

Open Days 2023

Start your journey today

9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday 15 September 2023

Saturday 16 September 2023



“We had a fabulous time exploring the city, the course and colleges. What a stunning University. Everyone that we came into contact with, filled us with enthusiasm.”



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Booking is essential
See durham.ac.uk/open-days to find out more.



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Durham University Tours App

Download our app for more information



durham.ac.uk/visit-us/open-days/self-guided-tours

We can only accommodate 10,000 visitors per day. Book early to avoid disappointment.



Welcome!

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



Pre-application Open Days are 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 support services we offer to our students.

Do I need to book to attend the Open Day?

YES booking is essential.

You may need a booking confirmation for the event to gain entry into some sessions and drop-ins on the day. Sessions are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and we hope you understand that prospective students will be given priority over other guests. Please be aware that guest spaces, where available, are limited to two per prospective student.

For room and session delivery details use the session schedules on pages 19, 20, and 21.

For information and advice on getting to and travelling around the University on the day please read our Travel Information (pages 06, 07, 22, 23, and 24).

Join us virtually for a session to help prepare you for the Open Day. We will help you to plan your visit so you get the most out of your time in Durham. The session takes place on Wednesday 6 September at 6.00pm, so pop a note in your diary. We'll send a link, via email, to join the session nearer the date.

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, difficult, 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.



Top Tip

Book early to avoid disappointment. The booking system will close at 12:00 noon on the Thursday before the event or when bookings reach 10,000. It doesn't cost anything to book and is easy to cancel.

Durham University Event App

Download our app for more information and to check-in on the day.

Event App Code: DUOD23

App PIN: Available from your App email which you will receive 48 hours before the event.



“Excellent facilities, very enthusiastic & friendly academic staff.”

Undergraduate Event Bursary

Help with travel and accommodation costs

An Event Bursary is available to assist with the cost of travel and accommodation for an applicant to attend an Undergraduate Recruitment Event. A maximum of £200 per applicant can be claimed per Undergraduate Recruitment Event.

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 Access and Participation schemes with Durham University:

- STEP
- Sutton Trust Summer School
- Supported Progression.

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



How do I claim and find out more?

Sign up to attend an event. Your confirmation email will contain a link to the Event Bursary [Information](#) and the [claim form](#). You must submit the claim form and upload evidence of eligibility prior to the event.

We will then let you know if your claim has been approved, if it has you will need to pop along to the Event Bursary Claim Desk located in the Teaching and Learning Centre on the day to validate your claim. **50**

You must register at the Event Bursary Claim Desk on the day to confirm your attendance at the event and validate your claim. Failure to do so will unfortunately result in your bursary not being paid.

All payments will be made after the event that has been attended. This process 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.



Visitors with 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.

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 approximately 0.6 miles from Palace Green and the Cathedral, and 1.5 miles from the Mountjoy site [18](#). The number 40 Cathedral bus service runs regularly from the train station into the city centre.

To check the schedule and route visit durham.gov.uk and search for "Cathedral bus".

A free University Shuttle Bus will run from the train station to the Lower Mountjoy site throughout the day (08:30-16:30). See pages 24 and 25.

By 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 for timetable details.

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.

By Road

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.

"We were really impressed with Durham University in general and the students we met. We feel that Durham University is a very good balance between academic work and student life for the students."



Top tip

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!

On the day parking...



10,000 visitors are expected at each Open Day. Using public transport, or Park and Ride facilities will make your day easier.

Public Parking

We strongly advise visitors to use public transport 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 9:00am).

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

- The Gates (DH1 4SJ) – 470 spaces
- Prince Bishop’s Shopping Centre (DH1 3UJ) – 400 spaces
- Sidegate (DH1 5SY) – 107 spaces

Please note there is a parking charge to use these car parks. The road running through the Market Place to the Cathedral is subject to a £2.00 congestion charge which must be paid in advance or by 6:00pm on the charging day. Please call 0191 384 6633 to make payment by credit or debit card.

For more information on car parking please visit durham.gov.uk and search for Durham City Car Parks.

Not all Park and Ride facilities have been listed due to their limited capacity. Park and Ride sites are operated by Durham County Council.

“The shuttle buses were very useful and all the talks I went to were extremely informative.”

Park and Ride

Public transport runs from the [Park and Ride car parks](#) into Durham city. One ticket must be purchased for each passenger (£2.00 per person) when using these facilities, you must use the bus provided. Park and stride is not permitted.

Park and Ride sites close at 7:00pm 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.

Buses run every 15 minutes, Monday to Saturday.

- The bus leaves Belmont Park and Ride at 00, 15, 30 and 45 minutes past the hour. The first bus is at 7.00am and the last bus is at 6.30pm.
- The bus leaves Sniperley Park and Ride at 10, 25, 40 and 55 minutes past the hour. The first bus is at 7.10am and the last bus is at 6.35pm.

Belmont: DH1 1SR – 547 spaces
 Sniperley: DH1 5RA – 330 spaces.

Durham County Council Road and Transport Links

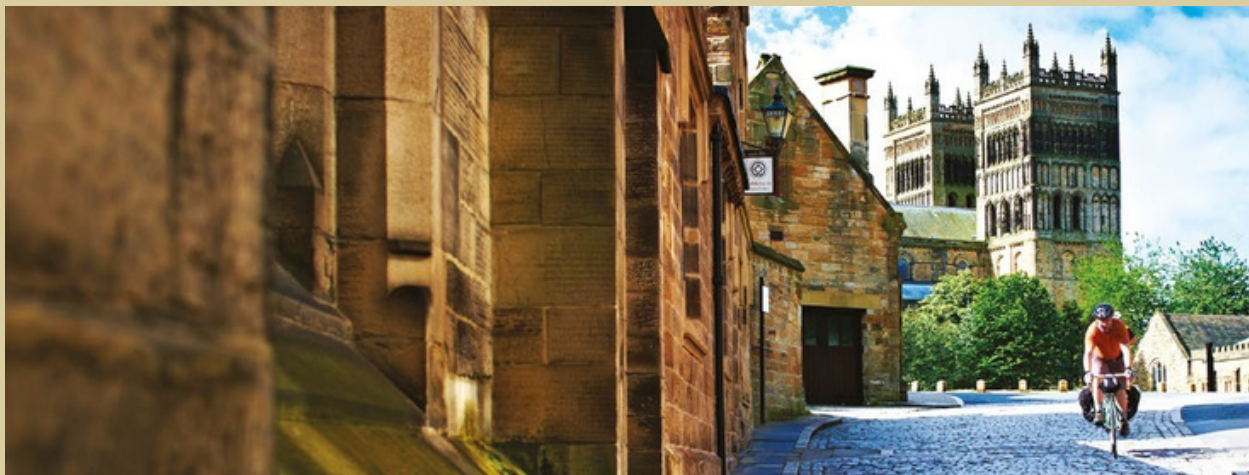
Please visit durham.gov.uk/transport for more travel information:

