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“The collegiate system at Durham was significantly appealing to me, to have a strong, supportive peer network whilst studying away from home was very important. Consequently, the friendly, cohesive atmosphere that the colleges create was a significant benefit and one of the main factors that influenced my decision to study at Durham.”
Lydia Morris,
Stephenson College graduate,
Assistant Merchandiser, TJX Europe

“"The sheer sense of community at Durham really attracted me. The college system helped massively with making friends, especially during Freshers’ Week. College means you are part of something bigger but something small enough you don’t get lost in it. It’s easy to get involved due to the wide range of societies and clubs in and out of college, Durham not only focuses on the academic, but actively encourages extracurricular activities and highlights the importance of the lessons they can teach us.”

Esther Gillmor,
BA Biological Sciences,
College of St Hild and St Bede
#DUinspire

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Colleges at a glance

We are a proudly collegiate university and as a Durham student, you will become a member of a college. Your college will be the hub of your university life and is somewhere that is so much more than just the place where you will live. In each of our colleges, you will find a sense of community that is distinctive to Durham. These communities range in size from around 400 to over 1,000 students.

Your degree is not taught in college, but your college does provide an informal learning environment in which to develop beyond your academic course for the whole time you are studying at Durham. Our colleges are made up of both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Please note:

a) Figures are subject to annual change.

b) A higher proportion of single, en-suite bedrooms are reserved for returning third or fourth year students who wish to live in college. Please contact your preferred college for details.

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Ustinov College is for postgraduates only.

### Our Colleges

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Extraordinary Durham

At Durham you’ll be warmly welcomed into the supportive world of college life. You’ll discover a rich extracurricular culture of music, drama, sports and more; whatever your interests, there’s a society or club for you.

17 Colleges, one of which is dedicated to postgraduates

50 music societies in our colleges

Over 700 college sports teams across 18 different sports

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Over 6,000 undergraduate students living in our colleges
The college experience

One of our greatest assets is our collegiate system. You will become a member of a college, whether you live in or out of University accommodation. Our residential college communities will be the very core of your life at Durham, providing experiences, challenges and opportunities that make your time here about much more than just a degree.

More than just a place to stay

A college’s students are drawn from all subjects of study, making for an environment where you can engage and learn beyond your academic course for the whole time you are studying at Durham.

Moreover, the members of a college represent all stages of the academic journey, from newly arrived undergraduates to Emeritus Professors and graduates of all ages. In this sense, colleges are not only multidisciplinary, but also multigenerational, academic communities.

Welfare and pastoral support is accessed through a primary point of contact provided through each College’s Student Support Office.

Each of our 17 colleges provide a range of the facilities normally found at a university but, in our case, right on your doorstep. This means 17 times as many opportunities to develop your teamwork, leadership, problem-solving skills and initiative through participation in sports teams, societies, music-making, arts groups, associations, committees and so much more. No two colleges are identical – their architecture and settings are as distinctively individual as are their social histories and cultural traditions. Yet all colleges are alike – in different ways they offer a consistent experience of support, challenge and opportunity, participation, teamwork and leadership. Thanks to the bustling community spirit and sense of place in our colleges, students often form a strong and lifelong bond with their college.

Are colleges right for me?

We think so! Our colleges are small enough for you to experience university life on a smaller and more human scale that is both manageable and familiar – your home away from home. Our colleges are safe, supportive and inclusive, where everyone enjoys a sense of belonging, and builds lifelong friendships.

Every college provides:

- Accommodation within Durham
- Shared community facilities
- Either catering or self-catering, or a combination of both
- Sports, societies and associations
- Events and activities
- Student governance through Common Rooms
- Dedicated developmental and pastoral staff.

Participation and representation: the Common Rooms

The members of each college are organised in groups (‘Common Rooms’) that between them represent the different stages of University life. The majority of students study for an undergraduate degree and form the Junior Common Room. More senior stages are represented by postgraduates through the Middle Common Room; and academic staff, College Officers and College Mentors form the Senior Common Room.

