

CHURCHILL COLLEGE

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Churchill College agrees that Fellows, students and employees should endeavour to

1. Maximise the percentage of refuse which is recycled. To this end:
 - there are bins for collecting glass and cans in staircase kitchens and these are emptied by the staircase recycling rep.
 - student rooms have a separate bin for paper which will be emptied once a week.
 - College offices, kitchens and the bars will recycle waste paper, glass, cans, etc.
 - there will soon be a recycling scheme for cardboard and food waste from student staircases and from the kitchens.
 - there are collection points for cans, glass and paper in appropriate places around college buildings e.g. computer rooms, bars.
2. Minimise the amount of non-recyclable refuse. For example:
 - items shall be reused or recycled whenever possible and the potential for recycling or reuse will be considered when purchases are made by the College.
 - the volume of non-recyclable packaging associated with a product will be considered by the College at the time of purchase and those with least packaging shall be chosen.
3. Minimise the consumption of fossil fuels.
 - as a member of the Colleges Energy Purchasing Consortium, the College will favour electricity generated from wind, wave and solar sources.
 - the College intends to install energy saving bulbs and fittings in all college buildings.
 - students, employees and fellows will be encouraged to switch off all electrical appliances and lights when not in use, and use heating controls to regulate the temperature in their rooms. The JCR, MCR and employees will raise awareness of the importance of these measures.
 - when College rooms are refurbished energy efficiency will be considered, for example ensuring windows are well sealed and that heating systems are working as efficiently as possible.
4. Minimise water consumption. Specifically:

- the College will ensure that dripping taps/showers will be repaired as rapidly as possible.
 - students and employees will be encouraged to minimise the volume of water used.
 - the College will consider the water consumption of the equipment it purchases.
5. Minimise the environmental impact of new purchases:
- use recycled paper in printers and photocopiers.
 - choose cleaning products which cause the minimum of damage to the environment, but which clean effectively in the hard water supply of the Cambridge area.
 - when purchasing electrical appliances, the College will endeavour to source energy-efficient devices such as, for example, computer monitors or fridges.
6. Minimise the adverse environmental effects of any new developments. The College will take professional advice on the environmental impact of any new building work that it undertakes, and the achievement of high levels of energy efficiency, water efficiency, and the use of recycled / renewable building materials will be set as one objective for architects appointed to such projects.
7. This Environmental Policy will be reviewed at regular intervals with recommendations for any amendments to the policy being reported to the College Council for consideration.