- Bus timetables and routes
- Blue Badge disability
- Durham City Park and Ride parking scheme
- Roadworks, road closures
- Get the latest travel and improvement schemes updates
- Bus fares and passes
- Road and transport news
- Emergency road closures.

Unfortunately, we are unable to guarantee or reserve parking spaces for Blue Badge holders.

Overnight accommodation at Durham

Durham has a range of accommodation available both in the city and across the county.



We recommend visiting: thisisdurham.com/accommodation for further 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.

“It was extremely well run with excellent information, signage, help and support from enthusiastic and friendly students and staff.”



Top tip

Plan your day to ensure you leave enough time for your lunch – we suggest leaving yourself about an hour.



Top tip (this is such a good tip we are telling you it twice)!

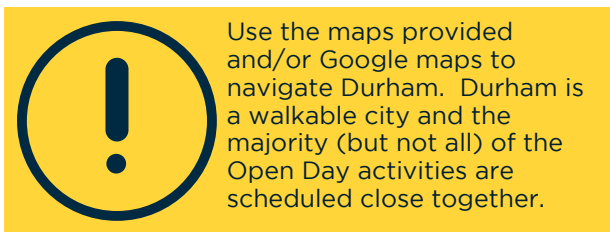
If you are travelling by car why not stay in Newcastle (north of the city) or Darlington (south of the city) and use the train on the last leg of your journey, which takes less than 20 minutes! (We provide a free shuttle bus from Durham train station).

Plan your visit in 3 easy steps...

Durham University is spread throughout Durham City. Planning your day before you arrive will really help reduce your step count!

Just so you know

We cap our events to 10,000 visitors. Priority for places at all sessions will be given to prospective students, followed by parents, and then other visitors. The booking system will close at 12:00 noon on the Wednesday prior to the event, or if the maximum bookings have been reached. We recommend you book early to avoid disappointment, as it's very easy to cancel using the link in your confirmation email.



Use the maps provided and/or Google maps to navigate Durham. Durham is a walkable city and the majority (but not all) of the Open Day activities are scheduled close together.



Plan how you are going to get to Durham and where you are going to park. We strongly recommend using public transport.

Step 1

Plan what you want to see and what you want to find out about before you arrive by reading this guide and then looking at the session schedules on pages 19-21.

We recommend you include the following in your visit:

- Presentations from the academic department(s) you are interested in
- Tour at least two colleges
- Drop in on any extra-curricular activities you may be keen to explore
- Visit all relevant Professional Support Services.

The session schedules on pages 19, 20, and 21 will help you see quickly:

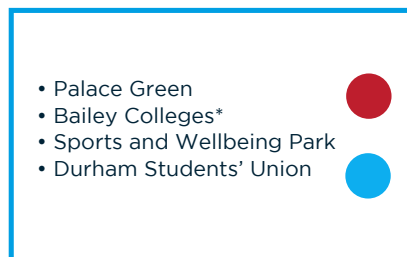
- what sessions are available
- where they are located.

We have organised the University map (pages 22, 23 and 25) into coloured building numbers to help you navigate your way around when you arrive.

*A Bailey College is a college located near the cathedral.
**A Hill College refers to one of the colleges located near South Road, close to Lower Mountjoy.



- Lower Mountjoy
- Upper Mountjoy
- Palatine Centre
- Bill Bryson Library



- Palace Green
- Bailey Colleges*
- Sports and Wellbeing Park
- Durham Students' Union



- Teaching and Learning Centre
- Business School,
- Hill Colleges**
- School of Government and International Affairs (Politics)
- Information Hub

Step 2

Once you have decided on your preferred sessions use the Session Schedule and maps (pages 19-25) to locate where each session will be delivered in each of the coloured number areas and how to get there.

It should take no more than 5-10 minutes to move between academic buildings with the same coloured numbers. You will need to allow additional time when moving between colleges or different coloured areas.

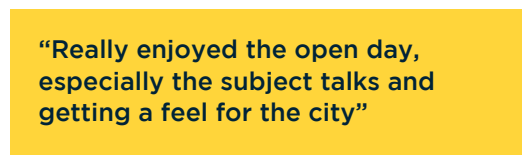
Use the 'walking time' table on page 24 to help you plan. We also have University shuttle buses running throughout the Open Day. See pages 24 and 25 for details.

Step 3

Book Your Place. You will also need to select how many guests you will be bringing. You should receive a confirmation email within a couple of hours. If you don't receive a confirmation email please re-book. Please note where sessions are popular guests will be asked to vacate their seats for potential students.



Top tip
Finding your building location is easy, just look at the colour of the circle and find the building with that coloured number on the map. Ambassadors inside and outside the building will direct you, so ask if you feel a little lost.



"Really enjoyed the open day, especially the subject talks and getting a feel for the city"

Things to do during your visit

This guide provides you with all you need to know to plan a successful Open Day visit.

Priority Access

Sessions are non-bookable to provide the most flexibility for you during your visit. We tend to find those sessions at the beginning and the end of the day have higher availability. With this in mind we give priority access to potential students for all our sessions and we thank you in advance for your co-operation. We reserve a small number of seats at the front of our lecture theatre for those who need to be nearer the presenter.

Where a session is full, guests of potential students will be asked to vacate their seat.



What type of sessions can I attend?

Presentations

Presentations are offered by all our academic departments. You may find sessions are delivered in venues not ordinarily used by the department, this is to meet the visitor demand and room availability due to refurbishments. We would ask that you don't visit any department buildings other than those listed as delivering presentations or tours on the day. A full listing of all sessions is available on pages 19, 20 and 21.