Durham graduate qualities – a magnet for employers

In college, you will develop the distinctive graduate qualities for which Durham students are so well known:

- Intellectual curiosity
- Personal effectiveness
- A sense of belonging and responsibility.

Both the discipline of degree studies and your participation in the college community will help you to achieve these goals. Join us and take these vitally important qualities into life beyond formal education.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/experience

Values and virtues: respect, citizenship, leadership

College life brings you together with people from a wide range of backgrounds, heritages, beliefs and values. Living and working together, taking part in the many opportunities for creative and collaborative endeavour, requires – and rewards – tolerance, freedom of thought, and mutual respect.

Here, you can be the best version of yourself, in a safe environment where it is not your background that counts, but your actions and how they affect others.

Perhaps most importantly – given the many opportunities to take up roles of responsibility and leadership in college life – it can prepare you for leadership positions in tomorrow’s society.

The leaders whom we increasingly need will be tolerant, kindly, rigorous, steadfast and intellectually-liberal.
Student pledge

Durham University asks all its student members for their personal commitment to a set of values that underpin life and study here. The commitment is set out on the Student Pledge, shown below. This Pledge is not part of the University’s formal rules, but we see it as vital to supporting a climate of fairness, cooperation, and respectful behaviour within the University, its colleges, and the wider community.

My pledge to myself
I undertake to:
· hold myself to the highest possible standards;
· conduct myself with integrity and dignity, in all matters;
· demonstrate high standards of personal conduct in my interactions with the University and the wider Durham community.

My pledge to others
I undertake to:
· respect diversity and promote equal opportunity for all;
· treat other students, staff and members of the wider community with respect and tolerance, irrespective of their race, colour, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, nationality or disability;
· promote a culture in which incidents of sexual violence and misconduct are not tolerated;
· be a good and considerate neighbour while living in College or within the wider Durham community.

My pledge to my educational experience
I undertake to:
· engage with my academic studies to the very best of my abilities both as an independent learner and as part of the community of practice within my academic department(s);
· conduct myself with honesty and integrity in pursuit of my education, respecting the University’s rules on plagiarism, research misconduct, and the use of IT and Library facilities;
· respect freedom of expression.

In recent years, alumni support has completely transformed our College facilities—please visit us to see for yourself! But more importantly we seek to provide the right environment and opportunities for you to develop personally, intellectually and professionally, in ways that are most meaningful to you.

More than just a learning space, our student-run Lormor Library hosts activities such as study skills sessions, ‘Blind Date with a Book’, and peer-led exam prep brunches. Explore the major themes of popular films or TV shows at a ‘Big Ideas on Screen’ event, or attend language cafés hosted by our postgraduate students. Our donor-funded Undergraduate Research Internship Programme offers the chance to work in research teams at Durham University over the summer.

With 65 sports teams, 20 societies and committees, over 50 common room positions to run for, as well as paid jobs in the bar, coffee shop and library, there is something for everyone. Want to learn how to rig lights in our theatre, perform in a musical, or produce a short film? You can join the Tech team, The Woodplayers, or the Photography and Film society as an absolute beginner. Our gym hosts classes for all abilities, including yoga, circuit training, self-defence and weightlifting. Got an idea for something new? We’ll help you make it happen.

We offer a number of ways to engage meaningfully with the local community, and our ‘Changemakers’ internships allow you to spend the summer volunteering and conducting research into important social issues. ‘Collingwood Connect’ hosts a range of careers and personal development sessions, and thanks to the generous support of our alumni, Collingwood students can apply for a range of internships and opportunities funds; previously students have interned with alumni in Las Vegas, researched HIV in Zambia, shadowed a Lord Justice, and much more!
Our College is situated in a beautiful, landscaped setting close to the main Mountjoy Science Site, just a short walk from the City Centre. Grey is a fully catered College, with a range of fantastic facilities to support student life. A library, with a large dedicated study-space and book collection; a recently refurbished gym; Fountains Hall, containing music practise rooms, an arts studio and a chapel; a large, comfy Common Room; and an excellent bar, the Greyhound! Grey combines the best aspects of tradition with a modern student life, epitomised by our formal dinners.

