

HERTFORD COLLEGE OXFORD

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THE STUDENT

LICENCE TO OCCUPY

relating to
student accommodation at Hertford College Oxford

THIS LICENCE AGREEMENT is dated the date on which the Accommodation Acceptance Form is signed

PARTIES

- (1) "Hertford" HERTFORD COLLEGE of Cattle Street Oxford
OX1 3BW
- (2) "the Student" A junior member of Hertford whose name and
(if any) address is stated in the Accommodation
Acceptance Form

AGREED TERMS

1. Definitions and Interpretation

The following definitions and rules of interpretation apply in this Licence.

- 1.1 "Accommodation" means a study bedroom or a flat within the
College specified in the Accommodation
Acceptance Form allocated to the Student on
or before the date of this Licence and in respect
of which the Student has been issued a key
and pass
- 1.2 "Accommodation Acceptance Form" means the form specifying the name of the
Student, the Licence Period the
Accommodation and the Rate signed by the
Student on or before the commencement of the
Licence Period to signify the Student's
acceptance of the terms and conditions of this
Licence Agreement
- 1.3 "Building" the building at the College within which the
Accommodation is situated
- 1.4 "Charge" the amount payable by the Student to Hertford
for the Accommodation at the Rate or such

other amount as Hertford in its absolute discretion may from time to time determine in respect of Vacation residence

- 1.5 "the College" means the buildings and grounds comprising Hertford College Oxford including all non-main site residential buildings owned by Hertford intended for use as student accommodation
- 1.6 "Common Facilities" means the kitchens bathrooms and WCs within the Building intended for the shared use of the Student and other occupiers of the Building
- 1.7 "Common Parts" means such paths, entrance halls, corridors, lifts, staircases, landing and other means of access in or upon the Building the use of which is necessary for obtaining access to and egress from the Accommodation as designated from time to time by Hertford.
- 1.8 "Competent Authority" any statutory undertaker or any statutory public local or other authority or regulatory body or any court of law or government department or any of them or any of their duly authorised officers.
- 1.9 "Contents" means the fixtures fittings and equipment in the Accommodation as listed in the inventory supplied by Hertford on or before the commencement of the Licence Period
- 1.10 "Information and Regulations" means the information and regulations applicable to members of Hertford from time to time in force and set out in the Student Handbook and Regulations provided for or made available to the Student on the College's website on or before the commencement of this Licence

- 1.11 "Full Term" means any one of the full terms of the University of Oxford comprising Michaelmas Term Hilary Term and Trinity Term
- 1.12 "Licence Period" means in respect of the Academic Year referred to in the Accommodation Acceptance Form either the Short Contract or the Long Contract or if sooner until the date on which this Licence is determined in accordance with Clause 4.
- 1.13 "Long Contract" means the Licence Period specified as a Long Contract in the Accommodation Acceptance Form
- 1.14 "Necessary Consents" all planning permissions and all other consents, licences, permissions, certificates, authorisations and approvals whether of a public or private nature which shall be required by any Competent Authority for the Permitted Use.
- 1.15 "Partner" means in the case only of a Student who is a graduate member of the College a person from time to time invited by the Student to occupy the Accommodation and nominated by the Student in writing to Hertford as his/her partner
- 1.16 "Payment Dates" means the dates specified in the Accommodation Acceptance Form on which the Charge for each Full Term must be paid
- 1.17 "Permitted Use" means residential use for occupation by the Student whilst undertaking a full-time course of study at Hertford

- 1.18 "Rate" means the rate applicable to the Accommodation specified in the Accommodation Acceptance Form
- 1.19 "Services" the supply or removal of heat, electricity, gas, water, sewage, energy, telecommunications, data and all other services and utilities
- 1.20 "Service Media" means all media for the Services and all structures, machinery and equipment ancillary to those media.
- 1.21 "Short Contract" means the Licence Period specified as a Short Contract in the Accommodation Acceptance Form
- 1.22 "Vacation" means any period which is not a Licence Period
- 1.23 Clause headings shall not affect the interpretation of this Licence.
- 1.24 In case of any inconsistency or conflict between the terms and conditions of this Licence Agreement and the Accommodation Acceptance Form, the Accommodation Acceptance Form shall prevail
- 1.25 Unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and in the plural shall include the singular.
- 1.26 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.
- 1.27 A reference to laws in general is a reference to all local, national and directly applicable supra-national laws as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time and shall include all subordinate laws made from time to time under them and all orders, notices, codes of practice and guidance made under them.
- 1.28 A reference to writing or written includes email but excludes fax.

