

# Open Day Guide 2025

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Be you.





# Welcome!

We are delighted that you have decided to visit our vibrant, world-class University.



From our outstanding facilities and our distinctive college communities, to our wide range of professional services, you will find much to explore at our Open Day!

Visiting us is the best way for you to find out about our teaching excellence, explore our outstanding facilities, experience our distinctive college communities, and discover the range of professional services we offer to our students.

"I was blown away by the lovely people, exciting course and overall welcoming atmosphere. I could really see myself studying there."  
Open Day  
Attendee 2024



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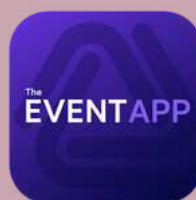
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**You will be sent a code via email to log into the app 48 hours prior to the event.**



## Developing your future

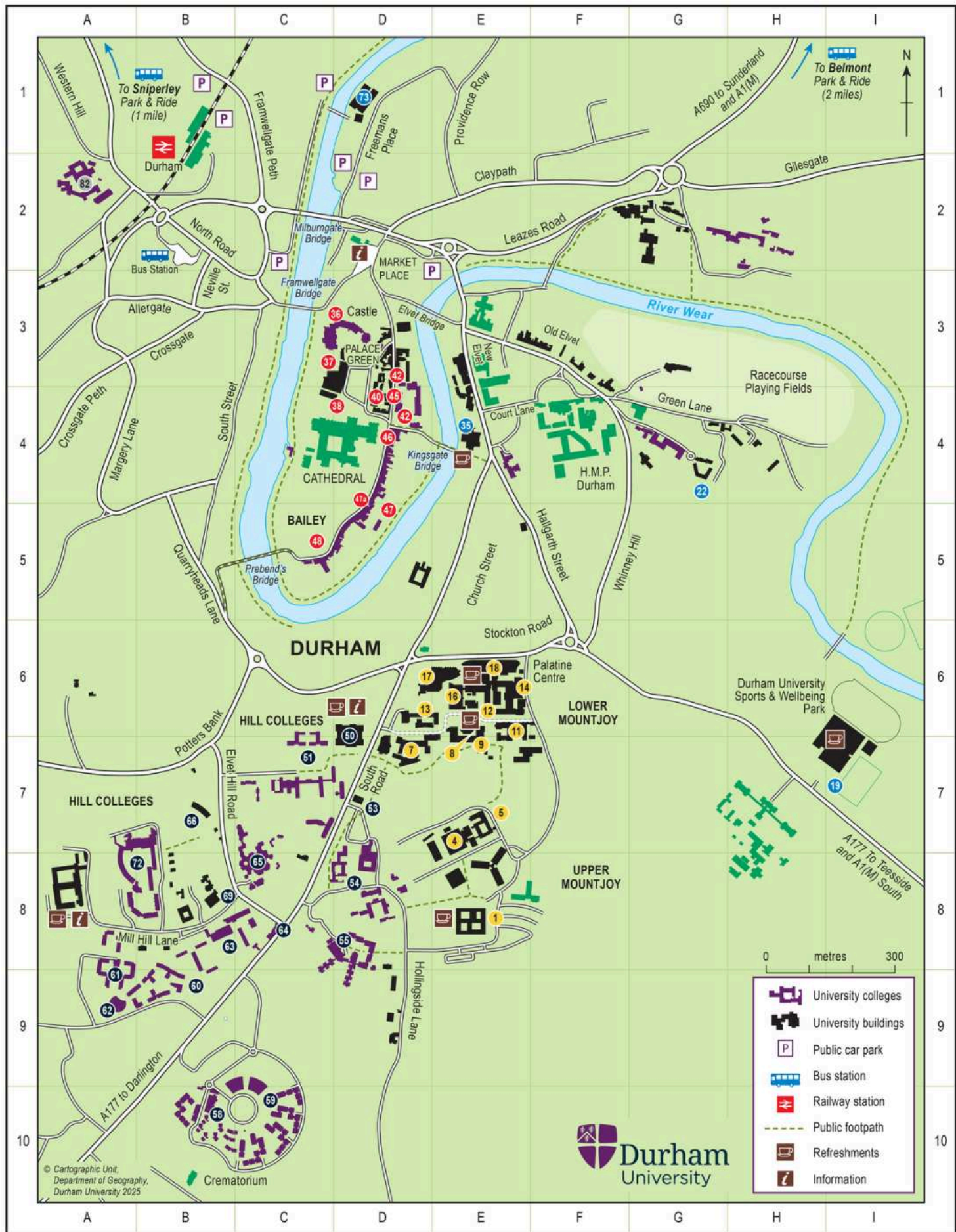
We are consistently ranked highly in many UK league tables. It is our aim to secure this academic success and maintain our position on a sustainable basis. Continued investment across our estate will support our vision to produce world-leading and world-changing research, providing our students with an education that is challenging, enabling, research-led, and transformative; and to offer a world-leading student experience.

Please be aware that sessions will not necessarily be delivered in the department 'home' building due to restricted capacities, and you may see building works taking place during your visit as we continually try to develop our facilities and what we offer, but we hope to show you as much of what Durham University can offer as we can!



# Open Day map

Durham University Sites:  Rushford  Peninsula  Mountjoy  The Hill  City Centre

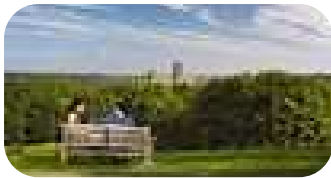


# Open Day map: key

Durham University Sites: ● Rushford ● Peninsula ● Mountjoy ● The Hill ● City Centre

- 1 Maths & Computer Science Building
- 4 Biosciences Building
- 5 Psychology Building
- 7 Physics Rochester Building
- 8 Calman Learning Centre
- 9 Arthur Holmes Building
- 11 Engineering Christopherson Building
- 12 Confluence Building
- 13 Geography Building
- 14 Chemistry Building
- 16 Dawson Building
- 17 Bill Bryson Library
- 18 Palatine Centre

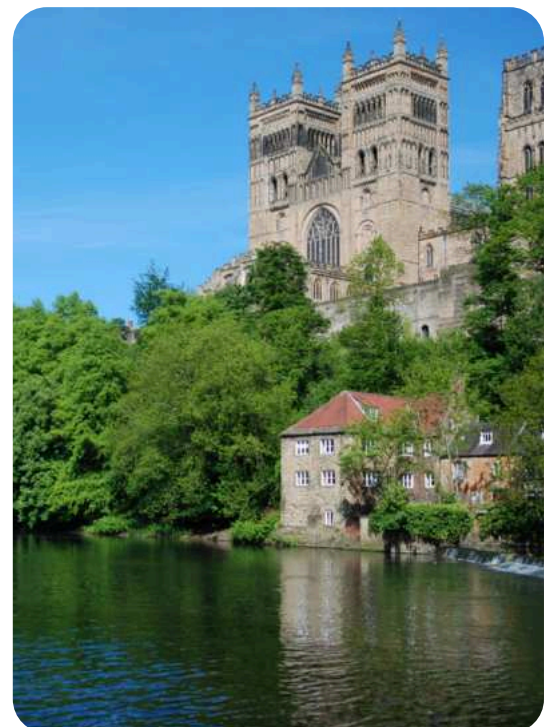
- 36 University College (Castle)
- 37 Palace Green Library
- 38 Music Department
- 40 Pemberton Rooms
- 42 Hatfield College
- 45 Sir Thomas Allen Assembly Rooms Theatre
- 46 St Chad's College
- 47 St John's College
- 47a Cranmer Hall
- 48 St Cuthbert's Society (Bailey site)



82 College of St Hild & St Bede

- 19 Sports & Wellbeing Park
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- 35 Durham Students' Union (Dunelm House)
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# Things to do during your visit

## What type of sessions can I attend?

### Presentations

Presentations are offered by all our academic departments. Departments will deliver the same presentation multiple times within the day to allow you flexibility of attending. Make sure to check the room location in this guide as not all of our departments are able to hold their sessions in their own building due to capacity restrictions.

