

REGULATIONS TO MINIMISE NOISE IN COLLEGE

There is an obvious clash of interest on any one evening, between those who on that occasion wish to be quiet and those who are entertaining or returning to College late. These regulations reflect a compromise between these two states. To work effectively they rely heavily on co-operation between students, but in cases where a personal approach has failed the matter should be taken to a Tutor. Tutors have the authority to impose fines for minor infringements of College rules; in most cases concerning noise there will be a warning first and a fine only if the nuisance persists; but for some infringements of the regulations e.g. concerning parties, there will be an immediate fine.

1. Baths and showers must not be taken after **11.00 pm** or before **7.00 am** as the noise of running water disturbs people.

This also applies to the use of washing machines and tumble dryers. Please ensure the running cycle finishes before **11.00 pm**.

2. Parties must finish promptly by **11.15 pm** and guests must have left by **11.30 pm**. A party is defined as a social gathering of more than six people in a room. (The occupant and five others, some of whom may be Newnham students.) Tutorial permission to hold a party **must be obtained beforehand**. It is the responsibility of the hostess to see that the guests leave on time, without undue noise, and without causing any disturbance.
3. When washing-up late in the evening, and this applies particularly after parties, care should be taken to minimise noise. **Kitchen doors should be kept shut**.
4. After **11.00 pm** please do not stand chatting in the corridors or in your room with the door open, and do not make a noisy progress through the College on your way to your room.
5. If rooms are used for play rehearsals or for meetings, the same rules apply as for parties. In this case the responsibility lies with the owner of the room in which the rehearsal or meeting is taking place, or with the person who booked the public room being used. (J.C.R's are regarded as public rooms for this purpose.)
6. Musical instruments should be played only within the "music hours" of that part of College, except in the practice rooms in the Old Labs. The limitation of music hours applies to small groups of musicians (instrumental or choral) and to the use of those pianos which are available in various public rooms in College.
7. The use of stereos and radios is not limited to music hours but must not be played after **11.00 pm**. At all times the volume should be kept down so that the sound is not audible outside the room in which the audio-equipment is being used. Considerable disturbance is caused to neighbours if the door is left open even when the volume is relatively low.