Grey is a place where all can come and excel, both within their chosen subject and outside. Our Student Experience Officer helps to enable a wealth of opportunities for Grey students to make the most of their creativity. The Grey Opportunities programme offers a range of initiatives allowing students to develop their curiosity away from their subject. It includes careers events, often hosted by alumni and a series of lectures by world experts. Grey College Trust makes grants to students to undertake activities to enable them to unlock their broader potential and effectiveness.

Our Junior Common Room, of which almost all students are members, functions as an independent charity, running more than 40 sports teams and 20 societies. These allow student participation at all levels, providing countless leadership opportunities for our students in second and subsequent years. Grey is proud of our second-to-none sporting participation, which helps make the College a lively and energetic place throughout the year. Our summer mixed Rugby Sevens tournament, for example, has had over 1,000 Grey students playing in the last four years, raising over £5,000 for charity. Grey in the Community helps the young, elderly and disabled of County Durham; we are proud to have been the first University group in the UK to host tea parties with the national charity Contact the Elderly. We also have a diverse range of musical and artistic groups.

With #Greytopportunities across all areas of life, members of Grey easily find their niche for getting involved.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/grey.college

Become a more rounded and more mature person at Hatfield College! We regard learning and personal development outside your course as important. Each year, we hold talks, lectures, and seminars that are designed for non-specialists to stretch your brain in a way that you can understand. You will be able to learn from experts in fields that are not connected with your course and so broaden the range of your interests and knowledge.

There are many opportunities to get involved in our student-led and student-run undergraduate Common Room and in our Music Society, Chapel Choir, Lion Theatre Company, and a large variety of sports and societies.

We also volunteer in the local community. For example, we run a school mentoring project – our students go into local schools that do not have a strong record of university applications to help mentor and motivate pupils at all stages of their school life.

The College has a student-run development project called SHAPED – Supporting Hatfielders’ Academic Progress, Education, and Development. With this, there are opportunities to learn about how to adjust to University life, speed reading, applying for jobs, writing a CV, and so on.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/hatfield.college
John Snow College is on an exciting journey and we would like you to be part of it. From summer 2020, we will be permanently located in our brand new, purpose-built premises at Mount Oswald, Durham City. Our new facilities include a fitness suite, a dance studio, music practice rooms, an exercise/yoga studio, a faith room, an events hall, a launderette and a floodlit outdoor multi-use games area.

As a self-catered College, with formal dining events throughout the year, we have something for everyone. Whether your extracurricular interests are sporting, artistic or academic, we will enable you to fulfil your potential. As a modern, formal, gowned College with traditional values, we constantly look for new ways to provide the best opportunities to our students. Our Student Development Programme offers an extensive range of activities to respond to the intellectual and cultural appetite of our student community and our Student Development Fund financially assists students to volunteer or work on projects in this country or across the world.

Being a member of the Junior Common Room enables you to explore new interests and strengthen your current skills, so at Graduation, you leave Durham University with more than a degree, you are equipped with the essential graduate qualities that employers seek.

John Snow invites the ambitious and academically curious to shape our future.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/johnsnow.college

Butler is a vibrant, inclusive community, drawing students from the widest of backgrounds. We invite all students to get involved with our pioneering spirit.

We encourage everyone to take responsibility for the development of both the College and themselves, whether that is playing in a band, working backstage in a theatre production or editing the College website. We have a full range of sports clubs and the widest group of societies and committees. From ultimate frisbee and volunteering to the Butler Scholarly Journal and debating, there are around a hundred different ways to get involved, help organise or lead. We retain close ties with graduated students: a network of contacts for advice, support and opportunities, who help us to run careers events.

The College has an excellent range of facilities. We have new study rooms, a library, seminar and presentation rooms and access to the events/sports hall, gym and tennis court. The central hub of College life is JB’s, the largest College coffee shop and bar at Durham, playing host to open mic nights, plays, quiz nights and much more.

