. Student members must check their College email address at least once every 24 hours. (Regulation A17) Most tutors and staff use the College email address as the primary mode of communication with student members, so failure to check it regularly could have serious consequences.

Student members are required to leave a forwarding address and a telephone number and/or email address at the Lodge for the whole period of the ensuing vacation before going down at the end of each term. A form is provided for this purpose. (Regulation A18)

Student members keeping residence who are living out of College, or College-owned or managed property, are required to inform the Academic Office (email: college.office@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) of where they are living by the Friday of first week of Michaelmas Term, and of any later change of address, and of the telephone number of the address where they are living and any mobile phone number. (Regulation A19)

Graduate student members who have fulfilled the residence requirements of their course are required to inform the Academic Office (email: college.office@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) of their correspondence address and telephone number, and must make arrangements with the College Lodge for their post to be forwarded (the University uses the College as a correspondence address for all graduate students). (Regulation A20)

Student members are required to inform the Academic Office (email: college.office@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) of any change to the address which they gave as their permanent address on applying for admission. (Regulation A21)

4.3 **Students going out of residence**

The College may agree to a student member going out of residence for single periods of up to three terms (and longer in exceptional circumstances only) with a view to returning to continue their course. This agreement does not automatically release the student from their contractual obligations to College accommodation, and nor does the student member have an automatic entitlement to accommodation on their return.

Student members are required to reach an agreement with their subject tutors, the Senior Tutor and/or Academic Registrar before a temporary withdrawal may take place. (Regulation A22)
If a student member is out of residence for any reason, or is suspended for disciplinary reasons, the student member will not be allowed to use any of the facilities, including College accommodation. Such student members may not come into College for any reason, except with the express permission of their subject tutors, the Senior Tutor, the Academic Registrar, or the Deans. They will not be entitled to any formal tuition during their period of absence, and any post held in College (employment, committee memberships, etc.) will automatically terminate. These terms also apply to student members living in privately-owned or -rented accommodation at the time of going out of residence. (Regulation A23)

5. STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

University of Oxford syllabuses are demanding, and Oxford terms are extremely intensive. An undergraduate student member wishing to undertake paid employment during term should weigh very carefully the inevitable impact on their academic work. Undergraduate student members are required, prior to taking up paid employment in term-time, to obtain the written permission of their Director of Studies or the Senior Tutor. The number of hours worked must not exceed seven and a half in any week. Permission to work in College may be immediately withdrawn if either the Director of Studies or the Senior Tutor (on academic grounds), or the Deans (on disciplinary or welfare grounds), makes such a decision. Only in exceptional circumstances is permission to work in Michaelmas Term granted to Freshers. (Regulation A24)

Formal terms are only eight weeks long, so it is necessary to do substantial academic work in each vacation according to tutors’ guidance. The College will not object to the taking of some paid employment so long as academic progress is maintained. Undergraduate student members are required to discuss the taking of paid employment during a vacation with their subject tutor prior to leaving Oxford for the vacation. (Regulation A25)

Graduate student members must observe the University’s paid work guidelines for graduate students (see https://academic.admin.ox.ac.uk/policies/paid-word-guidelines-graduate-students). (Regulation A26)

6. COLLEGE ROOMS AND HOUSES

Student members in residence in College, or in a flat or house owned by the College, are required to enter into a Residential Agreement with the College at the time of taking up residence. (Regulation R1) The Residential Agreement has the force of regulations with which members are required to comply.

Watching or recording live television programme on any channel, and downloading or watching any BBC programmes on iPlayer, on whatever equipment, requires the purchase of a television licence.
7. **PUBLIC HEALTH, INCLUDING SMOKING**

Under the terms of the Health Act 2006 the interior of all parts of St Catherine’s College are smoke free areas. This means that smoking is not allowed in all bedrooms and common areas. Smoking by students in the grounds of the College is restricted to the JCR garden, the rear of the Bernard Sunley Building and the bench beside Staircase 17. Student members are required to dispose of cigarette ends safety. Cigarettes must not be discarded in the Quad or in public areas. (Regulation R2) Breach of this regulation will be treated seriously and may attract a considerable fine and/or other punishment. Student members who repeatedly offend against it may be required to vacate their rooms and/or be refused permission to live in College in subsequent years or during vacations.

Where a pandemic, epidemic or other public health emergency exists or arises, the College or University, and/or their authorised members of staff, may make such decisions, introduce such measures, and/or give (in writing or orally) such instructions and guidance, as they reasonably deem necessary to contain, manage, or minimise risk of infection or illness related to the pandemic, epidemic or public health emergency, including: to comply with government or local authority regulations or guidance by those bodies or by Public Health England (and related bodies); to comply with the College’s or University’s own health and safety policies or advice; to ensure the health and safety of staff, students and third parties; and/or to respond to consequential staffing or resource constraints. Such decisions, measures, instructions and guidance may cover any aspect of college or university life, including (without limitation): teaching provision; assessment arrangements; social distancing measures; the wearing of face masks and use of other personal protective equipment; the provision of cleaning and other services; and access to College and University accommodation, buildings, services and other facilities. The duties of student members in respect of any such decisions, measures, instructions and guidance are described in Section 19 (‘Safety’).

