

## **Improving the Facilities and Amenities in Halls**

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### **Union Notes:**

1. Some halls (Woodward and Kemp Porter) have communal swipe-card printing facilities while others (Wilson House and the South Kensington) do not.
2. In order to print anything, most residents of Wilson House must use St Mary's Library and most residents of the South Kensington halls must use the Central Library.
3. Due to government rules on household mixing, all the communal spaces in every hall have been shut.
4. Thanks to the lack of communal spaces, the opportunities for freshers to bond and socialise has been strictly limited to their own kitchens.
5. At halls such as Woodward there are TVs in every kitchen as well as TVs in the main communal spaces while at halls such as Wilson House, there are only TVs in the main communal spaces.
6. Each hall has an events budget which is separate to the equipment budget.
7. The College has the ability to increase the equipment budget in which the Wardening teams have less control over in comparison to the events budget.

### **Union Believes:**

1. During the first national lockdown when all the libraries were shut, many students were left at an inevitable disadvantage if they happened to live at Wilson House or at the South Kensington halls due to a lack of printing facilities.
2. An example of such a disadvantage is that some courses such as Aeronautical Engineering prefer templates to be printed out on paper.
3. It is also safer if there are printing facilities in all the halls as it would reduce the chances of contracting covid-19.
4. Since the second national lockdown was imposed, the inequality between each hall's standards has once again been exposed.
5. The halls that have TVs or projectors in their kitchens are better equipped to allow socialisation and bonding to take place than those which do not. This also contributes to the inequality between halls.
6. The hall budgets are more important this year especially since residents are spending significantly more time in halls due to the global coronavirus pandemic.

### **Union Resolves:**

1. Set new common standards for every hall owned and run by Imperial such that on-site printing facilities are standard.
2. Ensure that every kitchen in every hall has the same standard of facilities and amenities including TVs or Projectors in every kitchen.
3. Increase the Equipment budgets for Wilson House and the South Kensington Halls to facilitate the above.