In addition to clubs and societies, our committees focus on making a difference in college, in the local community and beyond. International Committee encourages a sense of global citizenship for all; Projects Committee organises our volunteering schemes and Charity Committee raises money for partner charities.

We want everyone to #getinvolved and we provide active encouragement and opportunities to improve skills, work with others and take risks. To support clubs, societies and committees, we have our own unique leadership development programme. This ensures all our students can access the skills they need to organise and lead within the College and beyond.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/butler.college
South College will open at Mount Oswald for the 2020 academic year. The first new college at Durham for over ten years, it will have 500 student beds, will be self-catered, and will have a modern feel. South College will have a mixed community of students with both undergraduates and postgraduates.

Although it will be new, the College will have the attributes of other colleges. Its administrative and social activities, including the Junior Common Room (JCR), will have dedicated space within the College. As elsewhere, the JCR will be the driving force of the undergraduate community, organising social events, running College sports and societies, providing peer support and ensuring a strong student presence in the evolution of the College.

In addition, there will be a University Hub, shared with neighbouring John Snow College, providing space for formal dining and large-scale social events and including a gym for the use of both colleges. Construction at the Mount Oswald site began in August 2018, and is due for completion in the summer of 2020.

By joining South College, you will have the chance to shape a new community, starting traditions that other students will follow for years to come. If you like to lead, this is a great opportunity to be part of something new.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/south.college

Welcome to St Aidan’s, the ‘Rainbow College’. Join our community to engage with the world. From the creative arts to community engagement projects, peer mentoring and Pathways to Enterprise, our energy, enthusiasm and diversity encourages everyone to flourish.

A modern college, we are continually evolving as we explore new possibilities with our local and international partners. You can develop your talents or discover new ones, in a caring and supportive environment. Our creative writing course is unique, our intercultural and interfaith exchanges are thriving, and our college spaces can host anything from meditation groups to ‘Live Lounge’ and ‘Open mic’ evenings.

With the emphasis on participation, we have a great tradition of both informal and committed sporting activity, from mixed frisbee to women’s rugby and hosted classes in yoga, tango, salsa and classical Indian dance.

We are proud co-founders and hosts of Durham Pride and Durham City of Sanctuary and of two research centres with community impact at their heart and growing global relationships. Through celebrations like Chinese New Year and international film nights, through our Banipal Middle Eastern Writer in Residence Fellowship and hosting J5oc’s Shabbat celebrations, we work towards active citizenship to challenge a fractured world.

Situated at the top of Windmill Hill, if you take a moment of calm near our haunting sculpture by Fenwick Lawson, the view of Durham Cathedral and the dramatic landscape of the City will always inspire you. In the same way, our modernity embraces sensitivity and respect for the other living histories and struggles of this complex region where natural beauty and industrial resilience coexist.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/st-aidans.college
St Chad's is located near the heart of Durham, situated just metres away from Durham Cathedral and the UNESCO World Heritage Site, on the beautiful and historic North Bailey. We love our traditions but are thoroughly forward-thinking in our outlook. Though we are a small community with a real family atmosphere, we encourage all of our members to dare to dream big, to aim high, and to think globally – whether it’s in terms of their academic work, their extracurricular activities, their career aspirations and employability, or their plans to change our world for the better.

Our intellectually curious and highly motivated members participate in a wide range of College-based events and activities including our inter-Common Room discussion forum PERSPECTIVES, our regional internship programme Intern:NE, regular community volunteering opportunities around the North East, the governance of the Junior Common Room, our theatre company Green Door, our friendly and inclusive sports teams, our student-run College bar, our twice-weekly gowned ‘Formals’, and our lively arts and music programme.

The College is particularly committed to nurturing a diverse and international community of students and staff, co-sponsoring the Ruth First Scholarship, which brings a postgraduate from southern Africa to study at Durham University for a year. Our International Students Organising Committee arranges an exciting extracurricular programme of trips around the North East, study skills sessions, and social events throughout the year.