8. **VACATION RESIDENCE**

Student members should not assume that accommodation is available in the vacations. Student members are asked to plan well ahead for the beginning and end of each term. If transport home at the end of a term is dependent on a parent collecting belongings by car at a weekend, it should be arranged for parents to collect larger items over the weekend prior to the end of a term. The student member should then leave College on the final day of their period of residence with their portable, personal belongings. Those who have an academic need to reside in College or flats or houses owned or managed by the College, for any part of the vacation outside the time limits of their residential agreement must request permission to do so, even when they have examinations. Applications must be submitted to the Accommodation Officer. Permission will only be given for academic reasons. Rooms must be vacated, and the key returned to the Lodge, by 10.00 a.m. on the last day for which permission to reside has been granted. Vacation residence is only granted to student members who have no outstanding battels, and it may necessitate a change of room. Significantly higher room charges are imposed for unauthorised vacation residence, and a charge will be made for moving possessions. (Regulation R3)
The College carries out major repair and maintenance work during the periods of College closure (Christmas and the New Year and Easter). During these periods it is possible that there may be disruption to services and even the cessation of certain services (e.g. water, electricity). Every effort will be made to give advance warning of disruptions. Graduate student members in particular who wish to remain in College during closure periods should be aware of this.

9. LIVING OUT

The University requires undergraduate student members to live, during term, within six miles of Carfax, and graduate student members within twenty-five miles of Carfax. Permission to exceed this limit is granted only in exceptional circumstances. No student member should enter into an arrangement which contravenes the University’s requirements on residence without first obtaining the permission of the Senior Tutor and/or Academic Registrar, or in the case of graduate student members the Tutor for Graduates and/or Academic Registrar. (Regulation R4)

10. LIBRARY

The Library Fellow is Professor David Womersely. The Librarian is Barbara Costa and the Library Assistant is Lucy Norman.

The Governing Body, on the recommendation of the Library Fellow, makes regulations on the use of the Library (Statute I.3). These regulations, and the Library opening hours, are posted in the Library. Student members are required to comply with the Library Regulations. (Regulation G1) Breach of the Library regulations will be treated seriously. The Library regulations are usually enforced by the Library Fellow, but any breach of the regulations may also be subject to disciplinary action by the Deans. Smoking, eating or drinking is not permitted in any part of the Library. Silence must be observed and if necessary will be enforced by the Invigilator. Fines are charged for all overdue library books, and any unpaid fines are added to battels at the end of each term.

The abuse or illegal removal of books will be treated as an extremely serious matter in itself and failure to act responsibly in relation to the Library may result in formal action being taken under By-law XI.

11. COMPUTER ROOMS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES (Regulation G2)

The College has an Information Technology Manager (Jamie Keats) and an Information Technology Assistant (Jon Panagiotidis). They will assist undergraduate and graduate student members in the use of computer facilities and connections with the University and College networks.

The Governing Body’s power to make, vary and rescind regulations under Statute I.3 extends to regulations on the use of computer facilities (including computer networks) provided by the College and the use of computer facilities (including University provided and privately owned facilities) on College-owned or managed property (referred to here as ‘College computer facilities’).
Student use of College computer facilities must comply with all College and University regulations, including the College computer regulations below, and the University and J.A.N.E.T. (the co-ordinating body for computer facilities within UK higher education) rules for computer use (see https://unioxfordnexus.sharepoint.com/sites/OUIT-ITStrategyGovernance/SitePages/The-IT-Regulations-and-related-policies.aspx). (Regulation G2)

11.1 The facilities in the computer rooms on Staircase 18 and in the JCR may be used for academic use only by authorised members of the College.

11.2 Only authorised staff may install, delete or change files of any kind on the College computer facilities, except that authorised users may add, delete or change their own data files.

11.3 College computer facilities may not be used in any way which:

11.3.1 involves unauthorised access to any services of any kind;
11.3.2 corrupts or destroys other users’ data;
11.3.3 violates the privacy of others, except by authorised staff in accordance with these or other College or University regulations, or when necessary for the purpose of ensuring that such regulations are observed;
11.3.4 disrupts the work of, or deliberately denies service to, other users.

11.4 College computer facilities may not be used for the creation or transmission of material which:

11.4.1 is defamatory, offensive, obscene or capable of being resolved into such material;
11.4.2 is designed or likely to cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety;
11.4.3 infringes legal rights;
11.4.4 consists of unsolicited commercial or advertising material;
11.4.5 involves the use of peer-to-peer file-sharing technologies such as Kazaa, BitTorrent, and so forth.

11.5 No food or drink may be taken into the computer rooms on Staircase 18, and in the JCR.

11.6 No College computer facilities may be disconnected, removed or intentionally damaged (except by authorised staff).

11.7 Students wishing to connect privately owned computers to the University/College network must first register their machine with the College Information Technology Manager. Instructions on how to do this can be found on the College I.T. website at https://it.stcatz.ox.ac.uk.

11.8 The connecting of privately owned network gateway devices such a wireless access point to the University/College network is not permitted.
11.9 Students connecting a privately owned computer to the University/College network must ensure it has appropriate virus protection that is kept up-to-date.

11.10 Students connecting a privately owned computer to the University/College network must ensure it has all available operating system security patches installed.

11.11 The Deans, the Chair of the Computing Committee and other authorised staff may (1) enter into any room in College or College-owned or managed property to carry out investigations into suspected breaches of these or other College or University regulations and (2) temporarily remove equipment, including privately owned computers connected to the University/College network, after having given a receipt, to assist in investigations. Where appropriate suspected acts of wrongdoing may be referred to the Proctors or to the Police. An administration charge may be imposed on any student at the discretion of the Deans to cover the cost of investigating suspected breaches of regulations in addition to any penalties imposed for breaches found to have occurred.

11.12 The College may monitor and record any network traffic when necessary to ensure the security and operational integrity of College computer facilities or compliance with these or other College or University regulations.

12. COLLEGE GYMNASIUM

The College has a well-equipped gymnasium with two squash courts, free-weights, resistance machines, ergometers, treadmills and stationary bicycles. Student members who wish to use the gymnasium are required to complete an online introduction to the gymnasium (https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/catz-students/domestic-information/), no matter how experienced an athlete they may be. Student members using the gymnasium must carry their University Cards in order that their attendance of a gym induction can be verified if necessary. (Regulation G3.1) If you intend to participate in any College sports, particularly rowing, it is advisable that you complete the online introduction at the beginning of your time in Oxford. The following gymnasium and squash court usage regulations also apply.