### Tours

Many academic departments and colleges will be running tours of their facilities. You can also tour the Bill Bryson Library, and the Sports and Wellbeing Park (Maiden Castle) throughout the event. Some of our tours may be restricted to prospective students only due to health and safety restrictions.

### Drop-in

If you have a specific individual query, or questions that you would like answering, some of our staff and students will be available to chat to during drop-in sessions. Some of these will be during advertised times, and other drop-ins will be open throughout the whole day for you to drop in at any time. Use the tables on pages 4-6 to find out more.

### Exhibitions

Some of our departments will offer exhibitions and displays within their department as part of, or in addition to, their presentations. This is also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have, and potentially view some of the work that our current students are displaying. You'll be able to find out more about their research and fieldwork activities.

## Who can I speak to?



### Academic departments

Presentations, drop-ins, tours and exhibitions throughout the day will provide you with the opportunity to explore your subject choice.

In addition to presentations, some departments will also be available in the Information Hub, located in the Teaching and Learning Centre or Durham University Business School, to answer any questions you may have.



### Colleges

Our colleges will be open to visit during the Open Day with the opportunity to drop in for a tour. You may have to wait to tour the college depending on demand so please be patient. Some of our colleges may also close for a short time over lunch to allow ambassadors a short break.



### Wider student experience

You can find out more about the wider student experience such as sports and volunteering by attending presentations and/or dropping in to speak to representatives at the Sports and Wellbeing Park. If it's music or theatre you're interested in, then you can visit the Sir Thomas Allen Assembly Rooms Theatre for presentations and drop-ins.


## Information Hub


Our main Information Hub is located on the top floor of the Teaching and Learning Centre (map reference 50). There will be a range of stalls and representatives for you to chat to, including the Undergraduate Admissions Team, Study Abroad & Placement Years Team, College Membership & Accommodation Team, Foundation Year, Scholarships & Bursaries and more!

# Academic sessions


































































































You do not need to book these sessions. They are first-come, first-served on the day with priority given to prospective students if the room is at capacity.

**Presentations are repeated throughout the day to provide you with flexibility to create your own schedule. Sessions at the start and end of the day tend to have the most availability.**

 Departments with this symbol will also be available in the Information Hub located in the Teaching and Learning Centre.

 Student ambassadors studying with the Faculty of Business with this symbol will be available in a drop-in hub located within the Business School when not in presentations.


**Key:**    **Presentation**     **Drop-in**     **Tours**     **Exhibition** 























































| Session Title  |  | 9:30-10:30  | 10:50-11:50   | 12:10-13:10   | 13:30-14:30   | 14:50-15:50   |
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| Accounting<br>Durham University Business School, The Waterside Building,<br>Riverside Place, Durham DH1 1SL  |  73   |    |    |   |    |   |
| Anthropology<br>(Including Health & Human Sciences)<br>Dawson Building, D104, Second Floor, DH1 3LE  | 16   |    |    |    |    |    |
| Archaeology<br>Dawson Building, D216, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE  | 16   |    |    |    |    |    |
| Biosciences<br>Psychology Building, L50, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE   | 5  |    |    |    |    |   |
| Business and Management<br>Durham University Business School, The Waterside Building,<br>Riverside Place, DH1 1SL  |  73   |    |    |   |    |    |
| Chemistry<br>Chemistry Building, CG85, Ground Floor DH1 3LE  | 14   |    |    |   |    |   |
| Chemistry Experience<br>Chemistry Building, CG141, 1st Floor, DH1 3LE  | 14   |   |    |    |    |   |
| Classics and Ancient History<br>Teaching and Learning Centre, South Rd, TLC123, DH1 3LS  | 50   |    |    |    |    |    |
| Combined Honours in Social Sciences<br>Calman Learning Centre, Derman Christopherson Lecture Theatre,<br>CLC406, 4th Floor, DH1 3LE                                  | 8  |    |    |    |    |    |
| Computer Science<br>Maths and Computer Science Building, MCS2068, 2nd Floor,<br>DH1 3LE  | 1  |    |    |    |    |    |
| Computer Science Tours<br>Maths and Computer Science Building, First Floor, DH1 3LE  | 1  |    |    |    |    |    |
| Criminology<br>Arthur Holmes Building, ES230, 2nd Floor, DH1 3LE   | 9  |   |    |    |    |   |
| Earth Sciences*<br>Arthur Holmes Building, ES228/229, 2nd Floor, DH1 3LE   | 9  |    |    |    |   |   |
| Economics<br>Durham University Business School, The Waterside Building,<br>Riverside Place, Durham DH1 1SL   |  73 |    |   |    |   |    |
| Education Studies<br>CB0015, Confluence Building, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE  | 12   |    |    |    |    |   |
| Engineering**<br>Engineering Christopherson Building, E005, Ground Floor,<br>DH1 3LE   | 11   |   |   |   |   |    |
| English Studies<br>Calman Learning Centre, Rosemary Cramp<br>Lecture Theatre, CLC202, 2nd Floor, DH1 3LE   | 8  |    |    |    |    |    |
| Finance<br>Durham University Business School, The Waterside Building,<br>Riverside Place, Durham DH1 1SL   |  73 |   |    |    |   |    |
| Geography<br>Geography Building, W103, DH1 3LE   | 13   |    |    |    |   |    |
| Geography Exhibition (meet staff and view exhibitions on different<br>aspects of the degree e.g. fieldwork, dissertations)<br>Geography Building, Reception, DH1 3LE | 13   |   |   |   |   |   |
| *30 minute presentation followed by a tour/exhibition<br>** 45 minute presentation followed by a 45 minute tour/exhibition   |  |   |   |   |   |   |