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.

Drop-in

If you have a specific individual query, our academic staff will be available within advertised drop-in sessions. Additionally, support services will be hosting drop-in sessions throughout the day. You must be booked onto the Open Day to attend the drop-in sessions.

Exhibitions

Some of our departments will offer exhibitions and displays within their department as part of, or in addition to, their presentations. Please see the schedules on pages 19, 20 and 21 for a full list of activities on offer. This is also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

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.



Top tip

To get the very best from your visit we suggest you plan your day and your route before you arrive.

College Tours

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. See page 11 and 12 for further information.

Please note, The College of St Hild and St Bede will not be open during our Open Days due to refurbishment. Please visit their stand in the Information Hub located in the Teaching and Learning Centre to find out more. 50

Wider student experience

You can find out more about the wider student experience such as Careers and Enterprise, Sports, Theatre, Volunteering and Music by attending presentations and/or dropping in to speak to representatives. For more information see pages 15 and 16.



Information Hub 50

Our Information Hub is located in the Teaching and Learning Centre.

The Information Hub can provide a range of information and advice on student life at Durham:

- Open Day Information
- Student Enrichment
 - Music
 - Volunteering
 - Theatre
 - Performance and Participation Sport (Team Durham)
- Admissions Advice
- Study Abroad (Student-Led)
- Placement Years
- Durham Students' Union
- Academic Support for Students
- Foundation Programme
- Colleges Information
- The College of St Hild and St Bede
- Scholarships and Bursaries.

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. When you receive your offer you will be invited to rank our colleges in order of your preferences.

Every Durham student belongs to a college. Your college is where you can live, socialise and personally develop, ensuring you graduate with much more than a degree.

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.

What is a college?

The colleges are at the heart of the wider student experience at Durham University, an experience we think is much richer than in non-collegiate universities. They are thriving international communities that encourage and nurture individuals. Each college provides a secure platform from which to explore, learn, reach out and gain confidence. A Durham college experience offers unique opportunities for enhanced personal development through broader intellectual, cultural and social perspectives within a supportive community, allowing academic and personal skills to flourish.

You can get involved 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 a vibrant community full of opportunities for you to gain new experiences, develop skills to achieve your full potential and most importantly, have fun while you're at it!

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. Many of our colleges have videos and virtual tours to help you in your research. Visit the website for further information:

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. Your research will help you decide which colleges to visit and lists information such as whether they are catered or self-catered, shared or en-suite. Find out more by speaking to a member of the Residential Student Services team available in the Information Hub located in the Teaching and Learning Centre. **50**



Colleges at a glance

Details of how to visit a college can be found on page 21.

College breakdown

Key C: Catered S: Self-catered

College	No. of full time student members	No. of (UG&PG) students living in College	No. of 1st year UG rooms	Catered (UG)
Collingwood College, DH1 3LT	1841	514	400	C
Grey College, DH1 3LG	1400	463	310	C
Hatfield College, DH1 3RQ	1487	408	281	C
John Snow College, DH1 3TQ	1473	496	385	S
Josephine Butler College, DH1 3TQ	1585	546	385	S
South College, DH1 3LD	1023	496	337	S
St Aidan's College, DH1 3LJ	1142	384	253	C
St Chad's College, DH1 3RH	650	249	125	C
St Cuthbert's Society, Bailey Site, DH1 3EE St Cuthbert's Society, Parson's Field, DH1 3JP	1421	465	331	C / S
College of St Hild & St Bede, DH1 1SZ	1356	336	188	C / S
St John's College, DH1 3RJ	730	251	177	C
St Mary's College, DH1 3LR	998	312	213	C
Stephenson College, DH1 3DE	1304	433	336	S
Trevelyan College, DH1 3LN	997	319	225	C
University College (Castle), DH1 3RW	1470	503	246	C / S
Van Mildert College, DH1 3LH	1532	524	360	C

*Please note: These figures are subject to annual change and are for the year 2022/23.

Just so you know

The College of St Hild and St Bede, will not be open during the Open Days due to refurbishment work. College staff for this college will be available in the Information Hub. **50**

You will find lots of information on our colleges online, including internal photography of rooms.

durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges



Top tip

Read the 'Colleges Guide' for detailed information on our colleges. You can download a copy by visiting:

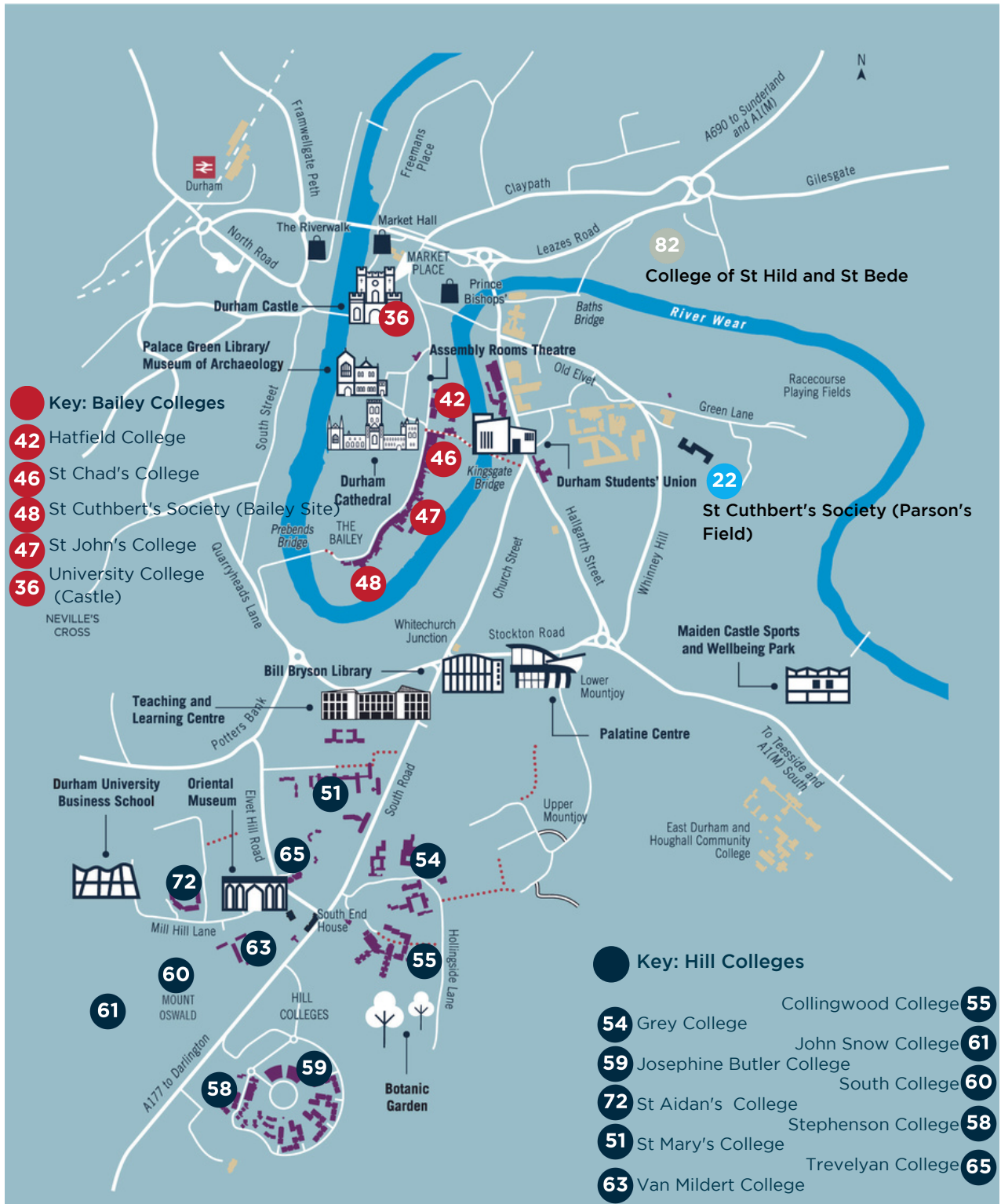
durham.ac.uk/study/our-prospectus/college-guides

Did you know?

All colleges have special dinner events throughout the year called 'Formals'. Find out about this (and other college traditions) on our individual college web pages and during your visit.

College Locations

Please note that the College of St Hild and St Bede will be unavailable to visit during the September Open Days due to refurbishment. They will have representatives in the Teaching and Learning Centre for you to ask questions and chat about the college.



On the day...



We don't have a central welcome area instead we have Information Points!

These will be open throughout the day (9:00am – 4:00pm) where you can:

- Speak with a member of staff for advice
- Check in to the event
- Pick up a University map with session locations
- Look at a schedule (room changes will be notified through the event app)
- Get directions and guidance on which sessions to attend
- Ask our student ambassadors or staff any questions you may have.

Locations:

- Teaching and Learning Centre **50**
- The Geographical Map (On the corner of South Road and Stockton Road)
- Market Place
- Business School **73**

Event Check-in

Please check in using the app or by speaking to a member of staff in the Information Hub. **50**

First Aid

First aid cover is available by contacting a staff member or Open Day Ambassador. Alternatively, if you believe the situation is life threatening please dial 999.

Faith and Belief Facilities

Durham University is a multi-cultural community that provides access to a number of faith and belief facilities. Many of these facilities are available to use on the Open Day, including multi-faith rooms at St Aidan's College and Trevelyan College (ask college reception staff for details), and Muslim Prayer rooms on Old Elvet or immediately North of Grey College.

You will need an access code for these buildings which can be collected from event staff.

For more information on our faith and belief facilities please visit

durham.ac.uk/faith-support




Enquiries: durham.ac.uk/study/askus

If you require a quiet space at any point during the day to take some time away from the busy atmosphere, then please visit our designated quiet room in the Palatine Centre (DH1 3LE) - Room PCL051.



Focus on...

Key
Presentation 

Drop In 

A closer look at some of our sessions and Professional Support Services.

The Durham Difference 50

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 collegiate system and explain what it means for our students to become a member of one of our college communities. The presentation will take place in the Teaching and Learning Centre.

Study Abroad 18 50 73

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! Almost 300 Durham students every year take 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 the presentation in the Palatine Centre. You can also speak to a representative in the Business School Lounge for specific advice regarding studying abroad during one of our Business School programmes.

Placement Years 14 50

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. The majority of departments offer you the option to incorporate a Placement Year into your degree. You do not have to make that decision until you come to Durham, however some departments (Business and Science) offer UCAS code programmes with Placement Years embedded. The Placement Year will occur in the penultimate year, extending your degree to either 4 or 5 years.

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

Careers & Enterprise 18

Careers & Enterprise at university is about having the time of your life whilst studying a subject you enjoy. It's also about gaining a qualification and developing skills and experience that can lead to a fulfilling and rewarding career. Find out how we support students, how we work with employers and the types of opportunities available to students during and after their studies by attending the presentation.

A Guide to Student finance 13

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.

Disability Support 18

Disability Support aims to support students in achieving their academic potential by offering advice and guidance and arranging appropriate provision. They offer support to those who may have a disability, specific learning difference or ongoing medical condition. They offer targeted support to those identifying with an autism spectrum condition. If you feel you may benefit from their advice or support why not pop along to the department based on the ground floor of the Palatine Centre.

Counselling & Mental Health Services 18

The Counselling & 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 teams of professional, accredited counsellors, Psychological Wellbeing Practitioners and Mental Health Advisors help students to manage any difficulties impacting study or wider university life. The service offers individual sessions, groups and workshops, and are based on the ground floor of the Palatine Centre.

Durham Students' Union 35

Durham SU was created by students in 1899 to bring students from across the university together. The aim of the Union was to allow students to work collectively, regardless of their college, on issues affecting Durham students. The ethos of bringing students from across the university together continues today and can be seen in the 250+ societies run by students with the support of the Students' Union, elected Student Officers in representing students' views at all levels of the university, campaigning on topics like getting more space in the Billy B (Bill Bryson Library), and Associations for particular groups of students like trans students and mature students.

If you need a helping hand while at Durham, the Union's Advice Service is there for you, offering independent support and resources across a variety of issues. There are also relaxing and spacious social and study areas within the Union building, affording beautiful views from the balcony terrace of the Cathedral and river.

