Our Colleges

Whether you are considering Durham University to study for a taught or research qualification, our collegiate system will make your time with us special. At Durham, you will become a member of a College community, encompassing students from new undergraduate to PhD level. Your College will be a hub of activity and full of opportunities to socialise and engage with others pursuing postgraduate degrees in many different subjects. College is a place to develop your skills and enhance your wellbeing, with dedicated support and guidance from staff ready to offer help at every stage of your time in Durham. All our Colleges provide facilities to support your academic learning, and your personal development, such as libraries and social spaces and, in some Colleges, a chapel or prayer room.

Every College has a representative body for postgraduate students, typically called the Middle Common Room. As a member of the Middle Common Room, you can participate in elected student leadership, organise student-led events, share academic research, and engage in local, regional, and global issues. Sixteen of our seventeen Colleges accept both undergraduate and postgraduate students, with a seventeenth postgraduate-only College. Our seventeen Colleges mean hugely increased opportunities for challenge and for making memories; there is truly something for everyone.

Every College provides:

- A community to belong to whilst you are in Durham, and once you leave
- Shared facilities for all students of the College
- Sports, societies, and student groups
- Opportunities for student governance through the Common Rooms
- A range of events and activities
- Either catered or self-catered facilities, and accommodation within Durham
- College staff to support your wellbeing

Coming to university gives you a chance to transform into the person you want to be. The friendly and diverse community of Aidan’s has allowed me to be open and proud of who I am. It is a place where I was not only accepted but I was celebrated.

Jessica Madden
Geography
Colleges in summary

In your College you will find endless opportunities to explore your interests; support and guidance; chances to lead and develop your College’s community; and a place to learn from your fellow student College for the rest of your life – and you will always be welcome back.

The Wider Student Experience

Our students and graduates are known for their outstanding qualities, which you can develop in your College as well as through your academic studies and other University-wide activities. Through our enormous range of activities, you will explore your own interests and discover new skills to help you with your learning, as well as in your future after you graduate.

At the heart of college life are opportunities for engagement. Each College hosts a number of social activities, as well as chances to share your research and learning with fellow postgraduate students, College staff, and members of the wider college community. College is also a space to get involved in sport, music, theatre, and volunteering, alongside other postgraduate and undergraduate students.

We understand that a research degree can be intense at times, and that specific topics of research mean that our students often work alone. College is a place to work alongside others, whether that is at a desk in the College Library, or in a form of student leadership. College is a place for you to take a break, socialise, and learn more about the outstanding research undertaken by a range of students across the university departments every day.

Your wellbeing is an important component of your student experience. Our Colleges offer pastoral and developmental support throughout your degree through dedicated Student Support Offices. Your College staff will support you as well as signpost you to central support services such as the Counselling Service, Disability Support, and the University Chaplaincy team.

Having not attended Durham for my UG degree, moving to a collegiate-based University was quite a change for me. However, I have loved my time here - both within my studies and my College. I have found the MCR to be a very welcoming place and there is such a great sense of community.

Vicky Fawcett
Astronomy PhD Student, Castle MCR President

17 different College communities to thrive within
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*Student figures and room numbers provided are for the 2020/21 academic year and are subject to change.

**All colleges have special dinner events called ‘formals’ some colleges wear academic gowns at these events.

**South College opened in 2020 with a reduced number of students with the intention of growing by 2022 to 1200 students.
Collingwood College
Durham University

More energy, less ceremony.

Collingwood encourages you to be the best you can be at whatever interests you. Collingwood postgraduates get fully involved in College life and enjoy a close relationship with our undergraduate body and our senior common room members: from Art to Zorbing, there are more than 70 sports teams, over 20 societies and committees to join, and many joint College events to enjoy.

Whether you’re a serious athlete, casual gym-goer or enthusiastic spectator, our floodlit pitch, extensive gym and fitness studio allow you to stay active and try something new, whatever your ability level. Team Collingwood hope to retain the inter-collegiate sports trophy for the 10th consecutive year! The arts are equally important; our music, theatre, tech and dance societies utilise our industry-standard music and recording studio and performing arts centre. Filmmakers, photographers and artists enjoy dedicated creative spaces, and our library is home to budding writers and thinkers. Our culture is informal; you’ll find students chatting about their next volunteering initiative over coffee, dreaming up new College events whilst watching the football, or challenging the Principal to a game of table-tennis. Formal dinners are big and bold (think fairground rides and silent discos) and we end each year with a music festival organised by The Stag’s Head. Your personal development is at our core and we’ll help you to seize rare, life-changing opportunities: connect with our alumni to gain valuable career advice, apply to our ever-expanding list of global opportunities, or pitch for funding for your innovative ideas.