# Academic sessions continued...

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**Key:** Presentation  Drop-in  Tours  Exhibition  Q&A Panel 

| Session Title   |             | 9:30-10:30  | 10:50-11:50   | 12:10-13:10   | 13:30-14:30   | 14:50-15:50   |
|---|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Government and International Affairs (Politics)<br>Al-Qasimi Building, Room 101/102 + 201, DH1 3TU  | <b>66</b>   |    |    |    |    |    |
| History<br>Calman Learning Centre, Ken Wade<br>Lecture Theatre, CLC203, Second Floor, DH1 3LE   | <b>8</b>    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Law<br>Calman Learning Centre, Arnold Wolfendale<br>Lecture Theatre, CLC013, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE  | <b>8</b>    |    |    |    |    |   |
| Liberal Arts<br>Calman Learning Centre, Kingsley Barrett<br>Lecture Theatre, CLC407, Fourth Floor, DH1 3LE  | <b>8</b>    |   |   |    |    |    |
| Marketing and Management<br>Durham University Business School, The Waterside Building,<br>Riverside Place, Durham DH1 1SL   | <b>i 73</b> |    |   |    |    |   |
| Mathematical Sciences<br>Maths and Computer Science Building, Scott Logic Lecture Theatre,<br>MCS001, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE   | <b>1</b>    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Modern Languages and Cultures (Presentation and Q&A)<br>Teaching and Learning Centre, TLC106, First Floor, DH1 3LS  | <b>50</b>   |    |   |    |   |    |
| Language-Specific Sessions (Presentation and Q&A)<br>Arabic, French, German, Hispanic Studies, Italian, Japanese and<br>Chinese, Russian. For room listings, see next page. | <b>50</b>   |   |    |    |    |   |
| Music<br>Palace Green, Music Department, Concert Room, MU006, DH1 3RL   | <b>38</b>   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Natural Sciences<br>Dawson Building, D110, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE<br>Please note the 10:50 and 13:30 sessions are for<br>prospective students only                           | <b>i 16</b> |  |  |   |  |  |
| Philosophy<br>Chemistry Building, CG60, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE   | <b>14</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) & Economics and Politics<br>Durham University Business School, The Waterside Building,<br>Riverside Place, Durham DH1 1SL          | <b>i 73</b> |   |  |  |   |   |
| Physics**<br>Physics Rochester Building, PH8, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE   | <b>7</b>    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physics Tours (Students only, you may have to wait for your tour if<br>demand is high)<br>Physics Rochester Building, Lab 122B, First Floor, DH1 3LE                        | <b>7</b>    |   |  |  |  |  |
| Primary Education<br>Confluence Building, CB0020, DH1 3LE   | <b>12</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Psychology<br>Psychology Building, Upper Mountjoy, L68, DH1 3LE.  | <b>5</b>    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Psychology Tours (Self-guided)<br>Psychology Building, Reception, Ground Floor  | <b>5</b>    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sociology (Including Joint Honours Anthropology and Sociology)<br>Arthur Holmes Building, ES231, Second Floor, DH1 3LE  | <b>9</b>    |   |  |  |  |   |
| Sport and Exercise Sciences<br>Sports and Wellbeing Park, Maiden Castle, Small Sports Hall  | <b>19</b>   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Theology and Religion<br>Teaching and Learning Centre, South Road, TLC113, DH1 3LS  | <b>50</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Visual Arts and Film (Presentation and Q&A)<br>Teaching and Learning Centre, TLC106, First Floor, DH1 3LS   | <b>50</b>   |   |  |   |  |   |

\*This drop-in session will occur in the Arthur Holmes Building, Room ES228/229

\*\* 45 minute presentation followed by a 45 minute tour/exhibition



If you are interested in studying more than one subject, why not think about Liberal Arts, Combined Honours in Social Sciences or Natural Sciences? Each of these options allow you the opportunity to study, in some cases, up to four subjects. Find out more by visiting: [durham.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/interdisciplinary-courses](http://durham.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/interdisciplinary-courses)

Further information on Foundation Studies can be found by visiting:  
[durham.ac.uk/departments/centres/academic-development/study/foundation](http://durham.ac.uk/departments/centres/academic-development/study/foundation)



# Individual language sessions

All of the language sessions below will occur in the Teaching and Learning Centre. We'd recommend going along to one of the general 'Modern Languages and Cultures (MLAC)' presentations beforehand if you can (which are occurring in the same building) followed by any of the individual language sessions. The general MLAC session provides additional information and details about how the degree is structured.



| Session Title            |    | 9:30-10:30 | 10:50-11:50 | 12:10-13:10 | 13:30-14:30 | 14:50-15:50 |
|--------------------------|----|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Arabic: TLC039           | 50 |            | 📖           | 📖           | 📖           |             |
| Chinese/Japanese: TLC040 | 50 |            | 📖           | 📖           | 📖           |             |
| French: TLC129           | 50 |            | 📖           | 📖           | 📖           |             |
| German: TLC117           | 50 |            | 📖           | 📖           | 📖           |             |
| Hispanic Studies: TLC101 | 50 |            | 📖           | 📖           | 📖           |             |
| Italian: TLC116          | 50 |            | 📖           | 📖           | 📖           |             |
| Russian: TLC124          | 50 |            | 📖           | 📖           | 📖           |             |

## Drop-in activities 9am - 4pm

### Map location

Academic Support for Students  
 Bill Bryson Library  
 Careers and Enterprise Centre  
 College Membership & Accommodation  
 Counselling and Mental Health Services  
 Cranmer Hall\*  
 Disability Support (until 3:30pm)  
 Foundation Programme  
 International Office  
 Music and Theatre (Student Enrichment)  
 Placement Years  
 Study Abroad (Student-Led)  
 Sports Facilities, Team Durham  
 Sports, Team Durham  
 Scholarships and Bursaries  
 Undergraduate Admissions Team  
 Volunteering (Student Enrichment)

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### \*Cranmer Hall

Cranmer Hall is a theological college located in Durham City, UK, part of St John's College, Durham University. Cranmer Hall offers undergraduate courses in Theology, Ministry and Mission. These are validated through Common Awards, the national validation programme for theological and ministerial education, which is based at Durham University. Drop into their home at location 47a to find out more.

**"The Open Day was convincing and helpful and showed me why I should apply here"**

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## Information sessions

We have a range of general information sessions and presentations occurring during the day. We anticipate that these may get very busy and so we may have to prioritise prospective students for the spaces within these sessions.

**i** Departments with this symbol will also be available in the Information Hub located in the Teaching and Learning Centre.

**Key:** Presentation Drop-in Tours Exhibition

Find out more about what these sessions entail using the information on the next page!

| Session Title   |             | 9:30-10:30 | 10:50-11:50 | 12:10-13:10 | 13:30-14:30 | 14:50-15:50 |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Applying to Durham</b><br>Teaching and Learning Centre, TLC042, Ground Floor, DH1 3LS                  | <b>i</b> 50 |            |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Colleges &amp; Wider Student Experience</b><br>Mount Oswald Hub Building, The Approach. DH1 3FR        | 62          |            |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Current Student Q&amp;A Panel</b><br>Teaching and Learning Centre, TLC033, Ground Floor, DH1 3LS       | 50          |            |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Disability Support at Durham</b><br>Palatine Centre, PCL054, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE                     | 18          |            |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Placement Years</b><br>Chemistry Building, CG91, Arthur Holmes Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE  | <b>i</b> 14 |            |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Student Enrichment (Music)</b><br>Sir Thomas Allen Assembly Rooms Theatre, North Bailey, DH1 3ET       | 45          |            |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Student Enrichment (Theatre)</b><br>Sir Thomas Allen Assembly Rooms Theatre, North Bailey DH1 3ET      | 45          |            |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Student Enrichment (Sport)</b><br>Sports and Wellbeing Park, Maiden Castle, Dojo, First Floor, DH1 3SE | 19          |            |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Study Abroad</b><br>Palatine Centre, Hogan Lovalls Lecture Theatre, PCL048, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE      | <b>i</b> 18 |            |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Student Finance</b><br>PH30, Physics Rochester Building, DL1 3LE                                       | 7           |            |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Welcome to Durham</b><br>Teaching and Learning Centre, TLC033, Ground Floor, DH1 3LS                   | 50          |            |             |             |             |             |



# A closer look at our information sessions...

## Applying to Durham

Join our Undergraduate Admissions Team as they take you through the details of applying to Durham University, providing information and tips on the whole application process, including information about personal statements, UCAS and answering frequently asked questions!



