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**PRE-ARRIVAL FRESHERS'
WEEK BOOKLET**



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MEET YOUR HEAD FREPS

Congratulations on getting into Butler! We are super excited for you to arrive. As your Head Freshers' Week Reps (Head Freps), we are in charge of putting on a fantastic week for you. First, let us introduce ourselves!



Hello, Butlerites! I'm Rupert, a 3rd year student studying Engineering, and one half of your Head Freps. I'm hugely involved around College so feel free to come up and ask me anything you want to know. If I can't answer it I am sure I will know someone who can.

Around College you will find me at Charity Committee, Green Committee, Arts Committee, Social Committee and Publicity Committee. I am also President of Butler's amazing Hockey teams. I love a good cheese and wine evening and the odd controversial conversation starter.

Hey, I'm Sally, I study Geography and I'm the better half of your Head Freps this year! If you have any questions about the week feel free to ask me anytime.

I love getting involved with College life and am currently treasurer of the Butler Tigers Cheerleading team, involved in BCBC rowing, enjoy doing yoga through the university society and also work behind the College Bar.

Butler offers everyone a chance to get involved in whatever they want and I've taken full advantage of that – you should too!



MEET YOUR CHILLED FREPS

This will probably be one of the most hectic weeks of your life. But don't panic – whether partying just isn't for you, or you simply want a rest or to try something different, our Chilled Freps have some great activities lined up for you!



Hi, I'm Vicky, and I'm one of your Chilled Freps! During Freshers' Week you'll find me running the chilled activities, so feel free to come and join in, and ask me any questions you have about Butler! After Freshers' Week, you'll see me around College at Social and Charity Comm, working at the Coffee Shop, and Vice-Chairing at JCR meetings. I love Butler because of how easy it is to make friends, whether in flats or blocks, or through sports and societies!

Hi, I'm Becky, one of your Chilled Freps. At College I'm involved in lots of music, and I play Women's Badminton. I do Psychology, and I also work at Butler Coffee Shop. I'll be manning the more relaxed activities in Freshers' Week, so if you want to ask me any questions, I'll be around! Butler is the friendliest and most welcoming community I've ever been fortunate enough to be a part of, so you've got a lot to look forward to!



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MEET YOUR INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Butler College is proud to take students from the biggest variety of different backgrounds. At uni, you not only make friends from all over the country but from all over the world, which is not only interesting, but means you can make some great holiday visits! A half week is run prior to Freshers' Week to help international students who arrive early settle in. This will be organised by your International Officer.



I'm Sabrina, a second year law student from Malaysia, and I'm your International Officer! I am involved in International Committee, Charities Committee, Dance Society, and I volunteer in the local community with Projects Committee. The best thing about Butler (apart from it being fully en-suite) is its inclusivity – with the number of clubs and societies offered, there are always opportunities to get involved with College life!



MEET YOUR EXEC



Siri Minsaas
JCR President



Matt Armitage
SCDO



Lexie Taylor
Vice-President



Vincent Lim
JCR Chair



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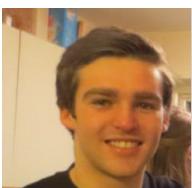
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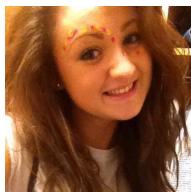
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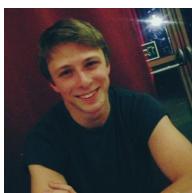
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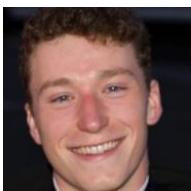
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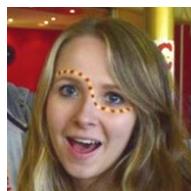
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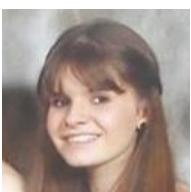
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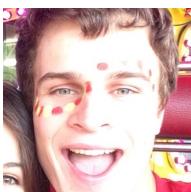
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MEET YOUR PROCTORS



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Alex Smith



Claire Hampson



Harriet Robson



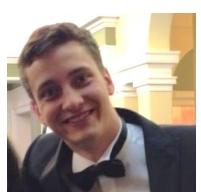
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MEET YOUR ASSISTANT WELFARE TEAM



Calum Masters



Matt Burns-
Watkins



Fiona Hathaway



DURHAM SLANG

The weird and wonderful vocabulary of Durham University and Butler College can baffle even fourth-year linguists... But fear not, you'll soon learn the lingo!

Al-Qasimi – Main Politics/IR building, which houses the admin, staff and tutor rooms.