If you aspire to be part of a scholarly and social community that will challenge and support you in equal measure, encouraging and empowering you to make the most of every opportunity while at Durham University, then we would love to welcome you to St Chad’s.

For more information, see stchads.ac.uk

St Cuthbert’s Society is one of the largest and oldest student communities in Durham. Cuth's occupies two sites, with rooms on the historic Bailey and self-catered, modern flats across the River Wear at Parson’s Field. We provide a flexible range of accommodation and catering options for our diverse student body.

We have over 40 societies and sports teams, and new ones are created every year; recent additions include karaoke, swimming, and women’s rugby (undefeated last year). Our community engagement includes drama classes in a local school and our choir performing in Durham prison. Bursaries are available for personal development and to support the performing arts. Every year a writer, artist or musician is in residence for six months to work with students - this year an award-winning American investigative journalist.

Students and senior members of the College meet at many social and scholarly events, including the ‘Difficult Dialogues’ series (open discussion of topics such as racism and the politics of food), ale and wine tastings, informal talks by students and staff about their research, and regular formal dinners such as Halloween, Burns Night and ‘Dining in the Dark’. The students organise three major black-tie events a year. The student body, a registered charity, is energetic, enterprising and eclectic.

Our students say: "Cuth’s has provided opportunities I never considered a possibility and do things I never thought I would ever do!" Josefin Rosman, St Cuthbert’s Society, Philosophy and Psychology'.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/st-cuthberts.society
Stephenson College
Durham University

A warm, relaxed and friendly college

Stephenson, is a modern college with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. At Stephenson, we have students from all walks of life and from all over the world. We are a diverse community that celebrates and embraces all cultures. Students join a community in which every individual is valued, supported, and encouraged to be the best that they can be.

A self-catered college, students nevertheless dine together regularly, both informally and formally; with regular ‘Locomotion Dinners’ and larger and grander ‘Formals’. At ‘Locomotion Dinners’ guest speakers provoke curiosity, discussion and debate, whereas formal dinners and College balls are usually black tie and enjoy after dinner music and entertainment.

Students are empowered to pursue joint and individual interests, supported by College bursaries, facilities and resources. In 2018-19, for example, current students set up a self-organised Debating Society, and an Advocacy Society.

Stephenson students have a strong interest in civic responsibility and social justice issues and sustain close links with the local branch of Foundation, a project addressing homelessness. The College held its first art exhibition of works by Foundation service users and students in 2019.

The College mines students’ wealth of skills and experience for the benefit of the wider community, using its student-run ‘Match Up Hubs’. Matching the skills of our students with the particular needs of local organisations enables our students to offer support on a one-off or regular basis, whilst gaining and developing relevant experience and valuable transferable skills.

Stephenson is ambitious for its students, encouraging both academic and co-curricular success, paying attention to their development and employability as global leaders.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk /stephenson

Heritage, community, sport, theatre, sociability

Originally two Church of England teacher-training colleges, Hild Bede has enjoyed a long association with the University and the Durham community. The first three women to graduate from Durham in 1898 were all members of St Hild’s, and we have our own war memorial commemorating the sacrifice of the Bede Pals’ contingent in 1915. We are proud to build on this heritage and today’s Hild Bede is a rich, diverse and vibrant community, offering a great balance between academic endeavour, sporting and artistic achievement, and sociability.

We have a single student body representing undergraduates and postgraduates – the Student Representative Council (SRC). This is headed by a sabbatical officer and run by 12 individuals, each responsible for an area of College life (e.g. charities, the environment, clubs and societies, and welfare). The SRC organises social events and supports over 30 clubs and societies. We’re proud of our students’ sporting prowess. For example, Hild Bede Boat Club qualified for Henley five times in the last ten years, and our 1st XI men’s hockey team plays in the North East Hockey League. College sport allows people to join in whatever their ability, and we are delighted at our excellent participation levels.