## Current student Q&A panel

Some of our amazing student ambassadors are going to be available to answer any questions that you might have! We will be running a student panel during the afternoon of the Open Day where we will try and cover as many questions as possible and chat all about their experiences as students here at Durham!

## Colleges and wider student experience

This session will take you through our unique collegiate system and what it means. Members of our college staff and student ambassadors will talk to you about what our college communities can bring to your University experience. In addition to this, the session will talk about the wider student experience at Durham and what it means, covering information about student enrichment and support.

## Placement Years

A placement year offers you the opportunity to spend a year gaining valuable work experience during your time at Durham University. It is a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself fully within an organisation, applying the knowledge from your studies in a practical setting. You can choose to do a placement anywhere in the world so long as it is located in a country that is safe to travel to. All undergraduate students studying at Durham University have the option of incorporating a placement year into their degree except for Modern Languages and Cultures students (single, joint or combined honours) as they are required to take a mandatory 'Year Abroad' instead. For the majority of courses, the placement year will occur in the penultimate year, extending your degree to either 4 or 5 years.

Find out more by coming to the presentation on Placement Years, or dropping into the Information Hub to speak to one of our Faculty Placement Managers.

## Disability Support at Durham

Disability Support aims to provide advice, guidance and support to applicants and students disclosing a disability, specific learning difference or ongoing medical condition. The team can advise on learning and teaching adjustments, exam concessions, Disabled Student's Allowance and much more. Please do come along to one of Disability Support's presentations during the Open Day and / or drop-in to the service between 09:30 – 15:30 for a 1-1 chat with a Disability Adviser. The team are based in the Palatine Centre, ground floor and would be happy to welcome you (parents/supporters are also welcome to attend the applicant drop-in appointments, if the applicant would like them to do so).

## Student Enrichment (Theatre & Music)

Take a visit to the Sir Thomas Allen Assembly Rooms Theatre to find out more about the theatre and music opportunities that we have available. The theatre is a historic, 175-seat proscenium-arch theatre located at the heart of Durham City and regularly used for Durham University theatre and music productions. Take a tour of the facilities and go along to one of their presentations if you're interested in finding out more.

## Student Enrichment (Sport)

Playing sport isn't just for students who are studying sport as a degree - over 70% of our students play sport in some form whether that be at college level, or University level. Our University teams compete in the British University Colleges Sport league (BUCS). Drop into our amazing sports facilities at the Sports and Wellbeing Park and attend a talk all about how to get involved with sport outside of your degree!

## Study Abroad

Durham University has over 300 student exchange agreements in Europe and around the world. Our partner institutions are spread across the globe from Austria to New Zealand! Every year, Durham students take the opportunity the opportunity to study abroad and we welcome over 370 students to Durham from our partner institutions each year. It really is the opportunity of a lifetime and will add something unique to your CV. Drop into the Information Hub in the Teaching and Learning Centre to speak to a student who has studied abroad to find out more, or alternatively attend a presentation from the team in the Palatine Centre.

## Student finance

Find out about fees and government loans. This session will provide basic factual student finance information, signposting to region-specific information and the application process.



## Welcome to Durham

Introducing you to the University, this session will explain the 'Durham Difference', providing an overview of the University, its values, vision and goals. It will introduce you to our professional services that provide support to all of our students, empowering them to achieve their full potential.

# Undergraduate Event Bursary

We might be able to assist you with the cost of travel and accommodation for the Open Day. We offer an event bursary of up to £200 (£150 travel/ £50 accommodation) for a prospective student to attend and we encourage you to check whether or not you're eligible using the information below!



## Are you eligible?

In order to claim, you will need to provide the following evidence prior to the event:

Evidence that shows you are in receipt of government-funded and income-assessed financial support from your college or sixth form, such as a 16-19 bursary or free school meals.

**AND**

Evidence that shows you are a student at a state-maintained school/college.

**or**

Evidence that shows you are care-experienced and/or estranged (CEES).

**or**

Evidence that shows you are studying at an independent school and in receipt of a full scholarship awarded on the grounds of financial hardship.

**or**

Are part of, or have successfully completed, one of the following Widening Access and Participation schemes with Durham University:

- STEP
- Sutton Trust Summer School
- Supported Progression
- Futures in STEM

Further information and details on how to apply can be found by using the link provided in your confirmation email.

## How do I claim?

In your confirmation email after booking, there will be a link to the event bursary eligibility and application form. You must submit the claim form and upload evidence of eligibility prior to the event. We'll be in touch to let you know if your claim has been approved and the next steps.

You must register at the Event Bursary Claim Desk in the Teaching and Learning Centre on the day to confirm your attendance at the event and validate your claim. Payment will be processed after this registration and payment can take up to 8 weeks.





# Travelling to the University

**We strongly encourage all visitors to use public transport. Parking in Durham city and at nearby Park and Ride car parks is limited and we are unable to provide University parking unless you have access needs.**



Please let us know, when you book, if you or someone in your party has an access need so that we can help support you during your visit. Whether you need access to specific facilities, or require to be seated at the front of a lecture theatre, we are here to help. The easiest way to do this is by ensuring you complete the Additional Needs information during the booking process. If you did not complete this, please contact us [durham.ac.uk/study/ask-us](mailto:enquiries@durham.ac.uk) to inform us of any access requirements.

## If travelling by rail



Durham is well served by rail links from major cities across the country. The East Coast mainline service from London King's Cross can take less than 3 hours and express links operate from Manchester, Sheffield and Leeds with cross-country links from Scotland, the Midlands, and the South West. Durham Railway Station is well-placed within the city, with a lot of the University facilities within walking distance. We are running free shuttle buses from the train station to the Lower Mountjoy site throughout the Open Day.

## If travelling by bus/coach



There are several express coach services daily from most major cities. The number 6, X12, 56 and 57 all stop near the Lower Mountjoy site.

See [arrivabus.co.uk](http://arrivabus.co.uk) for timetable details.



## If travelling by air



Durham is 26 miles from Newcastle Airport and 24.3 miles from Durham Tees Valley Airport. Both have regular domestic and international flights. Newcastle Airport is linked to Durham City by rail services. Durham Tees Valley Airport is 6 miles from Darlington Railway Station, which has regular connections to Durham.