Bailey – Where the older Colleges, such as Cuths and Castle, are located, near the river.

Butler Bullet – Each College has its own drinks, and this is one of ours. Drink at your own risk!

Buzzfeed – The reason you will never do any work. It is a website full of top ten lists and quizzes, basically the ideal place to procrastinate.

Cardiac Hill – The hill on the Science Site leading to several departments. The name refers to the danger faced when battling this obstacle. Let's just say it's a lot nicer on the way down.

CLC – Abbreviation of Calman Learning Centre, where many lectures on the Science Site are held.

Comm – Abbreviation of committee. We have lots of them at Butler!

Dilston – Where Josephine Butler spent her childhood, now the name of a Butler accommodation block.

DSU – The old name for the Durham Students' Union.

DUCK – Durham University Charities Kommittee. Yeah, with a K. Holds challenges, events, ragraids and life-changing expeditions. Visit <http://www.durhamduck.org.uk>

DUO – Durham University Online: e-mails, lecture notes.

DUS – Durham University Society, debating club with great guest speakers, not to be confused with the Durham Students' Union.

Easter Term – The third and final term of the year, dating from 20th April – 19th June.

Elliott – Storage container where Soc Comm keeps its decorations.

Ents – Short for post-formal/ball entertainment.

Epiphany Term – The name given to the second term of the year.

ER – No, not the emergency room, but Elvet Riverside, which is in town. It's by the Durham Students' Union, and many of you (including English students and linguists) will have lectures there

Formals – A sit-down three-course meal with wine and entertainment in College. A chance to wear your gown or wow with fancy dress!

Formative – Assignments that don't count towards your degree. First year is formative, you lucky things!

Freep– Freshers' Representative, the ones wearing the yellow t-shirts.

Fresher – First-year student.

Grace House – The charity our College supports.

Howlands – Shared building with Ustinov College, houses the Shop, Gym, Music Hall, Practice area and Launderette (no Albert Square drama in here, rest assured, parents).

Hill – Where the newer Colleges live, starting at the bottom with Mary's and Grey.

Induction Week – The official name given to Freshers' Week.

JCR – Abbreviation of Junior Common Room, which is made up of undergraduate students. Butler's JCR is led by the Exec, and puts on amazing events and opportunities for involvement throughout the year.

Kirknewton – Where Josephine Butler was buried, now the name of a Butler accommodation block.

M.C. – Maiden Castle, Durham's sports complex. Even if you don't play a sport, you'll probably have an exam here at some point.

MCR – Middle Common Room, home to Butler 4th years and postgraduates.

Matriculation – Opposite of graduation. The official, formal welcome to Durham and College (involves a ceremony in the beautiful Cathedral).

Mentor Night – A friendly face to chat with over a free weekly meal. All freshers get a mentor!

Michaelmas Term – The first term, immediately following Induction Week and dates from 6th October – 12th December.

Milfield – Where Josephine Butler was born, now the name of a Butler accommodation block.



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Mound – The big, grassy hill in the middle of Butler. It was going to have a statue of a flame on top of it, but apparently this offended the local crematorium. We Butlerites are very proud of it. Also the name of Butler's very own JCR magazine.

MUGA (pronounced MOO-GAH) – Abbreviation of Multi-Use Games Area for lots of sports.

Nightbus - A Student Union run bus service that will save you some dollar. It runs at night predictably and will take you almost anywhere for £1.

Palace Green – The nice patch of grass outside the Cathedral.

Palatine – The big new building on the Science Site. It houses student services and is attached to the Law School. Houses art by everyone from Andy Warhol to Picasso.

Palatinate – Durham's student-run newspaper that loves to expose internal political scandals at uni.

Pod – This is what we call the Butler en-suites.

Porters – Look after everyone and everything in College; it's worth getting on their good side.

PR2 – The bus to town from Butler every ten minutes from 7am to 7pm on Monday-Saturday. £1 for a day ticket from Butler with a Durham campus card, but £2 if you get it from town.

Proctor – Older students living in College who look out for you and sometimes pop into your flat.

Quaddies – Popular drink at Klute.

Rahs – Those who wear red chinos.

R.O.N. – Abbreviation of Re-Open Nominations, used in JCR elections.

SCDO – Student Community Development Officer (this year, the lovely Matt Armitage).

Science Site – Opposite Mary's College, where most of the science-based subjects have their departments.

SCR – The Senior Common Room, home to the staff at Butler College.

STAB – Society of Theatrical Arts at Butler.

Stash – Clothing with a College/Uni/Society logo. Wear with pride!