Scholarships and Bursaries 50

At Durham University we are committed to supporting all students irrespective of financial circumstances. We have a range of scholarships and bursaries available to offer everyone the support they need to fully engage in the Durham experience. Our scholarships and bursaries are either funded by the University, through partnerships with external organisations or through generous donations from our alumni and friends, to enable students to benefit from the full breadth of experience and education Durham has to offer. Drop into the hub and chat with a member of our team to find out more about the funding opportunities available.

Focus on...

Student Enrichment

DU Student Volunteering and Outreach



Students at Durham University have endless opportunities to volunteer with the wider community whether it be through a DUSVO (Durham University Student Volunteering and Outreach) student led project, department activities, college volunteering or through one of our societies' outreach programmes. Last year students were offered over 400 opportunities to volunteer across the themes of Environment, Culture, Social Action, Education and Sport and Wellbeing.

We have projects to suit all interests, from tutoring local school children, running tea parties for elderly residents, conducting cultural workshops in schools or supporting adults with learning disabilities through conservation work. We have plenty of leadership opportunities available and every year we support students in developing new initiatives and partnerships.

Our students support the work of both local and regional charities, parish councils and schools. To round up each year of success, we hold an annual celebration for all of our volunteers at the Durham University Volunteer Awards evening, where we recognise all of our volunteers' achievements and the positive contribution they have had on the local community!



Performance and Participation Sport (Team Durham)



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

There are three options to find out more on the Open Day:

- Visit the new £32 million Sport and Wellbeing Park
- Drop in to the Information Hub to speak to a staff member
- Attend a Sports presentation at the Sports and Wellbeing Park.

Give us a call... If you are a high-performance athlete, aspiring to play in University first teams or perhaps considering applying for a Vice-Chancellor's Sports Scholarship, then please contact Albert Potts at 0191 334 2178 (a.d.potts@durham.ac.uk) for further information. Find out more at [Team Durham - Durham University](#).

Key

Presentation



Drop-In



Tour

Music



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 which oversees Durham University's music societies and chapel choirs. Each college also enjoys its own diverse musical scene, completely run by its own students. If you have any interest in being involved in music at Durham, Music Durham is the perfect place to start.

To find out more about music you can drop in to the Information Hub or attend the presentation which includes a backstage tour of the Assembly Rooms Theatre.



Durham Student Theatre



Encompassing over 30 different theatre groups at university and college level, Durham Student Theatre showcases over 100 productions each year to 15,000 audience members. Durham Student Theatre is brimming with creative, like-minded individuals who come together to perform a diverse range of shows. So whether you want to be on stage, backstage, produce, direct, or even run your own theatre company, Durham Student Theatre aims to provide opportunities and to support its members in what they love doing and ultimately make high-quality theatre. Find out more by visiting durhamstudenttheatre.org.

To find out more about theatre you can drop in to the Information Hub or attend the presentation which includes a backstage tour of the Assembly Rooms Theatre.

“The day was brilliantly run and there was always someone there to answer questions or show you around.”

Focus on...

Our Libraries, Study Facilities and our City

Libraries and Study Facilities

Bill Bryson Library 17

The largest of the University's libraries is named after the author Bill Bryson (Chancellor of Durham University 2005-2011) and provides access to print resources for all subjects. It has 1800 study spaces including bookable individual and group study rooms, collaborative and quiet study areas as well as a café. Additional study spaces are also available in the Teaching and Learning Centre, Business School Library and the Barker Research Library. Across all our collections, we provide access to 1.6 million printed books, 25,000 eJournals and over 850,000 eBooks and other digital items. Why not come and explore the library facilities? Pop in to take a self-guided tour of the Bill Bryson Library and talk to our friendly and helpful staff who will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

In addition to our modern collections, we have two further locations to add to your itinerary- Palace Green Library and the Oriental Museum, where you can explore Durham University's world-class collections of art, archaeology, archives, rare books and manuscripts, as well as browse their shops!

Palace Green Library 37

(open Monday-Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm)
 Located between the Castle and Cathedral, this was once the main University Library. It incorporates buildings dating back to the 15th century and now houses the University's extensive archives and special collections comprising 70,000 pre-1850 books, 100 medieval manuscripts and large collections of maps, prints and photographs. These can be accessed in the Barker Research Library, which also provides 60 quiet student study spaces. Palace Green Library is home to our Museum of Archaeology, World Heritage Site Visitor Centre and the historic library of Bishop Cosin. (Bishop of Durham 1660-1672)

The Oriental Museum 69

(open 10:00am-5:00pm Tuesday-Friday and 12:00pm-5:00pm weekends)

Found just off Mill Hill Lane opposite Van Mildert College. Our museums are home to over 82,000 objects and artworks from 59 countries, including two collections that are recognised as being of national and international importance.



All the items in Palace Green Library and the Oriental Museum support university research and teaching across the faculties, from foundation studies to doctoral level. They can also be used for private or personal research, even if that is completely unrelated to the course you are studying. Both Palace Green Library and the Oriental Museum have display galleries that house regular exhibitions, both permanent and changing, so there is always something new to see and do. Entry is free, so you can just come and relax or visit with friends and family. They also host events for families and school groups throughout the year and offer volunteering opportunities for students to get involved, as well as placements as part of career development.

Academic Skills Centre and Foundation Programme 50

Offering a range of educational services for Durham students, of particular interest to attendees will be our offer of academic development support: 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) for more details. We can also let you know about the Foundation programme offered at Durham.

Explore The Area Tours

When visiting Durham City there are unique opportunities to explore and find out more. Visit our [self-guided tours](#) page for more information and to download the Durham University Tours App.

Still time to spare? Why not visit some of the city centre visitor attractions. Find out more before you visit Durham at thisisdurham.com

- [Museum of Archaeology](#) • [Durham Cathedral](#)
- [North Walk](#) • [Durham Riverside Walk](#).

Durham University Tours App

Download our app for more information



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 and Fusion Restaurant (Business School) take cash and cards.

Calman Café 07:30 – 16:00 **8**

Breakfast sandwiches, paninis, cold sandwiches, salads, soup and Starbucks coffee.

