

Heating Schedule

Clare College is committed to environmental sustainability. The College is nearly 700 years old and wants to do what it can to ensure we are still here in another 700 years. In line with the Environment Policy it therefore seeks to “**reduce energy consumption, especially of energy derived from fossil fuels**”.

The College has heavily invested in controls systems over the last two years allowing us more flexibility in how we heat the larger buildings in terms of both temperature and timings.

The general principles are as follows:

1. Building temperatures are optimised (where possible) to run at 19.5°C.
2. The buildings are not heated during the summer.
3. The heating season commences with an autumn setting which brings the heating on for 3 hours in the morning (i.e. 7 to 10am) but does not heat throughout the day. A second heating period is set from 4 to 11pm. The autumn settings will normally commence around 1st October, at the beginning of Fresher’s week.
4. During the winter months buildings are heated from approximately 7am to 11:45pm, but are not heated through the night. The winter schedule is weather-dependent but doesn’t start until at least 1st November and often much later than this.
5. Spring timings are similar to the autumn timings. They are also weather-dependent, but would normally start around 1st March.