## If travelling by car



Durham City centre is two miles from the A1(M). Leave the motorway at Junction 62 on the A690 Durham - Sunderland road and follow signs to Durham City centre. Please check your route for roadworks, which may cause delays. We strongly recommend using the [Park & Ride](#) facilities highlighted on the following page.



Struggling to find accommodation in Durham? Why not stay in Newcastle or Darlington? Regular trains take less than 20 minutes and we provide a free shuttle bus from Durham Train Station to the University!

# Staying in Durham

**Staying overnight? Durham has a range of accommodation available both in the city and across the county.**

We recommend visiting: [thisisdurham.com/accommodation](https://thisisdurham.com/accommodation) for information on B&Bs, guest houses, and hotels in the area. Alternatively, you can call the Visitors' Centre: 03000 262626 for more information on where to stay.



In addition to providing information on accommodation, [This Is Durham](#) provides a wealth of information about getting to and travelling around Durham.

## Explore the area

If you want to visit Durham City in your own way, you can also undertake a self-guided tour using our Durham University Tours App.

Our app 'Durham University Tours' is available to download in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store now! This will enable you to take self-guided tours, either in-person around the city or remotely from the comfort of your own home. The app provides a range of tours so that you have multiple options to choose from.



### **Top tip**

We will have condensed versions of this Open Day Guide available on the day, but we'd recommend downloading a digital copy to your phone beforehand so that you have it available.



# Free shuttle buses



Free shuttle buses will operate at regular intervals starting at 08:30 and finishing at 16:30, however they are dependent on traffic around Durham. Please ensure you check with the ambassador at the bus stop to confirm which bus to use for your intended destination. Additionally, all of our shuttle buses will have an ambassador on board, so please don't hesitate to ask for advice on where to get off.

## Route 1: Train Station

Durham Train Station > Framwellgate Bridge (for Waterside Business School) > Palatine Centre Stockton Road > Rushford Court (College of St Hild and St Bede)

## Route 2: College Hopper

John Snow College > South Road > Durham Students' Union > St Cuthbert's Parson's Field > Palatine Centre

## Route 3: City Hopper

Upper Mountjoy (for Maths/Computer Science/ Psychology/Biology) > Palatine Centre > Durham Students' Union > Sports and Wellbeing Park

Don't worry if you don't know which stop is best! Speak to any of our staff or student ambassadors around the city who will be able to help you to find your way. We do find that during the Open Days (due to so many attendees and congestion) it can be often be faster to walk if you can. This way you also get to experience realistic travel times that our students have to factor into their days - and you also get to see more of Durham (which although we're biased, we think is a pretty amazing city!)

# Approximate walking times

We've put together the table below to give you approximate walking times between some of our main buildings. Our buildings are spread across the city, however everything is within walking distance.

Please note these are approximate timings only and may vary. Durham is hilly and has cobbled streets so please factor this in when planning your routes, especially if you have anyone with accessibility needs.

|   | Train Station | Market Place | Students' Union | Palatine Centre | Teaching & Learning Centre | Waterside Business School | Sports and Wellbeing Park |
|---|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Approximate walking times in minutes (based on Google Maps) |               |              |                 |                 |                            |                           |                           |
| Train Station   |               | 13           | 19              | 28              | 29                         | 14                        | 37                        |
| Market Place  | 13            |              | 13              | 21              | 23                         | 7                         | 30                        |
| Students' Union   | 19            | 13           |                 | 11              | 13                         | 18                        | 23                        |
| Palatine Centre   | 28            | 21           | 13              |                 | 5                          | 27                        | 15                        |
| Teaching & Learning Centre                                  | 29            | 24           | 16              | 5               |                            | 28                        | 19                        |
| Waterside Business School                                   | 14            | 5            | 15              | 27              | 28                         |                           | 34                        |
| Sports and Wellbeing Park                                   | 37            | 30           | 23              | 15              | 19                         | 34                        |                           |

# Parking



**Thousands of visitors are expected at each event. Using public transport, or Park and Ride facilities, will make your day easier.**

**Parking in Durham and near to our main buildings is very limited. A lot of the car parks are permit-holders only and the city is only small - so please try to plan your parking prior to the event! We've included some of our recommendations on this page.**



## Public parking

We strongly advise visitors to use public transport such as rail to travel to Durham. At each of our Open Days we expect more than 10,000 visitors. Should you choose to drive you are advised to arrive early (before 09:00).

Public car parks within walking distance of the city centre are:

- The Gates (DH1 4SJ)
- Prince Bishop's Shopping Centre (DH1 3UJ)
- Sidegate (DH1 5SY)

Please note there is a parking charge to use these car parks.

For more information on car parking please visit [durham.gov.uk](http://durham.gov.uk) and search for Durham City Car Parks.

## Park and Ride

Public transport runs from the Park and Ride car parks into Durham city. One ticket must be purchased for each passenger (£2.20 per person) when using these facilities, you must use the bus provided. Park and Stride is not permitted. Park and Ride sites close at 19:00 and vehicles will be locked in overnight if still on-site at this time. We recommend arriving at the Park and Ride a minimum of one hour prior to your first session as roads may be congested.

- Belmont: DH1 1SR – The bus leaves Belmont Park and Ride at 00, 15, 30 and 45 minutes past the hour.
- The first bus is at 07:00 and the last bus is at 18:30.
- Sniperley: DH1 5RA – The bus leaves Sniperley Park and Ride at 10, 25, 40 and 55 minutes past the hour.
- The first bus is at 07:10 and the last bus is at 18:35.

**Not all Park and Ride facilities have been listed due to their limited capacity.**

**Park and Ride sites are operated by Durham County Council.**

### Durham County Council Road and Transport Information

Please visit [durham.gov.uk/transport](http://durham.gov.uk/transport) for more travel information including public bus timetables, blue badge parking, roadworks and road closures and more.



# Durham colleges

Living in a Durham University college is much more than just a place to sleep and eat...

## Did you know?

Your offer is not linked to your college preference and teaching does not take place in your college. This makes our collegiate system unique and worth exploring!



## What is a college?

Every Durham student belongs to a college and you belong to your college whether you live in the college or live out. The majority of our first year students choose to live in college and so your college is where you can live, socialise and personally develop, ensuring you graduate with much more than a degree. The colleges are at the heart of the wider student experience at Durham University. We have 16 undergraduate colleges that you could be a part of during your time here, and while they all have differences, they're all equally amazing

You can participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities alongside living in college accommodation and enjoying a range of excellent facilities. Many of our students get involved in helping to run aspects of their college, offering unique leadership opportunities and providing valuable experience for future careers. Our colleges offer vibrant opportunities for you to gain new experiences, develop skills to achieve your full potential and most importantly, have fun while you're at it!

**Our colleges are available for drop-in between 9am - 4pm during the Open Days.**

**\*Please note that Stephenson College is closed on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June due to a planned student activity.**



## Before you visit

Many of our students say that being part of a college community is one of the best things about their time at Durham. Whilst our colleges share a lot of similarities, every college has its own character defined by its people, traditions and buildings. We'd recommend choosing between 3-5 colleges to visit during your Open Day as it would be extremely difficult to fit in all 16! Many of our colleges have videos and virtual tours to help you decide which ones to visit. Take a look at our website for further information:

[durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges](https://durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges)

## Student accommodation

University accommodation is based within our colleges. All colleges provide a gym, a library or study space, social space, and a bar and/or café. The information on the next couple of pages of the guide will help you decide which colleges to visit and includes details such as whether they are catered or self-catered, shared or en-suite.



