

Durham University Colleges

Under 18s Policy

The Durham University Colleges are occupied principally by students over the age of 18. As such they comprise adult environments. However, in some cases, the University admits students who are 17 at the start of their degree programme but who will turn 18 before 1 September following their registration at the University. Such students, as all first year undergraduates, are normally resident in one of the University Colleges in the first year of their degree programme. This policy outlines the extent and the scope of support we offer to students who are under the age of 18 at the point of admission and the expectations placed upon students and their parents/guardians.

All students entering the University should recognise that they are expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the University and of the College to which they are admitted. These rules are set out on the University's website¹ and also in the student handbooks of the individual Colleges.

Students aged under 18 who accept a place in a College thereby signify their agreement to abide by the terms of this policy.

Students aged under 18 will be offered the same terms, conditions and pricing as those who are over 18.

If you have any questions relating to the accommodation of students under 18 please contact Mrs Elizabeth Dodds, Head of Admissions (e.a.dodds@durham.ac.uk, 0191 334 6061) in the first instance.

- Students aged under 18 will normally be placed in single rooms in their College. Some Colleges are able to offer en-suite accommodation and single gender provision, which may be offered to under 18 year olds where available.
- Colleges will allocate a named individual who can provide support and advice to a student under 18. This person will meet with the student concerned at the beginning of each academic term until they are 18 and at intervals in between as agreed with the student.
- All students are encouraged to report any bullying or harassment. If appropriate, any bullying or harassment experienced by any student will be dealt with in accordance with the Durham University Harassment policy. In addition, for students under the age of 18, any information which raises child protection concerns will be addressed in accordance with the University's child protection procedures.
- We will take all reasonable measures to ensure as far as practicable that current laws and licensing requirements on the purchase and consumption of alcohol are complied with in Colleges and on other University premises.
- All Colleges offer comprehensive student support and welfare services. However, parents or guardians retain parental responsibility for students under the age of 18 and are therefore primarily responsible for the welfare of their child.

¹www.dur.ac.uk/university_calendar/volume1/general_regulations/

- Emergency cover is provided in College 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a porter on duty at all times. All students will be given an appropriate emergency number from where they can summon assistance in an emergency.
- Students will be required to administer their own medication. If a student under 18 requires care arising from ill health, they may be required to return home.
- We reserve the right to contact the parents/guardians of a student under the age of 18 to speak about any aspects of the student's behaviour, wellbeing or health, if we believe that the student is at risk and that contacting their parents will help to ameliorate that risk.
- College staff will not supervise every aspect of a student's life. For instance we will not check what time they are returning home.
- Parents/guardians are liable for any disciplinary or damage charges imposed on the student before he/she reaches the age of 18.

Signature of parent/guardian

I confirm that I am in agreement that (student's name)

- subject to the above named applicant having met all conditions of their offer and having accepted a place at Durham University by the published deadlines, they may reside in her/his allocated Durham University College under the terms and conditions stated above. I will take full responsibility for any damage, recharges or any breaches of the terms and conditions that are incurred until the student reaches 18. I agree to be contacted if the young person is at risk or engages in anti-social behaviour or conduct that brings the University into disrepute.

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Print name Date

Signature of student under the age of 18 at admission

I confirm that subject to my having met the conditions of my offer and having accepted the offer a place at Durham University by the published deadlines, I (name) agree to the terms and conditions stated above. I agree for my parent/guardian to be contacted by the College/ University in the circumstances outlined above.

Signed (Student)

Print name Date