Chemistry Café 08:00 – 16:00 **14**

Breakfast sandwiches, cold sandwiches, and paninis.

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

Breakfast sandwiches, sandwiches, jacket potatoes with Italian fillings, and handmade pizzas.

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

Hot meals along with sandwiches, paninis, and jacket potatoes.

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)

Fusion Restaurant (Business School) 08:00 – 16:30 **73**

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 newly rebranded Italian-themed café and restaurant you are sure to find something to satisfy your needs.

Fancy a quick bite? Visit the Durham University outlet in the food court.



Top tip

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. Check out the Colleges Open Day Guide for details of opening times.



Top tip




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Food Market









Visit our invited caterers located on Lower Mountjoy in Library Square, located just outside the Bill Bryson Library. You will find additional refreshment options including hot food and doughnuts.

Academic sessions

Presentations are repeated throughout the day to provide you with flexibility to create your own schedule. It is worth noting that sessions at the start and end of the day tend to have the most room.

-  Departments with this symbol will also be available in the Information Hub located in the Teaching and Learning Centre.
-  Students studying with the Faculty of Business with this symbol will be available in the lounge located within the Business School when not in presentations.
-  Staff representatives will be available in the Business School Lounge for you to find out about studying abroad specifically as part of one of the Business School programmes.

Use this overview to plan your day. **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
Accounting Durham University Business School, DH1 3LB	 73					
Anthropology (Including Health & Human Sciences) Calman Learning Centre, Derman Christopherson Lecture Theatre, CLC 406, 4th Floor, DH1 3LE	 8		 		 	
Archaeology Dawson Building, D205, 2nd Floor, DH1 3LE	 16					
Biosciences Psychology Building, L50, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE	4	 	 	 	 	
Business and Management Durham University Business School DH1 3LB	 73					
Chemistry Chemistry Building, CG85, Ground Floor DH1 3LE	14					
Chemistry Experience Chemistry Building, CG141, 1st Floor, DH1 3LE	14					
Classics and Ancient History Palace Green, Pemberton Rooms, PG20, Ground Floor DH1 3RL	40					
Combined Honours in Social Sciences Calman Learning Centre, Kingsley Barrett Lecture Theatre, CLC407, 4th Floor, DH1 3LE	8					
Computer Science Maths and Computer Science Building, MCS2068, Second Floor, DH1 3LE	1					
Computer Science Tours Maths and Computer Science Building, Reception, First Floor, DH1 3LE	1					
Criminology Arthur Holmes Building, ES230, 2nd Floor, DH1 3LE	 9					
Earth Sciences* Arthur Holmes Building, ES228/229, 2nd Floor, DH1 3LE	 9				 	
Economics Durham University Business School, DH1 3LB	 73					
Education CB0015, Confluence Building DH1 3LE	12					
Engineering** Engineering Christopherson Building, E005, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE	11	 	 	 	 	
English Studies Calman Learning Centre, Rosemary Cramp Lecture Theatre, CLC202, 2nd Floor, DH1 3LE	8					
Finance Durham University Business School, DH1 3LB	 73					
Geography Geography Building, W103, DH1 3LE	13					
Geography Exhibition (meet staff and view exhibitions on different aspects of the degree e.g. fieldwork, dissertations) Geography Building, Reception, DH1 3LE	13	 	 	 	 	

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

Academic sessions continued

Key: Presentation  Drop-in  Tours 

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) Al-Qasimi Building, Room 101/102 + 201, DH1 3TU 66					
History Calman Learning Centre, Ken Wade Lecture Theatre, CLC203, Second Floor, DH1 3LE 8					
Law Calman Learning Centre, Arnold Wolfendale Lecture Theatre, CLC013, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE 8					
Liberal Arts Geography Building, W007, Lower Ground Floor, DH1 3LE 13					
Marketing and Management Durham University Business School, DH1 3LB 73					
Mathematical Sciences Maths and Computer Science Building, Scott Logic Lecture Theatre, MCS001, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE 1					
Modern Languages and Cultures (Presentation and Q&A) Teaching and Learning Centre, TLC033, Ground Floor, DH1 3LS 50					
Language-Specific Subjects (Presentation and Q&A) Teaching and Learning Centre, First Floor, Arabic, French, German, Hispanic Studies, Italian, Japanese and Chinese, Russian 50					
Music Palace Green, Music Department, Concert Room, MU006, DH1 3RL 38					
Natural Sciences Rochester Building, PH30, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE Please note the 10:50 and 13:30 sessions are for prospective students only 7					
Philosophy Chemistry Building, CG83, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE 14					
Philosophy, Politics and Economics Durham University Business School, DH1 3LB 73					
Physics Physics Rochester Building, PH8, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE 7					
Physics Tours (Students only, you may have to wait for your tour if demand is high) Physics Rochester Building, Lab 122B, First Floor, DH1 3LE 7					
Primary Education Confluence Building, CB008, DH1 3LE 12					
Psychology Psychology Building, Upper Mountjoy, L68, DH1 3LE. 5					
Psychology Tours (Self-guided) Psychology Building, Reception, Ground Floor 5					
Sociology (Including Joint Honours Anthropology and Sociology) Arthur Holmes Building, ES231, Second Floor, DH1 3LE 9					
Sport and Exercise Sciences Sports and Wellbeing Park, Maiden Castle, Small Sports Hall 19					
Theology and Religion Palace Green, Pemberton Rooms, PG21, Ground Floor DH1 3RL 40					
Visual Arts and Film (Presentation and Q&A) Teaching and Learning Centre, TLC124, First Floor, DH1 3LS 50					



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

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

Other sessions

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Key: Presentation 🗨️ Drop-in 👤 Tours 📍