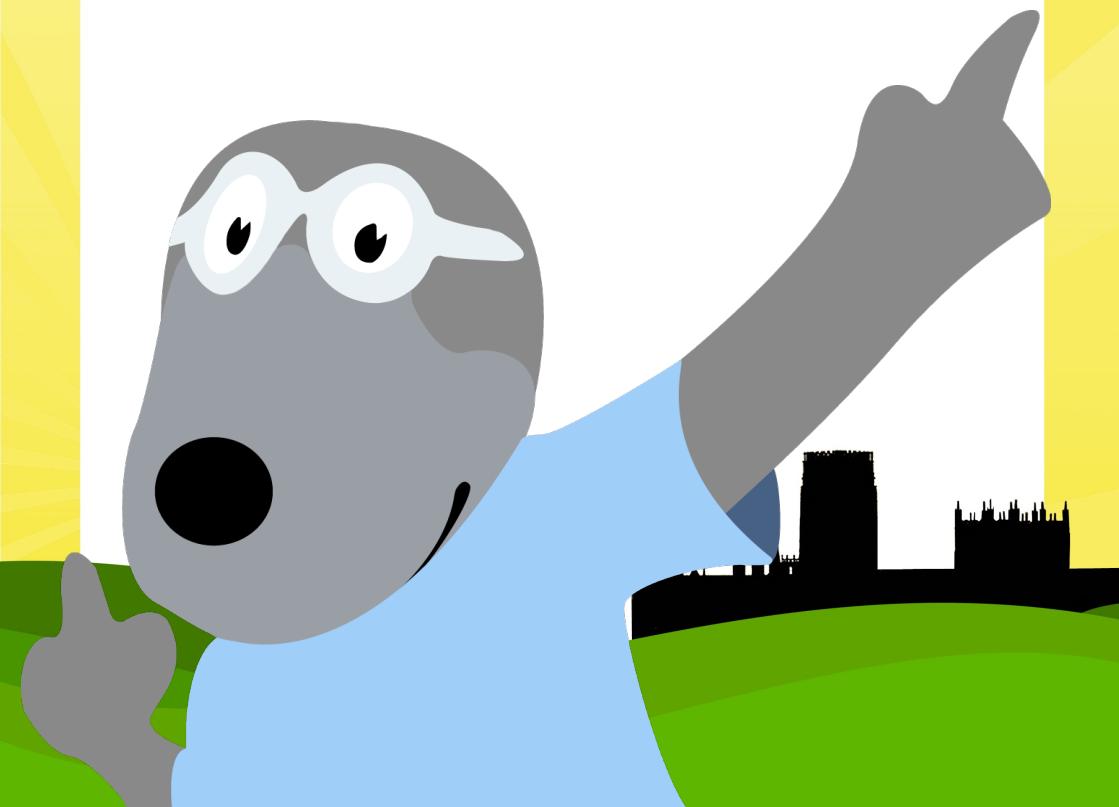
Suffragette – The other Butler College drink, concocted by the devilishly good-looking Butler Bar staff.

Summative – Assignments that count towards your degree.

The TAB – This a news website for Durham Uni, think Daily Mail sidebar of shame meets Buzzfeed.

X1 – The bus service that runs between Durham and Queen's Campus in Stockton.

24s – 24 North Bailey, a small bar between Cutts and Chads.



ADVICE FROM FREPS

WHAT I WISH I HAD KNOWN...



Emma suggests – Lots of food will be provided in Freshers' Week, so don't worry about filling your cupboards full!



Becky suggests – Not to worry about making friends, and to say hi to as many different people as possible in Freshers' Week. The best friends you make might have no committees or lectures in common with you. So reach out to people!



Rupert suggests – Everyone is in the same boat so don't worry about workload. You will find what works best for you and your subject soon enough.



Beth suggests – Even just two weeks after arriving I was involved in College in ways I could never have predicted, and having an incredible time.



Matt suggests – I wish I had known how easy it is to fit in and find friends with similar interests to you, because before I came to Butler I was really worried that maybe I wouldn't fit in or find people that I get along with.



Heather suggests – Get involved with as much as you can right from the first week. Try a bit of everything and find out what activities you enjoy in College before you start your academic work.

WHAT I WISH I HAD BROUGHT AND LEFT...



Siri suggests – Bring a stack of photos. Decorating your room can make it look more cosy. This helps ward off homesickness, and you can see your photo wall expand as you take more photos with your new friends at university!



Jenny suggests – Girls, leave behind your heels. Seriously, you will only ever wear them to formals and can probably get away with one pair for the term.



