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# **Graduate Student Forum Annual Spoon Survey**

## **Report and Recommendations**

## Executive Summary

With the exception of the Rainbow Group (SS17) the kitchens are poorly stocked, with a vast array and variety of spoons and other cutlery. It is the recommendation of the GASS Committee that more spoons and associated cutlery be obtained for the vast majority of kitchens. The GASS Committee notes that Rainbow group has been successful in obtaining and keeping their own cutlery due to the explicitly ugly nature of said cutlery.

## Introduction

Reports have indicated that there are not enough spoons in kitchens at the Computer Laboratory. Therefore at the 171st meeting of the Graduate Student Forum (GSF) it was decided to employ the GSF Annual Spoon Survey (GASS) as a mechanism to inform future policy making decisions and directions. The 2013 GASS was conducted on Monday 11th March 2013 at 10am by Mr. M. P. Grosvenor, SRG representative for the GSF and GASS Executive Committee nominated surveyor. This report details the findings and recommendations of the survey.

## Discussion

Kitchens GS13, GC25, FW03, FN18, FS27, FC35, SS17, SN18 and SC20 were surveyed. Due account was taken of items in the dishwashers. No account was taken of mugs, glasses, plates, bowls etc, although it should be noted that very few kitchens included a microwave.

Table 1 contains summary results of the survey (full details of the survey can be found in Appendix 1, photographs can be found in Appendix 2).

	Big Spoons	Forks	Knives	Tea Spoons
<b>Min</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Avg</b>	5.2	5.2	6.6	5.8
<b>Max</b>	16.0	13.0	16.0	14.0
<b>Std Dev</b>	5.9	5.3	4.9	4.9

Worryingly Table 1 demonstrates that for every category of cutlery, this is at least one kitchen that has no items. Also worrying is the fact that the standard deviation between kitchens is similar to the average, demonstrating a wide distribution of spoons across kitchens.

The Rainbow group, kitchen (SS17) seems to have solved the problem by buying a collection of “ugly” but recognizable cutlery out of group money, this is the most successful kitchen by far and accounts for the maximum value in every category in Table 1 above.

Building services have been contacted about the problem, (See appendix 3), but no cutlery has been found.

## Conclusion

More cutlery is needed, but perhaps it is better to follow the Rainbow Group example and buy a collection of identifiable cutlery for each group. Also, we need more microwaves.

## Appendix 1 - Raw Data (Alphabetical)

ROOM	BSpoons	Forks	Knives	Spoons	Notes
FC35	1	2	6	8	
FN18	3	0	5	5	
FS27	0	8	9	0	
FW03	0	0	0	0	
GC25	4	0	1	7	
GS13	3	4	10	1	
SC20	6	13	4	6	
SN18	14	7	8	11	
SS17	16	13	16	14	Group Spoons

## Appendix 2 - Photographs



SC35



FN18

FS27







**FW03**



**GC25**



**GS13**



**SC20**



**SN18**



**SS17**

## Appendix 3 - Email Correspondence

To: Matthew Grosvenor <[mpg39@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mpg39@cam.ac.uk)>  
Reply-To: [building-services@cl.cam.ac.uk](mailto:building-services@cl.cam.ac.uk)  
RE: [rt.cl.cam.ac.uk #86243] Kitchen Cutlery Supplies

Not as far as we are aware.

-----Original Message-----

From: RT System [<mailto:rt-admin@cl.cam.ac.uk>] On Behalf Of  
[mpg39@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mpg39@cam.ac.uk) via RT  
Sent: 11 March 2013 11:42  
Subject: [rt.cl.cam.ac.uk #86243] Kitchen Cutlery Supplies

Hello,

I'm just wondering if there happens to be a secret stash of building cutlery supplies. Most of the kitchens around the building have few if any remaining stocks. I've been asked to look into this by the Graduate Student Forum.

With kind regards,  
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Hall College