12.1 The squash courts may be used for squash and table-tennis only, or basketball in Court 2. No other activity is permitted without the prior permission of the Deans or other appropriately authorised member of staff.

12.2 Appropriate clothing must be worn in the squash courts and gym at all times. Sandals and flip flops, for example, are not appropriate footwear. All footwear used in the squash courts must have non-marking soles.

12.3 As a courtesy to other users of the weights room, and to help ensure a safe training environment, all weights must be returned to their proper racks after use.

12.4 All users of the gym must bring a towel or other absorbent material to wipe-down equipment after each use.
12.5 Students must act responsibly and considerately of others in the gym at all times and leave immediately if requested to do so by the Deans or other authorised staff. (Regulation G3.2)

13. NOISE IN COLLEGE (Regulation G4)

The College is a large community of individuals with differing working schedules. It is important that every member is conscious of the rights of others to periods of quiet in which to work or sleep. It is especially important that all student members avoid disturbing their neighbours, particularly in Trinity Term when most examinations take place. Student members are required to comply with regulations concerning noise. (Regulation G4.1) The following noise regulations apply:

Student members wishing to play musical instruments are required to use the Music House, which may be reserved, using the online booking system at https://mrbs.stcatz.ox.ac.uk.

Student members may play radios, televisions, and other audio visual devices quietly in College rooms during music hours (see Section 24) and always with consideration for their neighbours.

Students must comply immediately with any instruction issued by a Fellow, Junior Dean, Porter or other authorised staff regarding noise, including by turning off a device if requested to do so.

No noise, whether music or other kinds, is allowed, irrespective of time or place, which causes disturbance to others. Repeated breach of this regulation will be treated as a major offence and may lead to a student’s eviction from their room and the refusal of permission to live in College in subsequent years or during vacations.

The Junior Common Room has been designated as an area open overnight for the use of student members during term-time and on nights other than when there is an Entz or other function in the JCR. Its primary purpose is to allow student members to meet and converse away from staircases at times when other student members are likely to be disturbed by the sound of conversations. A code of conduct for the use of this area, which has the force of Regulations, has been agreed with the Junior Common Room. (Regulation G4.2) Among other things, this code prohibits the possession or consumption of alcohol in the JCR, consistent also with Regulation G13, and requires that the JCR be kept clean and tidy at all times, and that those going to or from the area at night keep their noise to a minimum.

14. MEALS

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are taken in Hall. Student members may invite guests to meals during Term and, by prior arrangement with the Hall Manager, during Vacations. Vegetarian, vegan and halal options are offered at all meals in Hall. Students with other dietary requirements should discuss them with the Hall Manager (Email: efi.barda@stcatz.ox.ac.uk).
Meal times are as follows:

Breakfast (Mon to Sat) - 8.15 a.m. to 8.45 a.m.
Lunch (Mon to Fri) - 1.00 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.
Lunch (Sat and Sun) - 1.00 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.
‘Scaf’ canteen food service (Mon to Fri, Weeks 1 to 8 only) - 6.00 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.
Dinner (Mon to Fri) - 7.00 p.m.
Dinner (Sat) - 6.00 p.m. to 6.30

(Information about out-of-term dinner times is circulated by email).

Following a proposal by the JCR supported by the MCR, and in order to minimise food waste and reduce queuing, the College operates a meal booking system for dinners on Monday to Friday. Students are encouraged to book by 8.00 p.m. on the day before they intend to dine (via https://www.upay.co.uk), but may also dine on any night without prior booking, subject to capacity.

15. PANTRIES

Student members are required to comply with regulations concerning the use of staircase pantries. (Regulation G5) The following pantry use rules apply:

Staircase pantries are equipped for the preparation of only snacks and light meals. Doors to pantries must be kept closed during food preparation to prevent smoke setting off fire alarms (sensors in kitchens are heat rather than smoke sensors). Those preparing food must remain in the kitchen whilst the food is being prepared, to ensure the safety of those living in the staircase.

Student members are responsible for washing their own cooking pans, plates and utensils; moreover, staircase pantries should be kept clean and tidy to avoid infringing food hygiene regulations. Failure to keep staircase pantries clean and tidy may lead first to a charge and, ultimately, to the withdrawal of the facility. This is because the College has a legal duty to ensure that the health of its members is not jeopardised and that high standards of hygiene are maintained. By the end of Trinity Term (10.00 a.m. on Thursday of ninth week), all cooking equipment and unused food must be removed from the pantries. After this day, no responsibility will be accepted for items removed by staff. Occupants who have been granted Vacation Residence after 10.00 a.m. on Thursday of ninth week in Trinity Term must ensure that their Scout is aware of which items of food/cooking equipment belong to them.

Student members must not keep out-of-date food in either store cupboards or refrigerators. College equipment (e.g., skiffs, cutlery and crockery) must not be removed from the Hall or Bar areas.
In order to ensure free access and exit in the event of a fire, staircases, entrances and other circulation areas must not be used to store any items.

16. UPAY ELECTRONIC POINT OF SALE (EPOS) SYSTEM

 Every student will be issued with a University Card. This card is associated with an individual computerised account which is accessed and credited on-line with money to purchase meals, drinks, photocopying and printing in College. Battels bills can also be paid using your personal account. The card will also operate door security systems. Students must report cases of lost or stolen cards to the Lodge immediately so that the card can be cancelled and replaced. Unspent UPay balances at 31 October in the year in which a student member leaves the College are transferred to the St Catherine’s Fund. This fund is used to meet the costs of equipment purchases and projects voted for by the Junior and Middle Common Rooms.