Does The Wood sound right for you?

Collingwood has been my second home throughout my Postgraduate Research degree. I’ve made some fantastic friends and have been able to network and flourish within a wonderful postgrad community. The warm and approachable staff have also provided much-needed professional and wellbeing support throughout my degree.

Aileen Editha MJur

Life at Grey means meeting so many great people who are as interested in their studies as you are in yours! I got really involved in the college spirit, sports, and MCR community, and the opportunities and lifelong friendships that came from it.

Lily Hulatt PGR - English Literature

durham.ac.uk/collingwood
Hatfield is Durham's second oldest college. Located on the Bailey in the historical centre of Durham, and founded specifically to broaden access to the University, we combine strong traditions with a thoroughly modern outlook. We are '#AllOneHatfield', promoting an inclusive and supportive environment, in which every student is valued and has many opportunities to flourish, whatever their interests and experience.

Our thriving postgraduate community, whether living in our self-catered postgraduate accommodation or living out in Durham or its surrounding area, plays a very active role in College. The Middle Common Room (MCR) is a focus for postgraduate events and activities, from multi-disciplinary research forums to pot-luck suppers, from joining the student welfare team to dining together at College Formals in our 18th century dining hall. College facilities include gyms, music-spaces and a boathouse, as well as our large multi-use Burt room, which houses a student-run café and bar, and is the venue for many a social evening with live music, quiz nights or group viewing of sports events and films. Multiple College clubs and societies cover a wide range of sports, music, drama, volunteering and much more.

Thanks to many generous alumni donations, the Hatfield Trust provides grants for students to support their academic activities and other interests, including research grants for postgraduate research projects. Our alumni network also makes a huge contribution to our career mentoring programme, including Careers Conversations with alumni from different backgrounds, cultures and academic disciplines to share their thoughts, ideas and experiences as they grow in their knowledge and understanding of their subject area. Our comprehensive student enrichment programme enables students to develop transferable skills, self-growth and improve employability prospects. The wide-ranging programme encourages intellectual curiosity, promotes personal development and supports physical and mental wellbeing.

As a modern College with traditional values, we have something for everyone. Alongside your academic studies, we offer you extracurricular activities in sport, music and art to help fulfil your potential. We have an active music and performing arts scene, thriving sports opportunities and many societies. Our activities are supported by our excellent facilities, which include a gym, dance/yoga studio, music practice rooms, faith/quiet room, event hall, floodlit outdoor games area, café and bar. You can also become an active citizen of the Durham area through an array of volunteering, outreach and charity projects. These possibilities, alongside an engaging academic seminar series, all help to enrich your experience of being a postgraduate at John Snow College.

Throughout my PhD, Hatfield has provided with more support than I could have imagined: financial backing for research, organising conferences, and professional development, but also pastoral support for personal and academic matters. I love knowing that I can socialise with people of all ages and walks of life in college.

Lindsay Macnaughton
PhD History

Hatfield postgraduates join a vibrant, interlinked community of students, staff, senior members and alumni spread across the world. Once a Hattiefighter, always a Hattiefighter.

We are #AllOneHatfield.
Friendly, inclusive, and flexible.

We encourage our students to get involved with our community’s pioneering spirit: we pride ourselves on multi-generational engagement in sport, societies and volunteering and encourage all our students to get involved with our pioneering spirit.

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St Aidan’s College
Durham University

Aidan’s: let’s change the world.

Welcome to St Aidan’s, the ‘Rainbow College’. From the creative arts to community engagement projects, peer mentoring and Pathways to Enterprise, our energy, enthusiasm and warmth encourage everyone to flourish.