We are equally proud of our achievements in music and the performing arts. Our Chapel Choir tours nationally and internationally; Hild Bede students have won awards at the National Student Drama Festival; Bede Film Soc offers a regular programme of newly-released feature films; and our annual musical has been named best Durham musical for over a decade. Hild Bede Theatre also runs a community outreach programme, working with young people at the Pelaw View Community Centre. This year, we have also been supporting the charity RT Projects; our students volunteer at St Hild’s School; support local foodbanks and are involved with the Citizens UK campaign around mental health.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk /hild-bede
St John's is situated in the heart of historic Durham, next to the Cathedral, with gardens extending down to the river. We are one of the smallest colleges, renowned for our lively and welcoming atmosphere.

St John's fosters intellectual curiosity beyond our students’ degree subjects. Our events are interdisciplinary and invite students to engage with different perspectives and ways of thinking. A flagship event is the high-profile annual ‘Borderlands’ lecture, featuring leading thinkers, scientists and public figures. The St John’s Leadership Programme offers skills development and mentoring in a relaxed format. The programme is aimed at students in a range of leadership roles - you may be on the St John's Common Room Exec, captain of a sports team, on the committee of a student society, or simply wish to gain leadership skills for the future.

‘John’s Eagles’ career network is made up of recruited friends and alumni of the College, who are happy to give advice to current students about their career and life experience, and help build their personal effectiveness. They can provide career advice and the necessary skills for students to more fully understand the sectors they have an interest in.

Students themselves organise a range of academic projects and events in College: from the St John’s Common Room Academic Journal, which lets students showcase academic work they are proud of, to a Café Scientifique and the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Another exciting College project is ‘John’s Chronicle’, our student-led online magazine which ‘brings together all things Johnian’ and includes everything from opinion pieces on world politics to reflections on life in St John's.

From our many sports teams to the Cheese Society, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved at St John’s.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/st-johns.college

Traditional yet forward thinking

St Mary’s is one of Durham’s oldest colleges and occupies beautiful buildings set in extensive grounds in an ideal central location.

Founded in 1899 as a pioneering all-women’s college before becoming fully mixed in 2005, we retain our founding ethos of a commitment to social justice, equality and opportunity for all. Our friendly and dynamic Common Rooms work with dedicated staff within the College to provide a platform for our students to participate in sport, art, music and drama, and lead on a wide range of activities and events.

Encouragement to get involved, try new things and develop skills you perhaps never knew you had, is a key aspect of life at Mary’s: be it organising our international food festival, being responsible for the Junior Common Room (JCR) budget or publicity, joining the Midsummer Ball decoration team, ensuring the tech works for JCR events, performing at a termly ‘Live Lounge’ or drama production, volunteering in the College library, working with the community outreach team, running a welfare campaign, or simply cheering as part of the Mary’s crowd at a hockey match – there really is something for everyone.

At Mary’s, supporting an individual’s personal and academic growth is key. Our first-year students are encouraged and helped by our enthusiastic second, third and fourth year students. College Mentors support our students to capture all that they do, reflect on all that they have achieved, identify strengths, weaknesses, and new opportunities. Alumni offer their support to current students through our Careers Alumni Network. As a community we collaborate to provide you with the opportunity to contribute, make a positive difference, and to make the most of yourself. It’s this positive experience that provides a sense of belonging and leads our students to retain a lifelong affiliation with St Mary’s.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/st-marys.college

Vibrant, versatile and valued
As a scholarly community, the College has a vested interest in its students’ academic and intellectual success. We have an outstanding Library and study spaces, a series of scholarly events in all disciplines ranging from Dissertation Evenings, Research Buffets led by our postgraduates, to public lectures from leading academics, some of whom are resident as part of our community.

With its relatively small number of students, there are boundless opportunities for personal development, leadership and participation within the huge range of societies and committees from being a member of one of the many sports teams to President of the student Common Room. In addition, we have a programme of development, wellbeing workshops and careers seminars, so that you can maximise your time and personal effectiveness, while at University. Our alumni also retain an active role in this respect, mentoring current students through the ConnHexions programme.