Our ethos and environment will create opportunities for each and every student to develop:

- Enhanced personal effectiveness
- Broader intellectual perspectives
- A sense of belonging and responsibility.

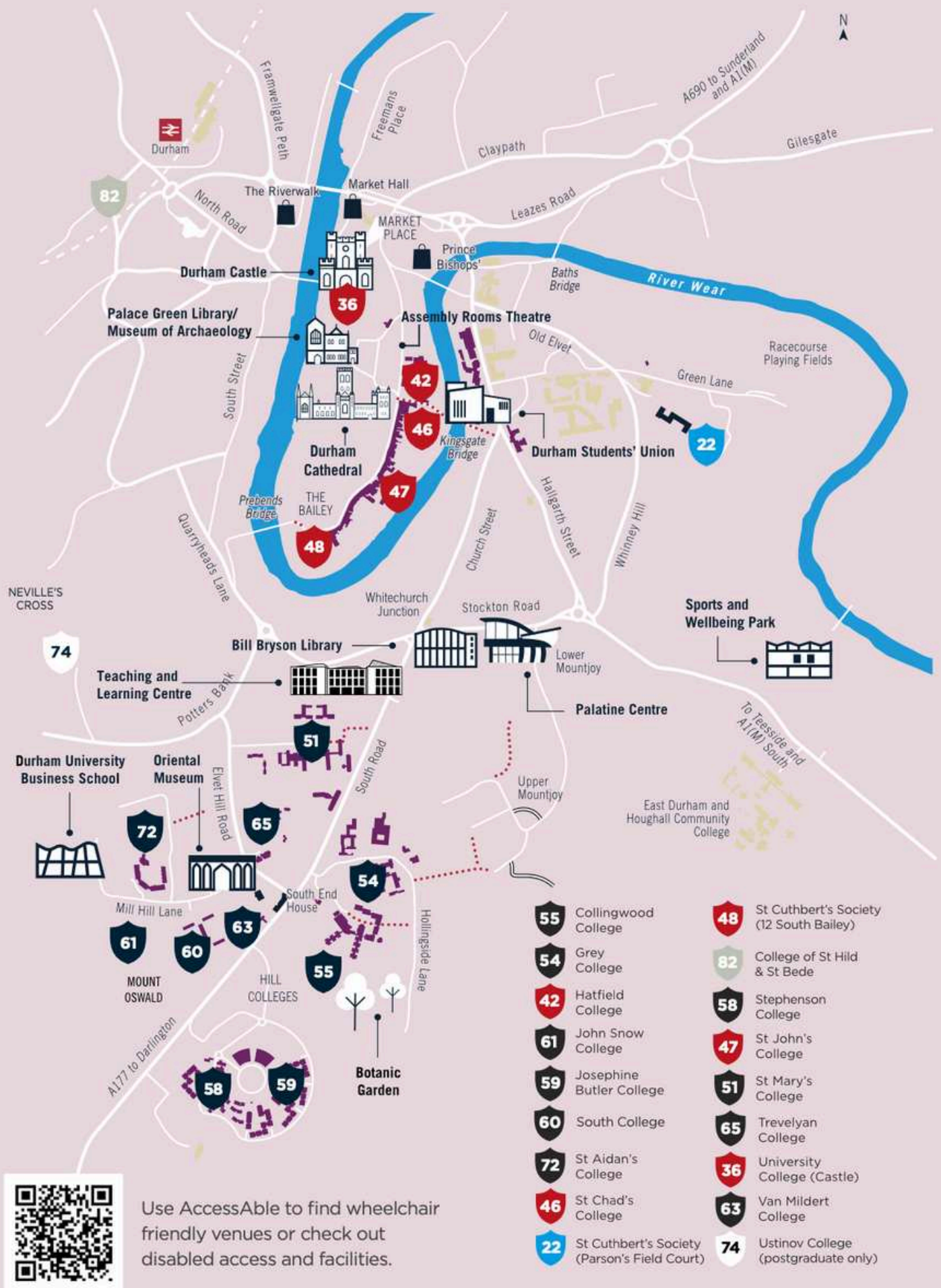


### Top tip

Ask our ambassadors on the day to tell you about their college. Our students have a lot of college pride and are always happy to chat about what they love about their college!



# Map of colleges



# Our colleges

| Colleges at a glance                                | Collingwood College | Grey College | Hatfield College | John Snow College | Josephine Butler College | South College | St Aidan's College | St Chad's College | St Cuthbert's Society | St Hild & St Bede | St John's College | St Mary's College | Stephenson College | Trevelyan College | University College | Van Mildert College | Ustinov College (PG only) |
|---|---------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Year of foundation                                  | 1972                | 1959         | 1846             | 2001              | 2006                     | 2020          | 1947               | 1904              | 1858 /88              | 1839              | 1909              | 1899              | 2001               | 1966              | 1832               | 1965                | 1965                      |
| Self-catered (S)<br>Catered (C),<br>(Undergraduate) | C                   | C            | C                | S                 | S                        | S             | C                  | C                 | CS                    | S                 | C                 | C                 | S                  | C                 | CS                 | C                   | N/A                       |
| (Postgraduate)                                      | C                   | CS           | CS               | S                 | S                        | S             | CS                 | CS                | S                     | S                 | C                 | C                 | S                  | C                 | S                  | C                   | S                         |
| Gowned formal dinners*                              | No                  | Yes          | Yes              | Yes               | Yes                      | Yes           | No                 | Yes               | No                    | No                | Yes               | Yes               | No                 | Yes               | Yes                | No                  | No                        |
| Total number of students living in (UG & PG)        | 555                 | 516          | 400              | 554               | 624                      | 556           | 442                | 245               | 468                   | 426               | 251               | 354               | 494                | 363               | 486                | 466                 | 509                       |
| En-suite 1st year rooms                             | 164                 | 56           | 67               | 304               | 421                      | 311           | 42                 | 58                | 64                    | 281               | 25                | 27                | 222                | 4                 | 80                 | 63                  | N/A                       |
| No. of shared rooms                                 | 16                  | 13           | 42               | 0                 | 0                        | 0             | 52                 | 45                | 30                    | 0                 | 26                | 0                 | 0                  | 11                | 29                 | 0                   | N/A                       |
| Total number of full-time student members           | 1804                | 1412         | 1298             | 1564              | 1553                     | 1499          | 1135               | 733               | 1377                  | 1378              | 870               | 1171              | 1291               | 1048              | 1750               | 1430                | 1538                      |
| Chapel/<br>Multifaith room                          | No                  | Yes          | Yes              | Yes               | Yes                      | Yes           | Yes                | Yes               | No                    | No                | Yes               | Yes               | No                 | Yes               | Yes                | No                  | No                        |



Please note: these figures are correct for 2025; however, they will be subject to annual change.