A modern College, we have a growing tradition of engagement in social justice and building new relationships. You can develop your talents, or discover ones you never suspected, in a caring and supportive environment. Our creative writing course is unique, our intercultural and interfaith events inspirational and our College spaces can host anything from meditation groups to ‘Live Lounge’ and ‘Open mic’ evenings. With the emphasis on participation, we have a great tradition of both informal and dedicated activity: from mixed frisbee to women’s rugby; yoga and meditation to tango, salsa and classical Indian dance. Through celebrations like Chinese New Year and international film nights, our Banipal Middle Eastern Writer in Residence, film nights, our Banipal Middle Eastern Writer in Residence, Fellowship and Shabbat celebrations, we work towards active citizenship to challenge a fractured world.

Our Senior Common room (SCR) is unique among Durham colleges because it encompasses postgraduates, College and Academic staff and members of our regional communities. This rich diversity provides St Aidan’s SCR members with a strong foundation from which to work, including opportunities to work alongside the College staff and the undergraduate student body, the Junior Common Room (JCR).

Situated at the top of Windmill Hill, the view of Durham Cathedral and the dramatic landscape of the city will always inspire you. Our modernity embraces sensitivity and respect for the living history and struggle of this region, where natural beauty and industrial resilience coexist.
Small College, big impact.

St Chad’s is located near the heart of Durham, situated just metres away from Durham Cathedral, on the beautiful and historic North Bailey. We encourage all of our members to dare to dream big, to aim high, and to think globally – whether it’s in terms of their academic work, their extracurricular activities, their career aspirations and employability, or their plans to change our world for the better.

St Chad’s College MCR, or Middle Common Room, is the representative body for postgraduates at St Chad’s. Postgraduates play an integral part of college, representing over 20% of St Chad’s student population. The MCR is the heart of academic life in college, holding several research forums per term and hosting regular conferences and speakers. In addition, postgraduates are active in numerous college sports, choirs and societies. St Chad’s boasts some of the most extensive postgraduate accommodation and facilities in Durham, offering both catered and self-catered provisions and having eight on-site library rooms.

As the smallest college in Durham, at Chad’s you are much more than a number — you are valued for who you are. If you aspire to be part of a scholarly and social community that will challenge and support you in equal measure, encouraging and empowering you to make the most of every opportunity while at Durham University, then we would love to welcome you to St Chad’s.

For more information, see stchads.ac.uk

St Cuthbert’s Society
Durham University

Founded by students for students.

Intergenerational mixing is a very important aspect of life at Cuth’s, for livers in and livers out. All students, postgraduates and undergraduates, are members of the Junior Common Room, a registered charity, which is energetic, enterprising and democratic. It runs three major social events every year, and over 40 societies and sports teams, open to all students; these include Running, Anti-Racism, Poetry, Big Band, and FemSoc, and new ones are created every year.

PGs have many opportunities to meet members of the Senior Common Room (University staff, alumni and residents of Durham City) at social and scholarly events which contribute to the wider student experience and personal development, including topical debates in the Difficult Dialogue series, careers advice, and guest lectures. Cuth’s hosts a Visiting Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Study in the autumn, and a resident artist/writer/musician/filmmaker in the spring. PGs can discuss their work with other students and SCR members at informal research slams, or present it more formally at regular research forums. The JCR and SCR host regular ale tastings. PGs can attend most college Formal dinners; some are for PGs only, and our students perform at the very popular annual Murder Mystery Inter-MCR Formal.

The college occupies two sites, on the historic Bailey and across the River Wear at Parson’s Field, where PG livers in occupy single en-suite rooms in self-catered flats. We are the only college with two sites, two bars, and a student-run library. College staff provide welfare support (academic and non-academic) to all students.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/st-cuthberts.society

At Chad’s, I can passionately pursue my studies and extracurricular activities unapologetically. The academic, social and welfare support I have received are why I am proud and grateful to be a part of the Chad’s community.

Olivian Wong
MA Law

I don’t think I would have felt as secure anywhere else, and that’s allowed me to take risks and try new things with a confidence I wouldn’t have had otherwise. It sounds like a cliché, but I can’t overstate how much Chad’s feels like home.

Razvan Dumitru
PhD History

C/SC
Catered and Self-catered

235
Number of students living in (UG & PG)

50
PG students living in

For more information, see stchads.ac.uk

We love our traditions, but are thoroughly forward-thinking in our outlook. Though we are a small community with a real family atmosphere, we encourage all of our members to dare to dream big.