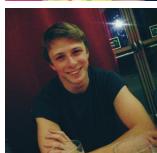
Alice suggests – Bring warm clothes as Durham weather can be variable and not always pleasant.



Vicky suggests – Bring a doorstop. It's a great way to break the ice and an open door is a less pressured way to meet flatmates for the first time.



Josh suggests – Bring a mattress topper and Febreeze (easier to keep things smelling fresh when you're living alone for the first time)!



Freddie suggests – Bring sports equipment even if you might not do that sport.



Lexie suggests – Walking boots/wellies; it does snow up in the north.



SOME FAQ'S

What is Freshers' Week for?

The main purpose of the week is to welcome you to Durham University and to Butler College, and our Freps will be working day and night to ensure that this is a reality. Freshers' Week marks a new start: a perfect opportunity to explore a new place, try lots of new things like sports and societies, and meet many new people along the way. Hopefully, and to the great sadness of your parents, you'll be starting to refer to Butler as 'home' by the end of the week! However, it's important to remember that there is much more to your first year than your first week. There is loads going on throughout the whole year (check out the wall planner in your kitchen), and in many cases people don't work out who their closest friends are until later!

Does everyone have the same experience?

No! However hard our Freps work, your experience of Freshers' Week is also up to you. Two words of advice: get involved! This week is unique in that each College organises a huge range of activities, so it's important to make the most of it! Throw yourself into everything that appeals to you, even if you've never tried it before. Butler recognises that there is more to Freshers' Week than just partying. Therefore, we've got some great day events lined up. For example, we'll be getting you to challenge the Freps at activities like 'quickest up and down the Mound' or 'stuffing a Bar pizza into your face as fast as you can', as well as an All American party on Thursday! There will also be chilled alternatives running alongside planned events each evening. These are a fun way of meeting new people. Just look out for your Chilled Freps, Becky and Vicky!

Do I have any serious commitments in Freshers' Week?

Yes, some. Academically, you will have to go to course inductions and module registration. Each department has different talks at different times, but we're here to help put you on the right track. You will also have to

attend your official enrolment to your College and university, called ‘matriculation’, which will happen at both Butler College and Durham University.

In terms of preparation, each department differs and some require you to start reading/buy books beforehand, whilst others do not. The department will contact you if you do have a reading list, or if you’re impatient, look on DUO when you get your login details.

Who will my flatmates be?

You will find out on arrival! There are six Butlerites per flat, with an en-suite each, and a shared kitchen. After completing the online questionnaire, College will try and place you with like-minded people. But don’t worry, this isn’t the be-all-and-end-all: you have neighbours on all sides, so don’t worry if you don’t necessarily share a flat with all of your best friends (you can always live with them in second year)!

What are the flats like, and what is already provided?

Butler has nearly 400 ensuite bedrooms, organised into flats of six with a shared kitchen. You will be sharing with other first-year undergraduates, although Butler is home to undergraduates and postgraduates of all ages.

Bedroom: computer network point and cable, television aerial socket (but remember: if you have a TV, you’ll need a TV license), desk with drawers, swivel chair, desk lamp, bed, wardrobe (you can bring a chest-of-drawers), and - one thing that sets our rooms apart from other colleges - your very own ‘pod’, or ensuite! Here are some measurements we’ve collected for you keen beans:

Bed to desk – 118cm

Bed to pod – 75cm

Shelves – 71cm wide

Wardrobe to door – about 200cm

You are not allowed, however, any appliances such as kettles or mini fridges in your room (unless for medical purposes).



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Kitchens: sink with communal cupboard space underneath, oven, microwave, toaster, kettle, individual top and bottom lockable cupboards for each member of the flat, a fridge and freezer with a shelf for each person, table and chairs (cooking for each other and eating together saves money, energy and is good fun), comfy chairs, recycling bins and a bin for other rubbish, iron, ironing board, vacuum, first-aid kit

Can I decorate my room?

Yes, please do! The only rule is that you cannot mark the walls, so use white-tac instead of blue-tac, pretty please. Each room also comes with a notice board which you can decorate to your heart's content. Decorating your room will help it feel more like home and is a great way to avoid homesickness.

How do I get internet access at Butler?

Each bedroom is provided with an internet point and cable, so you have internet for studying (or Facebook, or Skype...). The flats also have wireless, so you can now procrastinate on Buzzfeed while you cook. The Bar and social buildings also have wireless, which you can access with your university log-in.

Before your computer can access the internet, you will be asked to scan it to check it meets the minimum requirements of the uni (aka has an up-to-date anti virus). You can pre-emptively scan your computer here <https://www.dur.ac.uk/cis/esol/remotescan/>. Don't worry if it doesn't work: we have the occasional geeky Frep on hand and we can do walk downs to the uni IT people at CIS.