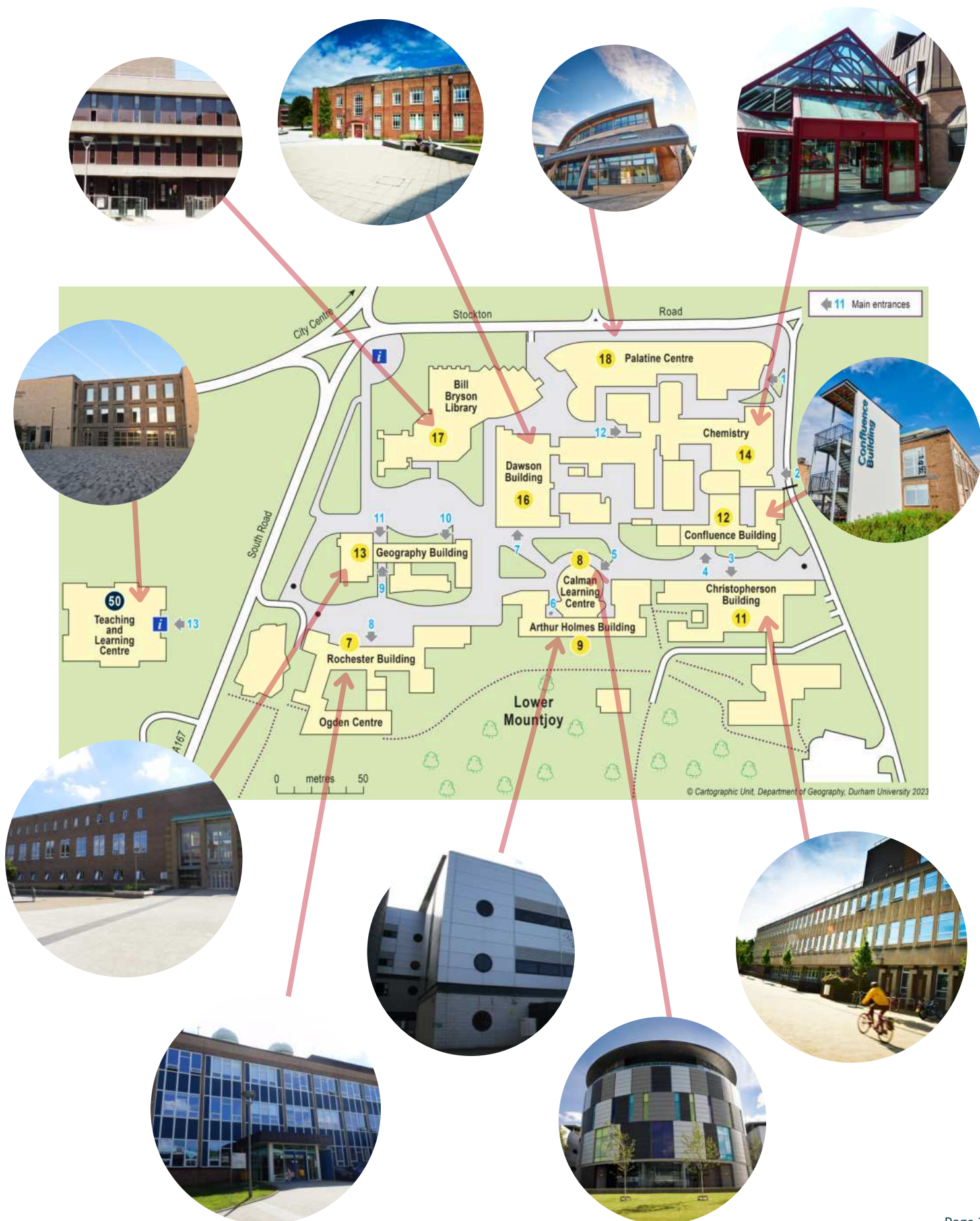
Scan the QR codes below to bring up Google Map directions to each college to help you navigate your way around.





# Lower Mountjoy map

A lot of our Open Day buildings are located in an area of Durham called 'Lower Mountjoy'. We've created the map below to help you find the buildings you might need.



# Academic session buildings directions

Scan the QR codes below to bring up the Google Maps directions to the buildings that our academic sessions are taking place in.

Al-Qasimi Building  
(Government & International Affairs)



Arthur Holmes Building  
(Earth Sciences)



Biosciences



Calman Learning  
Centre



Chemistry



Confluence Building  
(School of Education)



Dawson Building  
(Anthropology & Archaeology)



Engineering



Geography



Law School  
(Inside Palatine Centre)



Mathematical Sciences  
& Computer Science



Music



Physics



Psychology



Sports and  
Wellbeing Park



Waterside  
Business School





# On the day refreshments...

University catering outlets offer a wide variety of hot and cold meals, snacks and drinks to keep you refreshed and raring to go.



## Plan breaks into your day!

Visit a University café, grab a bite in the city or visit the food market to recharge your batteries.



Please note the majority of our cafés are cashless. Only the Calman Café takes cash and cards.

### Calman Café 07:30 – 16:00 8

Breakfast muffins, paninis, cold sandwiches, salads, jacket potatoes, soup and Starbucks coffee.

### Chemistry Café 08:00 – 16:00 14

Breakfast sandwiches, cold sandwiches, jacket potatoes and paninis.

### Circolo Café (based in the Palatine Centre) 07:30 – 16:30 18

Italian concept with a selection of Italian-style pizzas, pasta, deli sandwiches & salads.

### Zing Kitchen 08:00 - 17:00 50

Breakfast sandwiches, hot lunch, paninis, sandwiches, drinks & snacks.

### Maths and Computer Science Café 08:30 - 15:30 1

Sandwiches, soup, paninis, Starbucks coffee.

### Durham Food Stand, Food Market 09:00 - 15:00 17

Hot dogs and a selection of drinks and snacks.

### Maiden Castle Café 08:30 – 16:00 19

Sandwiches, paninis, salads and healthy breakfast options along with a soup option.

### Library Café 08:00 – 17:00 17

Sandwiches, paninis, cakes and Rounton's coffee (local roastery).

Waterside Business School 08:00 – 16:30

Breakfast sandwiches, sandwiches, hot meals, soup, salads, paninis and jacket potatoes.

Durham University Catering provide fresh and exciting catering throughout Durham University. Menus include college dining halls, college bars & cafés, branded retail catering outlets & visitor attractions created to meet the diverse needs of our University community including students, staff & visitors alike.

Each of our catering outlets has a focus on different dining experiences; from Zing Kitchen with its fusion offering, to Circolo our Italian-themed café and restaurant, you are sure to find something to satisfy your needs.

We also have a variety of local vendors coming along to the event and setting up stalls in our food court area outside of the Bill Bryson Library.



## Please note

Some colleges will need to close for half an hour to allow the ambassadors time to grab a quick bite to eat - we hope you don't mind! You could use this time to make sure you also take time to eat lunch.



### Top tip

Our food outlets may get extremely busy during peak times between 12pm - 2pm. You could either plan in an early or late break to avoid longer queues.