Kiera White
MA Creative Writing
(PG Committee Academic Rep; ArtSoc President)

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Community focus; global perspective.

Stephenson is a modern, forward thinking, inclusive College with a strong ethos of respect. As a values-driven College, our students are committed to active citizenship, civic responsibility and social justice. We offer a wide range of opportunities for personal development through our Connections Programme, with a focus on leadership, innovation, enterprise, and volunteering. In addition, our Stephenson Ideas Series provides a space for intellectual inquiry, discussion, and debate with leading figures in their fields. We are ambitious for our students and we encourage both academic and co-curricular success, paying attention to their development and employability as global leaders. Students have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of societies and sports teams including a variety of music groups and our College ‘Rocket Theatre Company’.

Stephenson is an international College, and we welcome students from around the world. We help all our students develop as active global citizens and celebrate all cultures with events throughout the year, including support for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As a post-graduate student, you will be a member of our Middle Common Room, which runs a range of activities and programmes.

The College is located next to the Botanic gardens, surrounded by beautiful woodland. Our excellent facilities include an outdoor multi-use-games area, comfortable study spaces, a gym, a music practice room, an excellent café/bar and a performance and games hub. Despite being a self-catered college, our students dine together regularly, both formally and informally at our ‘Locomotion Dinners’ and ‘Formals’.

Home isn’t a place, it’s a feeling and Stevo’s postgraduate community has given me that sense of belonging. Through college formals, cooking nights and days out, I found a group of friends for life. Our Principal, porters and admin team are also the friendly faces keeping us motivated throughout term.

Jessica Rushton
PhD Modern Languages and Cultures

The Big Heart on the Big Hill.

Known simply as Hild Bede, we have 180 years of history and tradition from which we are always looking out to our and your future. We want you to flourish in your studies and make a difference in the world.

We are a friendly college. You will very much come ‘home to Hild Bede’ and welcomed to our thriving community of postgraduates within our College of around 1400 students and a global network of 17,000 alumni. We’re home to students of all backgrounds, studying all subjects. We aim to give you the support and opportunity to develop, as well to thrive in your studies, we’ll encourage you to take time out and add value by joining our social and intellectual life.

Hild Bede is neither a ‘Hill’ nor ‘Bailey’ College but sits on 16 acres of river-side parkland 5 minutes from the City Centre. We offer fully catered accommodation and try to group our resident Postgraduate students into a community within our estate. You will have access to our dining, bar, common rooms (including one dedicated to postgraduates) and mighty Caedmon complex.

Our Postgraduate President represents postgraduates through our Student Representative Council which supports 38 Clubs and Societies; Welfare and Environment Committees; ‘formals’. Winter and Summer Balls, our College Day and, much more. We also have dedicated Postgraduate ‘formals’ and events. We have a tradition of work with our local community and strong, active groups supporting communities and liberations.

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MA English Literary Studies

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Traditional yet forward thinking.

We are one of the smallest colleges, renowned for our lively and welcoming atmosphere.

Situated within a row of Georgian townhouses on the Bailey, next to the Cathedral, our gardens and lawns stretch down to the River Wear, creating a peaceful home in the centre of Durham.

St John’s fosters intellectual curiosity beyond our students’ degree subjects. Postgraduate students are invited to take the lead on organising academic events and projects, from research presentations to international conferences, with support from the College. Current flagship events include the high profile annual Borderlands Lecture, featuring leading thinkers and public figures, as well as the student-led ‘Broaderlands’ seminar series which offers a platform for postgraduates students to share their research with the John’s community.

Our facilities include a 12th century Chapel, a well-equipped gym and a new 24/7 library with ample study space. Our dedicated Postgraduate Study Centre is an ideal space for intellectual and social activity, with areas for individual and group study, reading and relaxing – a chance to unwind together. The kitchen also offers live music to heat up some lunch.

The Middle Common Room is a community of postgraduates within St John’s. It hosts regular social events and termly postgraduate formals, which include a drinks reception, three course meal and after-dinner entertainment, in addition to the weekly all-College formals. St John’s is a supportive community that will positively challenge, develop, and grow your individual strengths. Throughout the year, the College’s Christian ethos translates into warm hospitality.

John’s has a small but vibrant research community. There are various additional talks and lectures held and we have a large library that is especially good in theology. But there are also fun events such as Bailey and summer ball.