Trevelyan College, uniquely identified by its architecture, lends itself to hexagonal landings, quickly creating micro communities within the larger college community. Almost everything is housed under one roof, creating that important community identity and real sense of belonging. The Bar area, the hub of College, is used both for fun social events, as a relaxed study space in the daytime with a coffee bar, and for academic, personal development and wellbeing events in the evening.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/trevelyan.college

University College, better known simply as ‘Castle’, is an academic community that prides itself on its open spirit. Our official motto, ‘Non nobis solum’, or ‘Not for ourselves alone’, sums up our emphasis on working together and looking outwards.

We are hugely lucky to be based in and around Durham Castle, the oldest part of which dates from 1072. Some aspects of our College life are traditional – including our popular twice-weekly formal dinners – but we wear our traditions lightly and look firmly towards the future.

Castle provides a myriad of opportunities to get involved, and we are home to a range of sports teams and societies which excel at what they do. From theatre to rowing, mixed lacrosse to big band, there is something for you here! We also have a vibrant and growing outreach programme – Castle Community Action – that is student-run and which does great work in the local community.

Castle offers its students an intellectually challenging experience, with the Durham Castle Lecture Series bringing world-class speakers to College. We also offer a range of seminars, training sessions, and networking events to help students develop their employability skills.

We hope you will choose to join us.

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/university.college
Ustinov College is Durham University’s exclusively postgraduate college and we are proud to enhance the multi-disciplinary graduate student experience through opportunities for intellectual and personal development. Our college is a lively, international and welcoming scholarly community supporting academic excellence, and is a place for postgraduate students to call home. At Ustinov, we openly celebrate the strength that arises from diversity, interdisciplinarity and collegiality.

Our Global Citizenship Programme (GCP) provides lectures, seminars and discussion groups, with the Cafés Scientifique, Politique and des Arts attracting speakers from across the UK to present their research and wider experiences. There are also many opportunities for intercultural exchange via the Ustinov Intercultural Forum which hosts an annual International Dress Party and regular visits to cultural exhibits.

Volunteering and community engagement is very important to Ustinov; we offer a number of one-off and longer term opportunities for our students.

Ustinov’s student community - the Graduate Common Room or GCR – organises social and cultural activities for Ustinovians, including the annual Summer BBQ, live music sessions, and family focused activities, as well as representing students’ interests. The College and GCR also co-host a range of wellbeing activities for our students – examples include Tai Chi classes, a Stress-Less Dog Day and mindfulness sessions.

Ustinov looks forward to welcoming you - come join us!

Van Mildert is a fully catered college centred around a beautiful lake. All of our accommodation is single occupancy and is located just a short walk from the City Centre. Our spacious estate offers plenty of opportunities for lively and ambitious events, while also providing a peaceful place for study and relaxation. Onsite facilities include music practice rooms and a recording studio, a recently refurbished bar and shop, excellent study space availability in our two libraries and nearby computer suite, a student-run gym, and the largest dining hall in the University. Dedicated postgraduate-only study and social space is also available.

It is our ambition that every Mildertian contributes to College life in at least one area (across the arts, music, sport and outreach and volunteering) and takes time to reflect on their participation. The diverse range of over 65 sports teams, clubs, committees and societies at Mildert ensures that there are opportunities for all. Our distinctive Dimensions programme offers opportunities for personal development around three themes - ‘Find your Future’, ‘Engage and Inspire’, and ‘Wellbeing and Community’ – supported by the expertise of our global alumni community. This is complemented by our programme of lectures, seminars and debates which are open to all and contribute to our active research community. College life at Mildert means getting involved regardless of your experience or skill – our ‘give it a go’ approach means that enthusiasm is all you need to try something new!

Mildert has the strongest track-record of all the colleges in outreach and volunteering, and is one of the few colleges with a dedicated student Outreach Officer. Our 20 years’ of experience has resulted in a strong College ethos echoing our College motto, ‘Sic vos non vobis’ – ‘Not for yourselves’. Our six student-led projects work across County Durham and our students complete 6,500 hours of volunteering per year. Mildert's outreach programmes have been recognised with awards regionally, nationally and internationally including the UK and Ireland, and International Green Gown Awards.
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