17. MEETINGS AND PARTIES (Regulation G6)

 A College Society or Club may hold a meeting or other event in one of the public rooms of the College provided that permission has been obtained from the Accommodation Office. The person seeking permission must be a member of the College and the President of the relevant Society or Club. Permission must be requested at least seven working days before the event, using a form obtainable from the Office. Certain rooms or types of event may require the presence of a Fellow.

 Student members may also host other academic or social events in College. No more than eight persons may be invited or admitted to attend such an event unless prior permission has been obtained from the Accommodation Office. When requesting permission, students are required:

   a) To confirm that a suitable room is available by liaison with the Accommodation Office;
   
   b) To confirm that approval for the event has been obtained from the Deans;
   
   c) To undertake to ensure that the event will end by midnight;
   
   d) To agree adequate arrangements for cleaning up after the event;
   
   e) To pay a deposit against damage in advance to the Accommodation Office;
   
   f) To confirm payment or invoicing instruction for any food or alcohol purchased for provision at the event and pay in advance where required. (Regulation G6.2)

 All events in College must be organised and hosted in a manner which ensures respect for College regulations and other rules and policies, including rule 14 of Regulation G13 (prohibiting the bringing of alcohol into areas of the College which are licensed for the sale or supply of alcohol under the Licensing Act 2003 and other behaviour which might compromise the College’s licences under that Act) and the College’s Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech.
Student members organising an event which is likely to attract a hostile audience or demonstration are required to report this to the Deans at least seven working days before the event is due to take place. (Regulation G6.1) Any actions required by the Deans to mitigate the risks posed by the event to the interests of the College or others must be undertaken.

Student members may not store or use any barbecue equipment on College-owned or managed property without the permission of the Deans. (Regulation G6.3)

18. **BATTELS**

Students are required to pay tuition fees, residence charges and other fees and charges levied by the College as and when they fall due. Fulfilling this requirement is a strict condition of students’ continued membership of the College and University governed also by the University’s Regulations on Financial Matters.

Fees and charges are reviewed annually in Trinity Term and come into force on 1 August. Students are billed (via ‘battels’ the Oxford term for an invoice for fees and charges) annually at the beginning of Michaelmas Term for tuition fees, termly at the beginning of each term for residence charges, and termly at the end of each term for vacation residence and other charges. Payment is due by 3.15 p.m. on the Friday of first week and 3.15 p.m. on the Thursday of eighth week respectively. Failure to pay on time, without having made alternative arrangements for payment with the College Accountant, will result in the automatic application of a compound interest surcharge of 2% of the sum outstanding on the Saturday after the payment date and monthly thereafter. (Regulation G7.1)

Students facing financial difficulties likely to affect payment of their battels should arrange to see the College Accountant as soon as they become aware of the difficulties. The College Accountant will be able to offer advice and in some cases financial assistance.

A student member of the College who has not paid their battels in full within four weeks of them falling due shall have their College membership suspended following a written warning and request for payment by the College Accountant. An exception shall only be made where the Finance Bursar considers the amount owed by the student to be insubstantial or the circumstances otherwise to be such that suspension would be inappropriate. In all other cases, the student shall be notified by the Finance Bursar that their College membership is suspended with immediate effect (a) until such time as the student’s outstanding battels have been paid in full, at which point the student may apply in writing to return to College, or (b) until two terms have elapsed, at which point the student’s membership of the College shall automatically terminate. An application by a student to return to College under (a) shall ordinarily be accepted, though the date of their return shall be a matter for the Senior Tutor and Finance Bursar to determine having regard to relevant academic and resource-related considerations.

Without prejudice to the preceding paragraph, the Finance Bursar may also recommend at any time that a student’s College membership be suspended or terminated owing to their past or expected future failure to meet their financial obligations to the College. A recommendation of this type shall only be made following an investigation by the Bursar that includes the steps
described in By-law XI.7. The recommendation shall be forwarded to and determined by the Review Panel of the College following the procedures described in By-law XI.8 and XI.9.

The suspension of a student’s College membership under this section shall be final, and not subject to appeal. In contrast, a student may appeal against the automatic termination of their College membership or a decision of the Review Panel to terminate their College membership. Any such appeal shall be directed to the Master and determined by the Governing Body following the procedures described in By-law XI.11.

The Finance Bursar may delegate their authority under this section in a particular case to the Home Bursar.

In any case involving the application of By-law XI under this section, the ‘responsible Officer’ for the purpose of By-law XI shall be the Bursar responsible for the recommendation. Neither Bursar shall serve on a Review Panel constituted to consider a recommendation of the other Bursar. When investigating a matter under this section and By-law XI.7, the Finance Bursar shall consult with the Home Bursar and the Home Bursar shall consult with the Finance Bursar.

(Regulation G7.2)

A student member of the College who has not paid their battels with the College, or who has otherwise failed to discharge their financial duties to the College, shall be presented for a degree only with the prior permission of a Committee consisting of the Master, the Finance Bursar, the Library Fellow and the Dean of Degrees. (Regulation G7.3)

Vacation Residence will not be permitted unless all battels are paid on time. (Regulation G7.4)

Student members whose battels for the previous term have not been paid may be refused accommodation (see Residential Agreement, Section 7.2).

19. SECURITY

Student members are required to report anyone or anything suspicious to the Lodge (Tel: 01865 271700) immediately and ensure that they read the Security notice located in every room. (Regulation G8.1)

The property of student members resident in College is covered by insurance arranged with Endsleigh insurance, the details of which are provided on the College website. You are advised to keep valuable items out of sight, preferably in a secure location. Most insurance policies covering theft only operate where there has been “forced and violent entry”: therefore, when rooms are not being used, it is important to ensure that the door and windows are locked. When the room is occupied, it is safer to leave the key in the lock (to enable you to effect a rapid exit in the event of fire). Insurance cover for stolen bicycles only exists where the bicycle was locked and stored in the College Bicycle Store or locked to a designated post or stand.