- Felix Granderath
  PhD Theology

St John’s is one of Durham’s smallest Colleges, situated in a row of Georgian townhouses on the Bailey.

durham.ac.uk
/st-johns.college

Vibrant, versatile and valued.

St Mary’s is one of Durham’s oldest colleges and occupies beautiful buildings set in extensive grounds ideally located for both academic and extra-curricular activities. A key aspect of life at Mary’s is the encouragement to get involved, try new things, and develop skills you never knew you had! This could include organising our International Week, being responsible for the Junior Common Room (JCR) publicity and communications, joining the Midsummer Ball decorations committee, performing at our ‘Live Lounge’, working in the College Bar or library, and more. We offer opportunities for relaxation, too, through our wonderful student-run toastie bar, and the Welfare at Mary’s team.

At Mary’s, supporting an individual’s personal and academic growth is key. New students are welcomed by our enthusiastic student teams at the start of each academic year. College Mentors support students in capturing achievements, reflecting on experiences, identifying strengths, and embracing opportunities. Alumni support current students through our Careers Alumni Network.

As a community, we collaborate to provide you with the opportunity to contribute, to make a positive difference. It’s this positive experience that provides a sense of belonging, ensuring our students retain a lifelong affiliation with St Mary’s. We look forward to when you join us!

C  Catered

259  Number of students living in (UG & PG)

durham.ac.uk
/st-marys.college

My second home for the last four years. The porters, kitchen staff, and many friends I have made, make Mary’s a truly special place with so much to get involved in; I have captained a football team, a pool team, casually played six other sports, and worked on the bar.

- Dom Wood
  PGCE

St Mary’s was founded in 1899 as a pioneering all-women’s College, becoming mixed in 2005. We have kept our founding ethos – a commitment to equality and opportunity for all.

C  Catered

314  Number of students living in (UG & PG)

durham.ac.uk
/st-marys.college

St. Mary’s College and the Middle Common Room provided me with the support and comfort I needed during my Masters degree. It gave me the opportunities to grow as a person, both professionally and academically, and for that I am very grateful.

- Nidhi Unnithan
  LLM International Trade and Commercial Law
Explore Without Limits.

Trevelyan is a small, progressive college renowned for its distinctive hexagonal architecture. Our College encourages every student to venture out of their comfort zone and be the best they can be, while promoting an environment of support, inclusion, and curiosity.

We have a thriving arts scene suited to all interest and abilities, supported by outstanding musical and theatrical facilities. Trevelyan is home to a 60-seat theatre and a soundproof rehearsal and recording room. We also excel at sports, and have a large indoor sports hall, an outdoor all-weather sports court, and a gym. Our College has 37 clubs, covering everything from football to Frisbee.

Trevelyan strives to produce future-ready graduates. We have an excellent careers programme that connects our students with alumni in various sectors, and we host regular career talks and networking sessions. We also believe in providing the space and opportunity for our students to realise their own potential. Our extensive travel bursary scheme supports many students to travel the world in pursuit of academic and personal development, and our development programme will give you ample opportunity to hone your soft skills.

Trevelyan has a diverse postgraduate community that provides its members with a vast range of social and academic opportunities, from formal dinners to research buffets. Make Trevelyan your home, and explore the limitless opportunities available to you.

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South College offers an inspiring combination of tradition and modernity. You will have a voice in college affairs, and you will have the opportunity to participate in distinctive traditions that have already started to write a new chapter in the Durham story. At South, we have a founding commitment to freedom of speech, intellectual inquiry and global citizenship.

South offers excellent opportunities for personal growth and intellectual exploration. Our programme of visiting speakers attracts fascinating contributors. The library in our Pitcairn Building is a great venue for informal discussion and debate. South’s graduate students organise a range of social and academic activities which are always fun and open to all. If you want to act, make music or films, South has the facilities to bring your ambitions to life.

If you aspire to be an active citizen, volunteering in the local community and in touch with global issues, South College will support you. Our college is committed to volunteering and to helping you to help others at home and abroad. If you share our commitment to news and current affairs, events and expertise available in South will engage and excite you.

South has a superb café-bar and dedicated drama, dance and music rooms with state-of-the-art performance space. Our dining hall in The Hub hosts weekly formal dinners. We also have a truly distinctive college mascot, Oswald our carved wooden owl! Study space in the Pitcairn Building is located alongside the college offices, offering access to support 24/7.