- 1.29 Any obligation on a party not to do something includes an obligation not to allow that thing to be done and an obligation to use best endeavours to prevent that thing being done by another person.
- 1.30 References to clauses are to the clauses of this Licence.
- 1.31 Any words following the terms including, include, in particular, for example or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.
- 1.32 A working day is any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, a bank holiday or a public holiday in England.

2. Licence to Occupy

- 2.1 In consideration of the Charge and subject to Clause 3 and Clause 4, Hertford permits the Student to occupy the Accommodation for the Permitted Use for the Licence Period in common with Hertford and all others authorised by Hertford (so far as is not inconsistent with the rights given to the Student to use the Accommodation for the Permitted Use) together with the right for the Student to use :
- 2.1.1 such parts of the Common Parts for the purpose of access to and egress from the Accommodation as shall from time to time be designated by Hertford for such purpose.
- 2.1.2 the Common Facilities subject to Hertford having the right to suspend the use of any of Common Facilities that may become dangerous dirty or untidy
- 2.1.3 the Service Media serving the Accommodation.
- 2.2 The Student acknowledges that:
- 2.2.1 the Student shall occupy the Accommodation as a licensee and that no relationship of landlord and tenant is created between Hertford and the Student by this Licence;
- 2.2.2 Hertford retains control, possession and management of the Accommodation and the Student has no right to exclude Hertford from the Accommodation;
- 2.2.3 the licence to occupy granted by this agreement is personal to the Student and is not assignable;

- 2.2.4 (in the case of a flat) the Accommodation may be shared only with
- (a) a Partner provided the Student is a graduate member of Hertford; or
 - (b) another junior member of Hertford who has entered into an agreement with Hertford on the same terms as this Licence
- 2.2.5 without prejudice to its rights under Clause 5, Hertford shall be entitled at any time on giving not less than 3 days' notice to require the Student to transfer to alternative accommodation elsewhere within the College and the Student shall comply with such requirement whereupon this Licence shall apply to the new accommodation once all necessary consequential changes have been made

2.3 If Hertford agrees in writing to allow the Student to remain in occupation of the Accommodation or any other equivalent accommodation within the College during a Vacation the Student's occupation shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement once all necessary consequential changes have been made subject to the payment on demand of the Charge at a daily rate determined by the College for Vacation residence for each day when the Accommodation or equivalent accommodation is occupied by the Student. The rate for occupation of non-equivalent occupation shall be that notified by Hertford on acceptance of the Student's application for Vacation residence.

3. Student's obligations

The Student agrees and undertakes:

- 3.1 to pay to Hertford the Charge without any deduction in advance on or before the Payment Dates
- 3.2 without prejudice to any other remedy of Hertford if the whole or part of the Charge has not been paid within 14 days of the due date to pay to Hertford interest on the amount outstanding at the rate of 3% per annum above the base rate of National Westminster Bank from time to time in force from the date payment became due until the date of actual payment
- 3.3 (when the Student occupies a flat) to pay within seven days of the same falling due :
- 3.3.1 any council tax payable in respect of the occupation of the Accommodation.
 - 3.3.2 for all electricity supplied or consumed to on or for the benefit of the Accommodation during the Licence Period
 - 3.3.3 all charges (if any) relating to the installation and use of telephone and internet services and associated equipment in the Accommodation during the Licence Period

and indemnify Hertford against any such charges and any additional expenses incurred as a result of any default by the Student in making payment of the said charges

- 3.4 to keep the Accommodation clean, tidy and clear of rubbish;
 - 3.5 not to use the Accommodation other than for the Permitted Use;
 - 3.6 not at any time to leave the Accommodation unoccupied without locking the door and (if the Accommodation is on the ground floor and first floor of the Building) not to leave the Accommodation unoccupied without first closing and locking the windows
 - 3.7 not to make any alteration or addition whatsoever to the Accommodation or the Service Media or the Services;
 - 3.8 not to use fairy lights or display any advertisement, signboards, nameplate, inscription, flag, banner, placard, poster, signs or notices at the Accommodation or elsewhere in the Building or the College
 - 3.9 not to share the Accommodation with anyone or purport to sublet or transfer it to any other person
 - 3.10 not at any time
 - 3.10.1 to part with possession or control of the keys to the Accommodation and the College passes; and
 - 3.10.2 forthwith to report any loss to Hertford;
- and to pay the costs reasonably incurred by Hertford in providing each replacement key and/or pass.
- 3.11 not to exchange the Accommodation with an occupier of other accommodation within the College without Hertford's written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld and provided a new Accommodation Acceptance Forms are signed by both the exchanging parties
 - 3.12 (in the case of Accommodation shared with a Partner) to be responsible for the acts or omissions of the Partner in relation to the use and occupation of the Accommodation and not to cause or permit the Partner to be in breach of any of the terms of this Licence
 - 3.13 not during the Licence Period to keep any motor vehicle or vehicle parts within the City of Oxford other than a mobility assistance vehicle
 - 3.14 not to keep a bicycle in the Accommodation nor elsewhere within the College except (if available) in designated cycle bays provided for that purpose