Student members are required to report the loss of keys and/or University Cards to the Lodge immediately. (Regulation G8.2)
20. **SAFETY (Regulation G9)**

The College Safety Officer is the Home Bursar and there is a College Safety Committee which is chaired by the Home Bursar and which includes JCR and MCR student representatives.

Student members are required to familiarise themselves with, and comply with, the safety notices posted on the door of each room and on the notice board of all staircases. These notices have the force of College regulations. (Regulation G9.1)

Student members must not set off fire extinguishers without adequate reason or tamper with fire equipment or notices. (Regulation G9.2) To do so endangers their lives and those of other members. Severe punishments will be levied for any breaches of Regulations of this type. Additionally, it should be noted that any tampering with fire equipment (including sensors and alarms) and/or notices is a criminal offence.

Student members present in any part of the College where a fire alarm is sounded, whether as a practice or otherwise, are required to vacate the building and proceed to the Assembly Point. (Regulation G9.3) Practice drills are conducted on staircases in Michaelmas and Hilary Term.

Student members are required to report any accident, especially one involving personal injury, immediately to the Lodge. (Regulation G9.4) This will allow access to First Aid facilities or onward report to medical services and entry of the incident details in the Accident Book. The Lodge staff have instructions concerning emergency procedures. A complete list of those qualified to give First Aid is displayed in the Lodge and on each staircase.

Any electrical appliance brought into College or College houses and flats should be declared and be made available for spot checking for safety by a qualified electrician. Student members are required to complete an electrical equipment registration form at the beginning of the academic year and report to the Assistant Home Bursar additional items of electrical equipment brought into College thereafter. All such equipment may be spot tested. Any appliances found to be unsafe during spot checks will be removed as contravening this regulation. No more than one 4 gang extension lead may be used in each room. (Regulation G9.5)

Student members must not prop open any doors to or in staircases, or to pantries on staircases, or the doors to the Library or the computer rooms. (Regulation G9.6) The reason for this is to ensure that adequate fire stops are in place in the event of fire.

Student members are required to comply with safety rules relating to punting. (Regulation G9.7)

Student members should wear appropriate footwear at all times outside of study bedrooms.

Student members are required to abide by any decisions or measures introduced, or instructions or guidance given, by the College or University, or an authorised member of College or University staff in response to a pandemic (including but not limited to COVID-19), epidemic or other public health emergency, and must immediately notify the College if they
have, or suspect they have, symptoms of a notifiable disease. (Regulation G9.8) Student members who offend against this regulation may be required to vacate their rooms and/or be refused permission to live in College in subsequent years or during vacations.

21. **MOTOR VEHICLES AND BICYCLES**

Student members must not bring a motor vehicle to the College. (Regulation G10.1) An exception is made for short periods for the delivery and collection of belongings at the beginning and end of terms. Further exceptions will only be made in the case of those who are registered disabled car users.

Student members parking a motor vehicle on College property without authorisation will be charged an amount of not less than £15 per day or part day. The College accepts no responsibility for damage to or losses from vehicles parked on College land, whatever the cause.

There is a Cycle Store, and other cycle storage points are situated around the College. Any student keeping a bicycle on College property is required to register it under the national, police approved, bicycle marking & registration scheme at https://www.bikeregister.com/. Student members must not push bicycles through Staircase 14 into the main Quad or park them in places other than cycle storage points or the Cycle Store. They must not be parked on the footpath alongside the entrance to the SCR and JCR, or against the walls of Staircases 17 to 26, and may only be ridden on the access roads in College. They are on no account to be taken into student members’ rooms or onto staircases. Bicycles considered an obstacle may be locked or removed by College staff. They will be unlocked or returned (during the hours 8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Monday to Friday only – Bank Holidays excluded) on payment of a charge of not less than £5.00 via UPay to the Lodge. At the end of Trinity Term, the College will be inspected for unlabelled and apparently abandoned bicycles, which will then be removed; the College disclaims any responsibility for bicycles so removed. (Regulation G10.2)

22. **MEDICAL AND PERSONAL**

22.1 **College Advisors, Counselling and Peer Support**

Student members often feel that they want to talk privately to someone other than their tutors the College Officers, or the Deans. They are encouraged therefore to approach either one of the Junior Deans, or if that feels inappropriate, one of the other members of the Panel of Advisors, the College Counsellor or the network of trained Peer Supporters, for a personal discussion as they feel appropriate. Student members may wish to use any or all of these groups to discuss their concerns. Welfare support and counselling is also available from the University Counselling Service, https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare which is independent of College.

Currently, the College Advisors are: Professor Richard Todd, Professor Gaia Scerif and the Junior Deans. The Advisors may be approached directly at any time and their contact numbers are available in the Lodge. The College Counsellor is available in college on an appointment basis.
and can be contacted by email: counsellor@stcatz.ox.ac.uk. Within the JCR and MCR the Welfare Reps and a network of trained Peer Supporters whose names are advertised on notice boards in most staircases and on the College Website are available for private conversations with students.

22.2 **College Doctors and Nurse**

Student members are required to register with a doctor in Oxford on coming into residence (Regulation G11.1), although they may attend their home doctor as a temporary resident during the vacation. It is in student members’ interest to do this, in case of medical problems that might affect examinations which require certification from a College Doctor. The College Doctors are Dr Naomi Drury and Dr MaryKate Kirkaldy, their surgery is at KES@Northgate, Northgate Health Centre, 15 Market Street, Oxford, OX1 3EF (Tel: 01865 242657). Registration with the College Doctor is done by completing an online form at http://www.campusdoctor.co.uk/oxford/. Student members who wish to register with a doctor other than the College Doctor are required to notify the College Nurse, by the end of first week of Michaelmas Term, of the name of the doctor and of any changes made thereafter. (Regulation G11.2)

The College Nurse conducts a clinic in College in term-time. Surgery times are posted on noticeboards around College.