Session Title	9:30-10:30	10:50-11:50	12:10-13:10	13:30-14:30	14:50-15:50
Applying to Durham Teaching and Learning Centre, TLC042, Ground Floor, DH1 3LS 🗨️ 50	🗨️	🗨️	🗨️	🗨️	🗨️
Careers and Enterprise Palatine Centre, PCL050, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE 18		🗨️		🗨️	
The Durham Difference Chemistry Building, CG93, Scarborough Lecture Theatre, DH1 3LE 14	🗨️	🗨️	🗨️	🗨️	🗨️
Student Enrichment (Music) Assembly Rooms Theatre, North Bailey, DH1 3ET 🗨️ 45		🗨️ 📍		🗨️ 📍	
Student Enrichment (Theatre) Assembly Rooms Theatre, North Bailey, DH1 3ET 🗨️ 45			🗨️ 📍		🗨️ 📍
Student Enrichment (Sport) Sports and Wellbeing Park, Maiden Castle, Dojo, First Floor, DH1 3SE 🗨️ 19		🗨️		🗨️	🗨️
Placement Years Chemistry Building, CG91, Arthur Holmes Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE 🗨️ 14	🗨️		🗨️		
Study Abroad Palatine Centre, Hogan Lovalls Lecture Theatre, PCL048, Ground Floor, DH1 3LE 🗨️ 18	🗨️	🗨️		🗨️	
Student Finance Geography, W309, 3rd Floor, DH1 3LE 13	🗨️	🗨️	🗨️	🗨️	🗨️

🗨️ You can also drop in to the Information Hub located in the Teaching and Learning Centre to speak to representatives 50

🗨️ Visit staff in the Business School Lounge to find out about studying abroad as part of one of the Business School programmes. 73

Drop-in Activities

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Sports, Team Durham	50
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College Locations

	Location
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Stephenson College	58
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University College (Castle)	36
Van Mildert College	63

Student Support 50 18

Many of our Professional Support teams and facilities are available throughout the day at various locations to answer any questions you may have. Drop-in any time between 9:00am and 4:00pm, use the table above to find out where they are located.

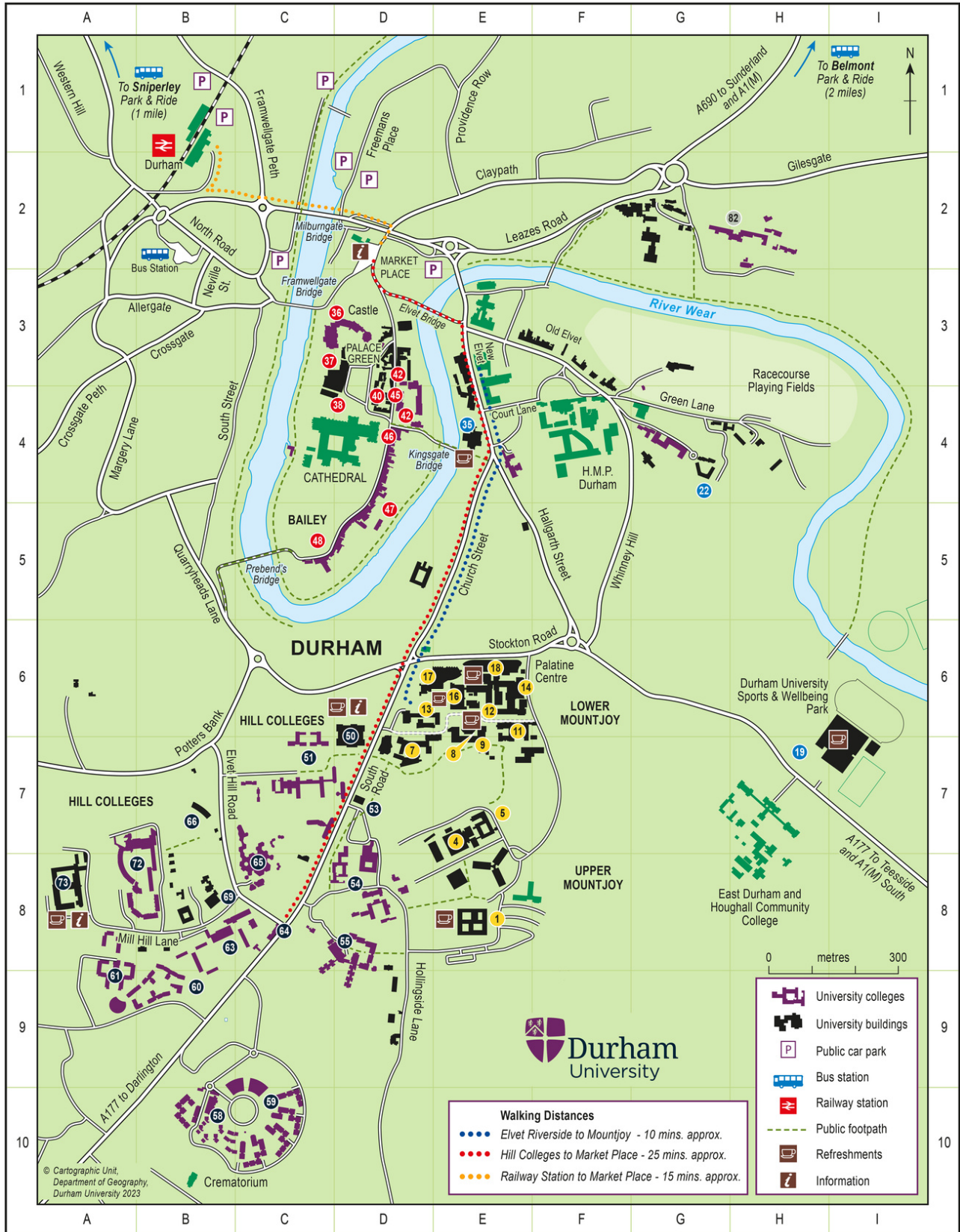
Student Enrichment 50

As well as presentations taking place, our Student Enrichment Team will be on hand in the Teaching and Learning Centre to talk all about:

- Theatre and Music
- Sports
- Volunteering.

Open day map

You will find all of the session locations mentioned in this guide on the map below. Use this to navigate around the city or by using Google maps. The green dotted line is the best route from the train station to the marketplace where we have an information point. Keep an eye out for the inflatable spiderdome.



Lower Mountjoy map

Use the map and images below to help you find your building!




On the day travel

Shuttle Buses

Shuttle buses will operate every 10-15 minutes starting at 8:30am and finishing at 4:30pm, however due to traffic congestion and roadworks you may have to wait longer than this. Please ensure you board the bus at the bus stop in the direction of travel you wish to go. All of our shuttle buses will have an ambassador on board, so please ask the ambassador for advice on where to get off.

