Pests and Pest Control

faults@lmh.ox.ac.uk

On most visits to the College – our Pest Control team have found food left out in the open, spills not cleaned up, and dishes not washed and put away. These are all things which can attract a variety of pests to move in.

Action Steps to Prevent Pests

1. **Keep Food Stored Properly:**
    - Store all food in sealed containers.
    - Avoid leaving perishable items out, especially overnight.
    - Keep cupboards clean and free from food debris.
2. **Clean Up Regularly:**
    - Wash dishes promptly after use.
    - Wipe down surfaces to remove crumbs and spills.
3. **Take Out the Rubbish:**
    - Dispose of rubbish regularly.
4. **Manage Clutter:**
    - Keep your living space tidy and organised to reduce hiding places for pests. The scouts cannot clean your room effectively if the floor and surfaces are covered with clothing, dirty dishes, or fast food boxes/bags.
    - Clean and tidy on a regular basis.
5. **Be Cautious with Shared Spaces:**
    - Scouts will clean the pantries, but you are responsible for cleaning up spills as they happen, and for washing dishes after you use them.
6. **Report Pest Sightings:**
    - If you see any pests, report them immediately via faults@lmh.ox.ac.uk You should avoid emailing individuals, or copying people in to the faults email – as this slows down the system while people work out whether or not someone is already dealing with it.

Remember:

A little effort goes a long way in keeping your college accommodation pest-free. By following these simple steps, you can enjoy a clean, safe, and comfortable living environment.

Stay Clean, Stay Safe!