Student members are required to provide a medical report and/or present themselves for medical examination when either is deemed necessary by the College. (Regulation G11.3)

22.3 **Dentist**

Dental provision for the University of Oxford is undertaken by Damira Dental Studios, Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, Level 3, Colonnade Building, Headington Road, Oxford, OX3 0BP (Tel: 01865 689997). A full range of NHS treatments is available at Damira Dental Studios (with the exception of Orthodontics), and student members are charged NHS rates. Further details are available from the College Nurse’s surgery.

In addition, emergency out-of-hours dental advice and treatment is available by telephoning 111.

23. **ANTI-HARASSMENT AND BULLYING POLICY, AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS POLICY**

The provisions of the Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy (see https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/st-catherines-college-anti-harassment-and-bullying-policy) and of the Personal Relationships Policy (see https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/st-catherines-college-personal-relationships-policy) have the force of regulations with which all members and staff of the College are required to comply. (Regulation G12) The harassment advisors at St Catherine’s are Professor Richard Todd and Professor Gaia Scerif.
24. **HOURS OF OPENING AND VISITORS**

**College**

The College is to be regarded as closed after midnight. Visitors are admitted only between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and midnight. Members of College are deemed to be responsible for the behaviour of their visitors or guests at all times. Visitors or guests not accompanied by a member of College may be denied entry to the College or asked to leave its premises by authorised staff at any time.

**JCR Bar**

Monday to Saturday 6.00 p.m.-11.30 p.m.  
(alcohol to be consumed by 11.50 p.m.)

**Music House**

- **Michaelmas & Hilary Term:** Daily 9.00 a.m.-11.30 p.m.  
- **Trinity Term:** Daily 9.00 a.m.-10.30 p.m.

**Music Hours**

Music may be played *quietly* between these times:

- **In Term:**  
  - Monday to Saturday 1.00 p.m.-2.00 p.m.  
  - 7.00 p.m.-11.00 p.m.  
  - Sunday 10.00 a.m.-11.00 p.m.

- **In Vacation:**  
  - Daily 7.30 p.m.-11.00 p.m.  
  (see also Section 13)
APPENDIX - SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS

A1 Undergraduate student members are required to attend tutorials, classes and collections and, if necessary, meetings of College Committees.

A2 Undergraduate student members, if prevented by illness or other urgent causes from attending a tutorial, class or collection, are required to inform their tutor as soon as possible (preferably in advance). Where it is not possible to contact a tutor, the Academic Office (email: college.office@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) should be contacted.

A3 All members of the College are required to respect the work patterns of others. In particular, this means that no disturbance is to be caused by general noise or music or rowdy behaviour to the detriment of the academic atmosphere of the College. In particular, silence must be observed in the Library.

A4 Undergraduate student members, unless informed otherwise by their tutors, are required to sit Collections on the Friday and/or Saturday of the week before term.

A5 Student members are required to submit examination entry forms for University examinations. The College will assist, but ensuring that an examination entry form is submitted by the stipulated date is the responsibility of individual student members.

A6 A student member who fails to pass the First Public Examination may be subject to formal action under By-Law XI.

A7 Student members who are concerned that personal difficulties or illness may have affected their work, their revision or their performance in an examination, are required to contact the Senior Tutor and/or the Academic Registrar for advice as soon as possible.

A8 Student members whose examination scripts are returned by the Chairman of Examiners because they are illegible are required to dictate their content to a typist under invigilation and pay a fee per three-hour paper.

A9 Undergraduate students are expected to maintain a good standard of academic work throughout their time at St Catherine’s.

A10 Undergraduate student members who fail to maintain an adequate standard of work may face the operation of procedures which may result in their being sent down.

A11 No student member shall present as their own work any part or the substance of any part of another person’s work.

A12 Undergraduates are required to obtain permission from their Director of Studies before standing for the main positions on the JCR Committee and Ball Committee (i.e. JCR President, JCR Vice-President & Domestic Liaison Officer, JCR Secretary, JCR Treasurer, JCR Welfare Reps, Ball President, Ball Vice-President and Ball Treasurer).
A13 First-year undergraduate student members are required to live in College. All other student members may live out of College, but undergraduate student members are required to live within six miles of Carfax, and graduate student members are required to live within twenty-five miles of Carfax.

A14 First-year undergraduate student members are required to arrive in College on Sunday or Monday of noughtth week in Michaelmas. Thereafter, all student members are required to return to Oxford by noon on the last Thursday on the last Thursday of each vacation and remain in Oxford until the last Saturday of each term.

A15 Student members are required to agree beforehand with their Director of Studies or the Deans any overnight absence from College during term-time. Similarly, a student member who leaves Oxford for reasons of illness, family crisis, or for any other urgent unavoidable cause is required to inform their Director of Studies or Deans before doing so.

A16 Student members are required to collect mail regularly from pigeonholes in the Lodge (ideally once every 24 hours). Those living out must ensure that this is done, and failure to do so will not be regarded as a sufficient reason for missing an appointment with a College Officer (e.g. Senior Tutor, Deans or Academic Registrar) or with their tutors.

A17 Student members are required to obtain a @stcatz.ox.ac.uk email address from IT Services by the Friday of second week of Michaelmas Term. Student members must check their College email address at least once every 24 hours.

A18 Student members are required to leave a forwarding address and a telephone number and/or email address at the Lodge for the whole period of the ensuing vacation before going down at the end of each term. A form is provided for this purpose.