Things to consider:
- Promotes debate, discussion and discovery
- Modern self-catered accommodation on a beautiful parkland site
- Dedicated to freedom of speech and inquiry
- Tradition adapted to modern tastes
- Seminars and formal dinners for PG students

South is welcoming and fun. The facilities are superb. It is an excellent base for postgraduate study or research. If you enjoy modernity combined with the very best of Durham tradition, you will love South College.

Richard Freeman
Primary Education

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Durham University

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University College is the oldest of Durham’s colleges, and our home is Durham Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We have deep roots in the history of North-East England, yet we are mindful of the evolving world of today and the bright future of tomorrow. Our motto, Non nobis solum – Not for ourselves alone – captures our ethos of seeking to make a positive difference to those around us. We strive to be a diverse and inclusive community, where each student feels a sense of belonging with peers and every student is challenged, supported and finds opportunities to flourish as an individual.

We are a scholarly community, and have a lively calendar of events to broaden students’ intellectual horizons. We are proud of our student-led outreach programme, Castle Community Action, which works closely with the local community in a number of ways. We actively promote the mental health and wellbeing of all our College members.

College facilities include an excellent library within the Castle walls, the Undie, our popular subterranean College bar, two chapels and a modest gym. Postgraduate residents are based in New Kepier Court, a purpose-built accommodation block just a twenty-minute walk from the Castle. Weekly formal dinners, where all members of the College community have the opportunity to dine in their academic gowns in the Castle Great Hall, are very popular with our students.

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Van Mildert College is centred around a lake, and our spacious estate offers opportunities for lively, ambitious events, while also providing a peaceful place for study and relaxation. Facilities include music rooms and a recording studio, a bar and shop, two libraries and computer suite, and a student-run gym.

We have a diverse range of 120 sports teams, clubs, committees and societies. In the arts, the flourishing Feather Theatre Company, College Choir, and Big Band perform across the university regularly. Our distinctive ‘Dimensions’ programme offers opportunities for enrichment, which are complemented by lectures, seminars, and debates. You can also apply to be a Dimensions Programme Scholar. Academic excellence is at the heart of our College and our vibrant postgraduate community is key to this. Whether you wish to get involved with social or research focussed events, there is always an opportunity available.

College life at Mildert means getting involved regardless of your experience or background. Our College is a multi-cultural community of students from all over the world and everyone has the opportunity to take part in whatever aspect of College life most appeals! We are delighted to welcome both postgraduate and undergraduate students and offer a wide range of intellectual and personal enrichment opportunities for all.

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Having been an undergraduate here, I wanted to return. The opportunities across sport to outreach reflect the diversity of the College community and the high level of support, even in these unprecedented times. Mildert allows you to develop and fulfil your potential.

Eric Schmidt
PGT - Economics
Local community, global citizens.

At Ustinov, we are proud to enhance the multi-disciplinary graduate student experience through opportunities for intellectual and personal development. We are a vibrant, international and welcoming scholarly community supporting academic excellence, and a place for postgraduates to call home. At Ustinov, we openly celebrate the strength that arises from diversity, interdisciplinarity and collegiality. While many members enjoy living in College accommodation – Sheraton Park for single accommodation and Dryburn Court for families - around two thirds of our students live privately in the local area.

Ustinov’s student community, the Graduate Common Room (GCR), organises social and cultural activities for Ustinovians, including the annual Summer BBQ, live music sessions, and family focussed activities, as well as representing students’ interests and providing welfare support. The College and GCR also co-host a range of wellbeing activities for students – examples include Tai Chi classes and mindfulness sessions. Many activities include engagement with local community groups and our neighbours.

Our Global Citizenship Programme (GCP) provides lectures, seminars and discussion groups, with the Cafés Scientifique, Politique and des Arts attracting speakers from across the UK and further afield to present research and wider experiences. There are opportunities for intercultural exchange via the Ustinov Intercultural Forum, which hosts an annual International Dress Party and visits to cultural exhibits, and through our careers and employability team, SUCCESS, there are opportunities for skills development. Volunteering and community engagement is also important to Ustinov with a number of one-off and longer term opportunities on offer.

We look forward to welcoming you!