- 3.15 not to bring into the building any animal unless as an aid for a person with a disability subject to having obtained Hertford's prior written approval.
- 3.16 not to smoke or vape anywhere within the College (including the Accommodation) except in areas designated by Hertford for that purpose and not to keep or permit to be kept or to take drugs other than for presented medicinal purposes
- 3.17 not to do or permit to be done on the Accommodation anything which
- 3.17.1 is illegal or which may be or become a nuisance (whether actionable or not), annoyance, inconvenience or disturbance to Hertford or to occupiers of the College or any owner or occupier of neighbouring property
- 3.17.2 is a fire risk or put at risk the health, safety, welfare or security of others or Hertford's or other people's property
- 3.18 at all times to maintain a reasonably safe environment for Hertford's employees when at the Accommodation
- 3.19 to report to Hertford any discrepancy between the Contents in the Accommodation and the Inventory within seven days from the first day of each Full Term
- 3.20 not to cause or permit to be caused any damage to:
- 3.20.1 the Accommodation, the Building or the College (including their decorative finishes);
or
- 3.20.2 the Contents
- and not to repair (or procure the repair of) any such damage but immediately report to Hertford any damage or want of repair or any failure in the provision of any of the Services as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within 24 hours of becoming aware of it
- 3.21 not to bring any additional furniture (including upholstered items fridges electrical goods and cookers) into the College without complying with the regulations contained in the Information and Regulations
- 3.22 not to cause or permit anything harmful or which is likely to cause blockage in any of the drainage or water pipes within the Building
- 3.23 not to obstruct the Common Parts or the Common Facilities, make them dirty or untidy or leave any rubbish on them;

- 3.24 not to do anything that will or might constitute a breach of any Necessary Consents affecting the Accommodation or which will or might vitiate in whole or in part any insurance effected by Hertford in respect of the Accommodation and the College from time to time;
- 3.25 to comply with all laws and with any recommendations of the relevant suppliers relating to the Services and the Service Media to or from the Accommodation;
- 3.26 to observe and perform the Information and Regulations and any variation thereof from time to time notified to the Student
- 3.27 without prejudice to Clause 2.2.2 to permit the College at all times to enter the Accommodation for the purpose of viewing, inspection, maintenance or repair, and for routine cleaning and in emergency
- 3.28 not at any time
- 3.28.1 to part with possession or control of the keys to the Accommodation and the College passes and/or entry cards; and
- 3.28.2 forthwith to report any loss to Hertford;
- and to pay the reasonable cost incurred by Hertford for providing a replacement key and/or pass and/or entry card.
- 3.29 when the Student occupies the Accommodation under a Short Contract at the end of each Full Term or when the Student occupies the Accommodation under a Long Contract at the end of Trinity Term
- 3.29.1 to leave the Accommodation in a clean and tidy condition
- 3.29.2 to remove the Student's furniture equipment and goods from the Accommodation
- 3.29.3 return to Hertford the keys to the Accommodation and all passes and entry cards
- 3.30 to indemnify Hertford and keep Hertford indemnified against all losses, claims, demands, actions, proceedings, damages, costs, expenses or other liability in any way arising from:
- 3.30.1 any breach of the Student's undertakings contained in this Clause 3; and/or
- 3.30.2 the exercise of any rights given in Clause 2;
- 3.31 without prejudice to Clause 3.29 if the Student shall remain in occupation of the Accommodation without Hertford having agreed Vacation residence pursuant to Clause 2.3 the Student shall pay to the College for each day of occupation a daily charge of Hertford's standard charge for letting the Accommodation commercially and shall otherwise occupy the Accommodation on the same terms as this Licence

3.32 If any personal possessions not belonging to Hertford are left at the Accommodation during Vacation or after the Licence has ended, Hertford may remove and store them for a maximum of one month. Hertford shall take reasonable steps to notify the Student at the address given (if any) in the Accommodation Acceptance Form or at the Student's last known address. If the possessions have not been collected within one month, Hertford may dispose of them.