A19 Student members keeping residence who are living out of College, or College-owned or managed property, are required to inform the Academic Office (email: college.office@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) of where they are living by the Friday of first week of Michaelmas Term, and of any later change of address, and of the telephone number of the address where they are living and any mobile phone number.

A20 Graduate student members who have fulfilled the residence requirements of their course are required to inform the Academic Office (email: college.office@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) of their correspondence address and telephone number, and must make arrangements with the College Lodge for their post to be forwarded (the University uses the College as a correspondence address for all graduate students).

A21 Student members are required to inform the Academic Office (email: college.office@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) of any change to the address which they gave as their permanent address on applying for admission.
Student members are required to reach an agreement with their subject tutors and the Senior Tutor and/or the Academic Registrar before a temporary withdrawal may take place.

If a student member is out of residence for any reason, or is suspended for disciplinary reasons, the student member will not be allowed to use any of the facilities, including College accommodation. Such student members may not come into College for any reason, except with the express permission of their subject tutors, the Senior Tutor, the Academic Registrar, or the Deans. They will not be entitled to any formal tuition during their period of absence, and any post held in College (employment, committee memberships, etc.) will automatically terminate. These terms also apply to student members living in privately-owned or -rented accommodation at the time of going out of residence.

Undergraduate student members are required, prior to taking up paid employment in term-time, to obtain the written permission of their Director of Studies or the Senior Tutor. The number of hours worked must not exceed seven and a half in any week. Permission to work in College may be immediately withdrawn if either the Director of Studies or the Senior Tutor (on academic grounds), or the Deans (on disciplinary or welfare grounds), makes such a decision. Only in exceptional circumstances is permission to work in Michaelmas Term granted to Freshers.

Undergraduate student members are required to discuss the taking of paid employment during a vacation with their subject tutor prior to leaving Oxford for the vacation.

Graduate student members must observe the University’s paid work guidelines for graduate students (see https://academic.admin.ox.ac.uk/policies/paid-work-guidelines-graduate-students).

Student members in residence in the College, or in a flat or house owned by the College are required to enter into a Residential Agreement with the College at the time of taking up residence.

Under the terms of the Health Act 2006 the interior of all parts of St Catherine’s College are smoke free areas. This means that smoking is not allowed in all bedrooms and common areas. Smoking by students in the grounds of the College is restricted to the JCR garden, the rear of the Bernard Sunley Building and the bench beside Staircase 17. Student members are required to dispose of cigarette ends safely. Cigarettes must not be discarded in the Quad or in public areas.

Student members should not assume that accommodation is available in the vacations. Student members are asked to plan well ahead for the beginning and end of each term. If transport home at the end of a term is dependent on a parent collecting belongings by car at a weekend, it should be arranged for parents to collect larger items over the weekend prior to the end of a term. The student member should then leave College on the final day of their period of residence with their portable, personal belongings. Those who have an academic need to reside in College or flats or houses owned or
managed by the College, for any part of the vacation must request permission to do so, even when they have examinations. Applications must be submitted to the Accommodation Officer. Permission will only be given for academic reasons. Rooms must be vacated, and the key returned to the Lodge, by 10.00 a.m. on the last day for which permission to reside has been granted. Vacation residence is only granted to student members who have no outstanding battels, and it may necessitate a change of room. Significantly higher room charges are imposed for unauthorised vacation residence, and a charge will be made for moving possessions.

R4 No student member should enter into an arrangement which contravenes the University’s requirements on residence without first obtaining the permission of the Senior Tutor and/or Academic Registrar, or in the case of graduate student members the Tutor for Graduates and/or Academic Registrar.

G1 Student members are required to comply with the Library Regulations.

G2 Student use of College computer facilities must comply with all College and University regulations, including the University and J.A.N.E.T. rules for computer use (see https://unioxfordnexus.sharepoint.com/sites/OUIT-ITStrategyGovernance/SitePages/The-IT-Regulations-and-related-policies.aspx).

G3.1 Student members who wish to use the gymnasium are required to complete an online introduction to the gymnasium (https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/catz-students/domestic-information/), no matter how experienced an athlete they may be. Student members using the gymnasium must carry their University Cards in order that their attendance of a gym induction can be verified if necessary.

G3.2 The following gymnasium and squash court usage regulations apply:
1. The squash courts may be used for squash and table-tennis only, or basketball in Court 2. No other activity is permitted without the prior permission of the Deans or other appropriately authorised member of staff.
2. Appropriate clothing must be worn in the squash courts and gym at all times. Sandals and flip flops, for example, are not appropriate footwear. All footwear used in the squash courts must have non-marking soles.
3. As a courtesy to other users of the weights room, and to help ensure a safe training environment, all weights must be returned to their proper racks after use.
4. All users of the gym must bring a towel or other absorbent material to wipe-down equipment after each use.
5. Students must act responsibly and considerately of others in the gym at all times and leave immediately if requested to do so by the Deans or other authorised staff.

G4.1 Student members are required to comply with regulations concerning noise.

G4.2 Student members are required to comply with the code of conduct in force in connection with the use of the JCR lounge.

G5 Student members are required to comply with regulations concerning the use of staircase pantries.
G6.1 Student members organising a meeting which is in any way likely to attract a hostile audience or demonstration against it are required to report this to the Deans at least seven working days before the meeting is due to take place.

G6.2 Student members hosting an academic or social event in College may not invite or admit more than eight people to attend without the prior permission of the Accommodation Office. When requesting such permission students are required:

a) To confirm that a suitable room is available by liaison with the Accommodation Office;

b) To confirm that approval for the event has been obtained from the Deans;

c) To undertake to ensure that the event will end by midnight;

d) To agree adequate arrangements, before the event, for cleaning up;

e) To pay a deposit against damage in advance to the Accommodation Office;

f) To confirm payment or invoicing instruction for any food or alcohol purchased for provision at the event and pay in advance where required.