The free University shuttle buses will stop at the following points.

Route 1 Train station shuttle bus (2 buses)

- Durham Train Station Southbound Platform 1 B1 
 - Palatine Centre Stockton Road E6 18
- Returning on the reverse route.

Route 2 John Snow College to Sports and Wellbeing Park shuttle bus (2 buses)

- John Snow College (for Durham University Business School) A8 61
 - South Road C8
 - Palatine Centre, Stockton Road E6 18
 - Sports and Wellbeing Park, Maiden Castle H6 19
- Returning on the reverse route.

Route 3 City Hopper (2 buses)

- Durham Students' Union, New Elvet E4 35
 - Palatine Centre Stockton Road E6 18
- Returning on the reverse route.



Top tip

Arriving from Park and Ride facilities? Make your way to the market place where our friendly ambassadors are on hand to direct you.

Park and Ride

Public transport runs from the Park and Ride car parks into Durham city. One ticket must be purchased for each passenger (£2.00 per person) when using these facilities. Park and Ride sites close at 7:00pm 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 – 547 spaces (get off at the Milburngate Bridge bus stop)



Sniperley: DH1 5RA – 330 spaces (get off at the Claypath bus stop)

Not all Park and Ride facilities have been listed due to their limited capacity. Park and Ride sites are operated by Durham County Council.

Park and Stride is not permitted if using the Park and Ride. You must use the bus service provided.

Walking Times

Durham University is spread throughout the city and as such many choose to walk between activities. Below are the estimated walking times (in minutes) between venues to help you plan your day.

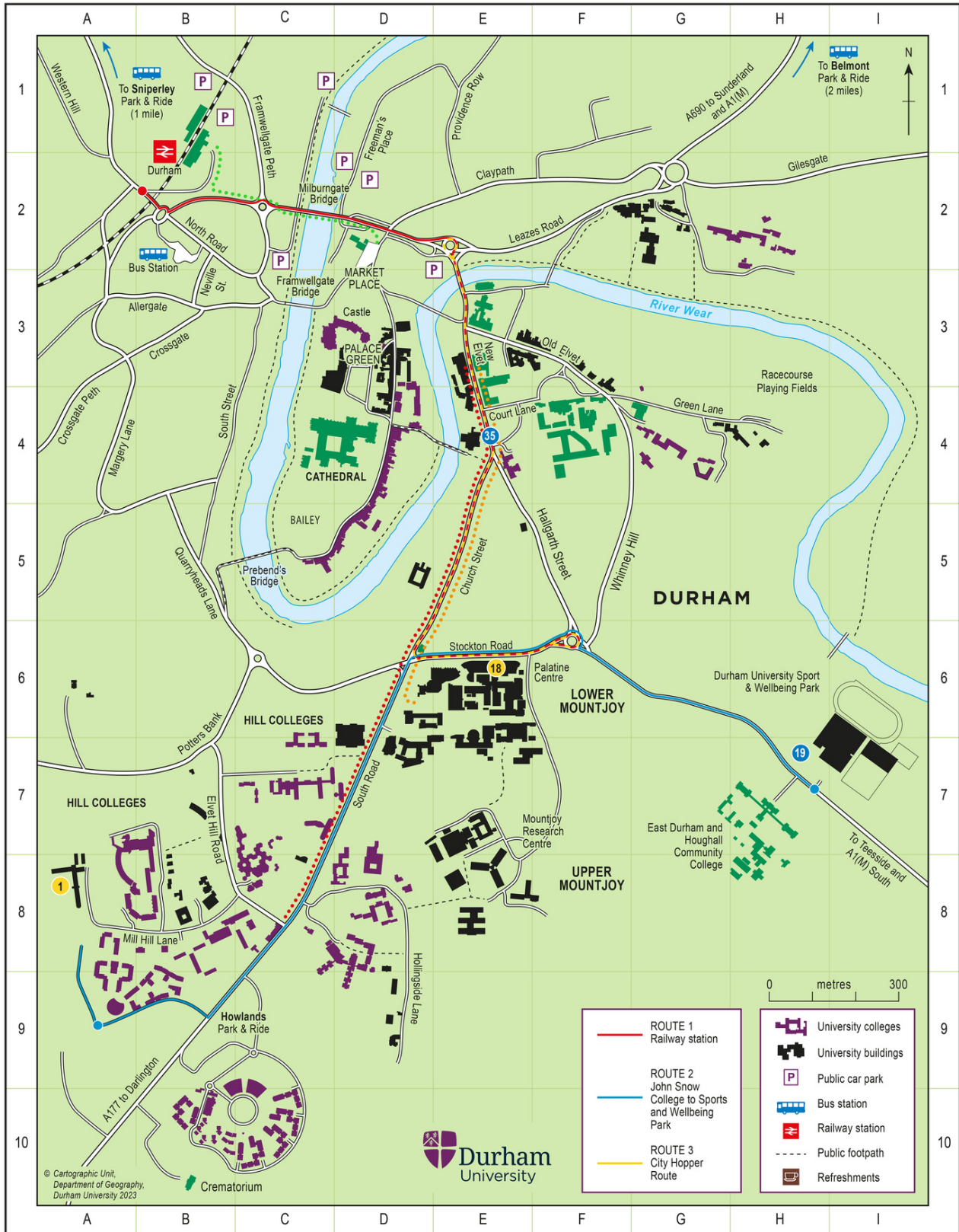
	Train Station	North Road	Dunelm House	Lower Mountjoy	Palace Green	Business School	Sports and Wellbeing Park
Train Station 		5	20	25	20	45	35
North Road bus stop 	5		15	20	15	40	30
Dunelm House 35	20	15		10	5	30	15
Lower Mountjoy 18	25	20	10		15	20	10
Palace Green 38	20	20	5	15		35	20
Business School 73	45	40	30	20	35		30
Sports and Wellbeing Park 19	25	30	15	10	20	30	

On the day travel map

Route 1: Train Station to Lower Mountjoy

Route 2: John Snow College to the Sports and Wellbeing Park

Route 3: City Hopper (Dunelm House to Palatine Centre)





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W: durham.ac.uk/study/ask-us

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