4. Hertford's obligations

During the Licence Period Hertford undertakes with the Student

- 4.1 to keep the Building including the Accommodation in reasonable repair
- 4.2 to provide electricity heating lighting hot and cold running water to the Accommodation and to the Common Facilities
- 4.3 to clean the Accommodation and the Common Parts
- 4.4 to dispose of rubbish deposited only in receptacles provided for that purpose
- 4.5 other than for the purposes set out in Clause 3.27 to give not less than 48 hours' prior notice to the Student for planned maintenance work and 24 hours prior notice for other purposes.
- 4.6 to insure the Building (including the Accommodation) fully comprehensively

5. Termination

- 5.1 This Agreement shall end on the earliest of:
 - 5.1.1 the last day of Trinity Term (subject to Clause 2.3); or
 - 5.1.2 the Student
 - (a) being suspended by or being barred from the College pursuant to Hertford's bylaws or statutes
 - (b) ceasing to be a member of Hertford and/or ceasing to be undergoing a full-time course of education at Hertford
 - 5.1.3 the expiry of notice given by Hertford to the Student at any time
 - (a) on material breach of any of the Student's obligations contained in Clause 3;

- (b) if in the reasonable opinion of Hertford the health or the conduct of the Student or a Partner constitutes a serious risk to the Student or others or to Hertford's or others' property

5.2 The Student may terminate this Agreement:-

5.2.1 on giving notice to Hertford if Hertford exercises its right under Clause 2.2.5 to require the Student to move to alternative accommodation unless the Student moves to such alternative accommodation

5.2.2 on the expiry of not less than 5 working days' notice to Hertford provided that on expiry of such notice:-

- (a) there are no arrears of the Charge;
- (b) no person is in occupation of the Accommodation unless with the consent of Hertford
- (c) the Student is not in material breach of any of its obligations under this Licence; and
- (d) a replacement occupier satisfactory to Hertford who is not occupying other accommodation at the College has entered into an agreement to take the Accommodation on the terms of this Licence having made all necessary consequential changes.

5.3 Termination of this Licence shall not affect

5.3.1 the rights of either party in connection with any breach of any obligation under this Licence which existed at or before the date of termination.

5.3.2 any provision of this Licence which can reasonably be inferred as continuing or is expressly stated to continue following termination

6. Notices

6.1 Any notice or other communication given under this Licence shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or sent by email or by pre-paid first-class post or by other next working day delivery service to the relevant party as follows:

6.1.1 to Hertford marked for the attention of the Domestic Bursar and

6.1.2 to the Student at the Accommodation or at the Student's address (if any) given in the Accommodation Acceptance Form

or as otherwise specified by the relevant party by notice in writing to other party.

6.2 Any notice or other communication given in accordance with Clause 6.1 will be deemed to have been received:

6.2.1 if delivered by hand, at the time the notice or other communication is left at the proper address; or

6.2.2 if sent by email to the last known email address of the Student or of the Domestic Bursar of Hertford (as the case may be) at the time of receipt;

6.2.3 if sent by pre-paid first-class post or other next working day delivery service, at 9.00 am on the second working day after posting.

6.3 This clause does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or, where applicable, any arbitration or other method of dispute resolution.

7. Limitation of College's liability

7.1 Subject to Clause 7.2, Hertford is not liable for:

7.1.1 the death of, or injury to the Student, or invitees to the Accommodation; or

7.1.2 damage to any property of the Student or invitees to the Accommodation; or

7.1.3 any losses, claims, demands, actions, proceedings, damages, costs or expenses or other liability incurred by Student or invitees to the Accommodation in the exercise or purported exercise of the rights granted by Clause 2.

7.2 Nothing in Clause 7.1 shall limit or exclude Hertford's liability for:

7.2.1 death or personal injury or damage to property caused by negligence on the part of Hertford or its employees or agents; or

7.2.2 any matter in respect of which it would be unlawful for Hertford to exclude or restrict liability.

8. Third party rights

A person who is not a party to this Licence shall not have any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Licence.

9. Governing law