G6.3 Student members may not store or use any barbecue equipment on College-owned or managed property without the permission of the Deans.

G7.1 Students are billed (via ‘battels’ the Oxford term for an invoice for fees and charges) annually at the beginning of Michaelmas Term for tuition fees, termly at the beginning of each term for residence charges, and termly at the end of each term for vacation residence and other charges. Payment is due by 3.15 p.m. on the Friday of first week and 3.15 p.m. on the Thursday of eighth week respectively. Failure to pay on time, without having made alternative arrangements for payment with the College Accountant, will result in the automatic application of a compound interest surcharge of 2% of the sum outstanding on the Saturday after the payment date and monthly thereafter.

G7.2 Students are required to pay their battels in full as and when they fall due. A student member of the College who has not paid their battels in full within four weeks shall have their College membership suspended following a written warning and request for payment by the College Accountant, unless the Finance Bursar considers the amount owed to be insubstantial or the circumstances otherwise to be such that suspension would be inappropriate. Any such suspension shall last (a) until the student’s outstanding battels have been paid in full, at which point the student may apply to return to College, or (b) until two terms have elapsed, at which point the student’s membership of the College shall automatically terminate. The Finance Bursar may also recommend at any time that a student’s College membership be suspended or terminated owing to their past or expected future failure to meet their financial obligations.
obligations to the College. Any such recommendation shall forwarded to and determined by the Review Panel of the College following the procedures described in By-law XI.8 and XI.9.

The suspension of a student's College membership under this regulation shall be final, and not subject to appeal. In contrast, a student may appeal against the automatic termination of their College membership or a decision of the Review Panel to terminate their College membership. Any such appeal shall be directed to the Master and determined by the Governing Body following the procedures described in By-law XI.11.

The Finance Bursar may delegate their authority under this section in a particular case to the Home Bursar.

G7.3 A student member of the College who has not paid their battels with the College, or who has otherwise failed to discharge in full their financial duties to the College, shall be presented for a degree only with the prior permission of a Committee consisting of the Master, the Finance Bursar, the Library Fellow and the Dean of Degrees.

G7.4 Vacation Residence will not be permitted unless all battels are paid on time.

G8.1 Student members are required to report anyone or anything suspicious to the Lodge (Tel: 01865 271700) immediately and ensure that they read the Security notice located in every room.

G8.2 Student members are required to report the loss of keys and/or University Cards to the Lodge immediately.

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G10.1 Student members must not bring a motor vehicle to the College.

G10.2 There is a Cycle Store, and other cycle storage points are situated around the College. Any student keeping a bicycle on College property is required to register it under the national, police approved, bicycle marking & registration scheme at https://www.bikeregister.com/. Student members must not push bicycles through Staircase 14 into the main Quad or park them in places other than cycle storage points or the Cycle Store. They must not be parked on the footpath alongside the entrance to the SCR and JCR, or against the walls of Staircases 17 to 26, and may only be ridden on the access roads in College. They are on no account to be taken into student members’ rooms or onto staircases. Bicycles considered an obstacle may be locked or removed by College staff. They will be unlocked or returned (during the hours 8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Monday to Friday only – Bank Holidays excluded) on payment of a charge of not less than £5.00 via UPay to the Lodge. At the end of Trinity Term, the College will be inspected for unlabelled and apparently abandoned bicycles, which will then be removed; the College disclaims any responsibility for bicycles so removed.

G11.1 Student members are required to register with a doctor in Oxford on coming into residence.

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G11.3 Student members are required to provide a medical report and/or present themselves for medical examination when either is deemed necessary by the College.

G12 The provisions of the Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy (see https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/st-catherines-college-anti-harassment-and-bullying-policy) and the Personal Relationships Policy (see https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/st-catherines-college-personal-relationships-policy) each have the force of a Regulation with which all members and staff of the College are required to comply.

G13 Student members must not engage in any of the following activities

1 bringing illegal drugs into College or College-owned or managed property;
2 bringing any form of animal life into College or College-owned or managed property;
3 bringing firearms into College or College-owned or managed property;
4 using uncertified electrical appliances in rooms;
5 misusing fire extinguishers in College or College-owned or managed property;
6 lighting candles, or using or storing flammable liquids or other materials in study rooms or the MCR or the JCR;
7 climbing onto external elements of buildings (e.g. the concrete ledges in New Quad), up the exterior of buildings or onto roofs, ladders or scaffolding installed either by the College or contractors;
8 walking, sitting or playing games on the grass of the Quad, or on the grassed areas along the Water Garden or adjacent to Staircase 23 to 26 or the Lodge;
9 roller-blading, scootering or cycling in College other than on the access roads;
10 discarding chewing gum anywhere in College or College-owned or managed property; except in rubbish bins
11 trespassing on Merton Sports Ground;
12 cooking on the balcony area of Staircases 17 to 19 or anywhere other than in pantries. Using or storing any cooking equipment (e.g. toasters, sandwich makers, rice cookers) other than a kettle in student rooms is forbidden and any such equipment may be removed without notice;
13 playing any sort of game (e.g., frisbee or football) in the Quad, car park and in front of Staircases 17 to 26, or using the path along the external sides of the Meadow (Staircases 1 to 8) or River (Staircases 9 to 16) Blocks;
14 bringing alcohol into areas of the College which are licensed for the sale or supply of alcohol under the Licensing Act 2003 and behaviour which might compromise the College’s licences under that Act;
15 carrying on any profession, trade or business from College or College-owned or managed property, including using the College name for business purposes or using College or College-owned or managed property as a business address.