# Find out more about...

## Libraries, museums and study facilities

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The Bill Bryson Library is the largest of the University's libraries and provides access to resources for all subjects. It has 1800 study spaces including individual and group study rooms, collaborative and quiet study areas as well as a café. Access is provided to 1.6 million printed books, 19,000 e-journals and over 400,000 e-books and other digital items. Many colleges also have small libraries and study rooms. You can visit the Bill Bryson Library to look around any time during the event.

We also have a further two locations to mention, boasting Durham University's world-class collections of art, archaeology, archives, rare books and manuscripts:

**Palace Green Library**, located between the Castle and Cathedral, was once the main University Library - it incorporates buildings dating back to the 15th century. It now houses the University's extensive archives and special collections, accessed in the Barker Research Library, which also provides 60 quiet student study spaces, galleries with both permanent and changing exhibitions, and events for families and school groups throughout the year.

**The Oriental Museum** is just off Mill Hill Lane opposite Van Mildert College. It is also home to galleries with both permanent and changing exhibitions, and events for families and schools groups throughout the year.

Galleries and collections in both venues support the University's research and teaching across the faculties, from foundation studies to doctoral level. Students are entitled to free entry to galleries and some enlist as volunteers or take up placement opportunities as part of their career development. A diverse programme of special events and temporary exhibitions ensures that there is always something new to see and do.





# Find out more about...

## Student Experience Directorate

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Alongside academic excellence we place high value on providing experiences that will stretch and develop you. Experiences may happen inside colleges, through intercollege competitions, within the Students' Union or as part of the multitude of activities co-ordinated under the Student Experience Directorate.

The Directorate is responsible for co-ordinating University sport, staff and student volunteering and outreach, student theatre and music. Take a look at the sections below to find out how to explore more of each aspect.



## DU Student Volunteering and Outreach

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Students have endless opportunities to get involved with volunteering activities either within the University-wide, student-led volunteering programme or with their college, department, society, or club. Last year more than 2500 students volunteered in the community, supporting over 500 events across the themes of culture, education, environment, social action, and sport and wellbeing. The direction and focus of volunteering at Durham is driven by an elected student executive committee. DUSVO (Durham University Student Volunteering and Outreach) is the largest volunteering organisation at Durham with over 25 student-led, community focussed projects and more than 50 student leadership opportunities.



Supporting over 100 local schools, charities and organisations, there are a wealth of opportunities available to students, but if you do not find what you are looking for, you can propose a new initiative, with which you will be supported.

To round up each year of success, we hold an annual celebration for all of our volunteers at the Durham University Volunteer Awards, where we recognise volunteers' achievements and the positive impact they have had on the community. Why not pop along to speak to representatives at the Sports and Wellbeing Park any time during the Open Day.

# Find out more about...

## Team Durham Sports

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Sport at Durham focuses on the core strands of performance, leadership, participation and community outreach. More than 75% of our students take part in sports on a regular basis. Our philosophy is to provide opportunities in sport to enable exceptional people to do exceptional things.

If you are a high-performance athlete, aspiring to play in University first teams, then please come along to the Sports and Wellbeing Park and chat to our staff during the Open Day.

More details available at [durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/team-durham](https://durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/team-durham)

You can take a look around our Sports and Wellbeing Park located at Maiden Castle any time between 9am to 4pm. We'd also recommend going along to the Student Enrichment (Sport) talk during the day if you are interested.



Don't worry if you're not interested in high-level sport, plenty of our students get involved with sport at a collegiate level which is often more relaxed and more social. We always recommend trying something new!





# Find out more about...

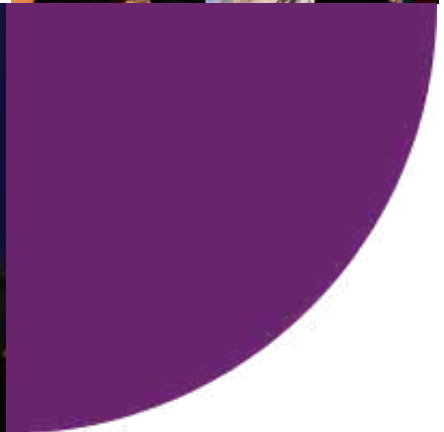
## Performing Arts

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### Music Durham

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Durham's musical life is so active and diverse that it is hard to escape it. From orchestras, bands, and opera, to gospel choirs, Gamelan ensembles, African drumming, and chamber choirs, there is something to cater for every musical taste. Music Durham is the umbrella organisation that oversees Durham University's music societies, chapel choirs and college music ensembles. Come along to speak to representatives at the Sir Thomas Allen Assembly Rooms Theatre between 09:00 - 16:00, to find out more about how you can continue with your musical life, or start your journey.



### Durham Student Theatre

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One society looks after all the theatre here at Durham; encompassing over 30 different theatre companies, Durham Student Theatre showcases upwards of 90 shows a year to 15,000 audience members. Student theatre is brimming with creative, like-minded individuals who come together to perform a diverse range of shows.

Whether you want to be onstage, backstage, in the tech box or directing the whole show, Durham Student Theatre aims to provide varied opportunities and support its membership doing what they love.

Sir Thomas Allen Assembly Rooms Theatre is the spiritual home for the theatrical scene, our very own proscenium arch venue that is only one of dozens in which we perform. Do come visit us between 09:00 - 16:00 for a short tour of the theatre, or to speak to representatives who will be able to answer any of your questions that you might have about getting involved with theatre at Durham!



# Find out more about...

## Professional Support Services

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### **Durham Centre for Academic Development (DCAD)**

DCAD offers a range of educational services for Durham students and staff. These include a suite of courses, classes and consultations in academic study skills (e.g. academic writing; time management; strategies for being productive; etc). Come and chat with us at the Information Hub, located in the Teaching and Learning Centre, top floor, between 09:00 - 16:00 for more details.

### **Scholarships and Bursaries**

There are a range of scholarships and bursaries available to undergraduate students which are either funded by the University, through partnerships with external organisations or through generous donations from alumni and friends of the University. Staff will be available in the Teaching and Learning Centre between 09:00 - 16:00 to offer advice and guidance on University funding and to signpost to relevant opportunities.



### **Counselling and Mental Health Service**

The Counselling and Mental Health Service offers specialist support at any time during your studies if you are struggling with academic or personal challenges. It operates as an addition to the support offered in colleges and academic departments.

Our Counsellors and Mental Health Advisors will help you identify and overcome barriers to achieving your potential, promoting the development of self-awareness and a range of life skills.

These services are located in the Palatine Centre and are open for drop-in from 09:00 - 16:00.

### **Careers & Enterprise Centre**

Careers & Enterprise can help you to develop your career plans and support you to take the next steps towards your goals, whatever that might be. This can include developing skills for your future, exploring your options, making effective applications and preparing for interviews. Our team offers a broad range of services to support students, including placements and work experience; employer events, opportunities and workshops; innovation skills and start-up; information and resources and careers advice and guidance. Careers & Enterprise services are available to students throughout the duration of their studies.

Drop into their office in the Palatine Centre any time between 09:00 - 16:00 to chat to staff.





Durham University  
The Palatine Centre  
Stockton Road  
Durham  
DH1 3LE

### Enquiries

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