

# RECYCLING AT PEMBROKE

Recycling is an important part of living a sustainable lifestyle; it keeps our waste out of the wider ecosystem where it can cause damage, and puts it to good use as a fuel source, or to create new products. In the United Kingdom, the recycling services available vary according to different local government districts – so in Cambridge, our waste recycling is managed by Cambridge City Council.

Below is a handy guide on how to deal with your waste during your time at Pembroke.

## COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION

- The college provides large black crates for the collection of **mixed dry waste** (see below) in all kitchens.
- All food waste, and non-recyclable material can be placed in the waste bins provided.
- Each staircase will have a Fire and Environmental Warden who is responsible for transferring waste collected in the crates to the main purple bins (see below).
- Spent batteries can be recycled at the Porters Lodge.

## PUBLIC SPACES AND THE GRADUATE PARLOUR

- The GPC encourages you to recycle as much of the waste you generate while using the Grad Parlour. Please remember to clean up after yourself. The college cleaning staff do not dispose of our waste left in the GPC – it is our responsibility to do so.
- **Mixed dry waste** – all paper, bottles, cans, plastic, tetrapak and cardboard items – can be deposited in large, purple bins, from which the waste is collected by Cambridge City Council.
  - Within the GP, mixed dry waste can be deposited in the black box in the foyer inside the rear door.
  - If you discover this box is full, then please take the time to empty it into the purple bins, nearest to the Graduate Parlour in Chimney Court (just outside the back door of the GP on the left hand side). (Note: check you're putting waste into the purple recycling bin and not the laundry bin!)
- **Food waste** is collected from the college's public areas by contractors, who use such waste for anaerobic digestion.
  - The GP has a food recycling caddy by the sink in the kitchenette area. Please use this for coffee grounds, teabags, and other small pieces of food.
  - If you see that the caddy is full, please empty it! Take it to the kitchens (down the stairs in the corner of the room of the dining hall) at lunch times and the staff will tell you where to empty it.

## PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

If you are living in Private Accommodation, your waste will be collected by the City Council. Waste collections are weekly, with mixed dry recycling and garden waste collected one week, and landfill waste collected the other week (so that each type is collected fortnightly). Mixed dry recycling is put out in blue bins, garden waste in green bins, and waste for landfill (anything that can't be recycled by the council) in black bins. To find out more, see the Cambridge City Council's recycling website.