Where's the nearest supermarket?

There is a Tesco Metro in the centre of town which is handy, especially if you have lectures nearby. Sainsbury's have just opened a Sainsbury's Local along North Road. Tesco Extra is about a 10 minute car

journey from Butler, or a bus ride away. There is also a large Sainsbury's outside of Durham. Many students get Tesco/Asda/Sainsbury's/Waitrose deliveries which charges between £3-£5. If you share a delivery with your flat, this works out even cheaper! Durham Markets has lots of fresh food at a very good price, has a student discount, and delivers fresh fruit and veg and meal packs to Butler!

We will be providing food for breakfast and in the evenings during Freshers' Week, so there is no need to bring loads of food with you.

Can I get a part time job in Durham?

There are plenty of opportunities to get a job. The university offers some e.g. telephoning alumni, and there are jobs available in town at local bars, restaurants and cafes. Butler offers jobs in the Howlands Shop, Kitchen, Coffee Shop and Bar with flexible shifts. Bear in mind that the university advises you that you work no more than 10/15 hours a week.

What's the weather like?

Studying in the north of England is not usually going to be a tropical experience. The climate can vary from snow to beautiful sunshine, which usually comes in the exam period, but it's great in the 4 week relaxation period that follows exams. In early October the average temperature will be around 17°C, but remember: in Michaelmas term it will only get colder! Therefore, consider investing in a waterproof, a warm coat, gloves, scarf, blanket, thick duvet, wellies/boots with good grips for walking up and down Durham's hills, and maybe even thermals!

Should I bring a car?

First years are not allowed to have a car unless there are exceptional circumstances i.e. medical, a disability, and family reasons. This shouldn't be a problem though as most places are within a 30 minute walk away.

How long does it take to walk places?

The university has departments right across the city so walking time does differ. Here are the approximate timings for the main areas.



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Science Site: 10/15 minute walk

Elvet Riverside: 20/25 minute walk

Town Centre: 25 minute walk

Education Faculty: 30/40 minute walk

Ergh, what if I don't want to walk?!

There is a Park and Ride facility on our doorstep, which operates an all-day ticket (7am-7pm) for £1 with a student card. There are stops at the Science Site, Elvet Riverside and Town.

If you don't want to catch the bus, Butler has recently started a bike rental scheme. For just £30 you can hire one of our bikes for the whole year. This can provide useful in getting around the city (as long as you don't mind cycling up hills!) with bike lock-ups dotted around the city.

How much shall I bring?

There is no real answer to this. Some people have luggage restrictions, while some seem to bring their entire load of possessions! We'd advise against bringing too much, since it'll just make your room overcrowded. Prioritise: pick pens and paper for lectures over something like a microwaveable omelette maker (we don't even know what one of those would look like. On second thoughts, bring one to show us, stuff the pens). You can find a suggested checklist later on in this booklet.

'Freshers' flu': truth or myth?

Unfortunately, it's true that Freshers' flu is real and affects many of our newcomers each year! This week is possibly one of the most hectic you'll ever experience so it's normal to end up feeling a bit run-down. However, this is nothing to worry about. You can keep your doctor at home, but most students change to the University Health Centre. To do this, you must complete Medical Registration in college. If you are not registered with the University Health Centre you can still visit a walk-in centre.

At Butler there are also many people who can help you out when you're not feeling at your best: the welfare team, proctors, resident tutors, mentors and Freps. You may want to bring some headache or vitamin tablets or cold and flu medication like Beechams, which are also sold at the Howlands Shop, just in case! Don't worry – you will be looked after.

What clothes shall I bring?

Again, it's hard to say how many to bring, too many can be hard to fit into your room, but too few brings a new urgency to washing! The clothes you bring may depend on the term. After all, there's no point packing jumpers in the summer. Do bring:

Dresses/suit, tie, dinner jacket and bow-tie for Durham's regular formal events (in our College we have a formal every fortnight), get a gown (new or second-hand) on arrival. There is a formal in Freshers' Week, and you will also have to dress formally for matriculation.

Shoes: good grip -- yes. Heels – no (cobblestones). At least not for daily wear, though you may want some for formals and to make the shorter men amongst us feel emasculated.

Fancy dress – big in Durham, throughout the year. Look at the timetable on the back of this booklet to see what fancy dress you may need for Freshers' Week in particular.

Can I leave things over Christmas/Easter?

At Christmas, you should be able to leave your things in your room. For Easter, however, some of you will have to clear your room for those staying over for the Post Application Open Days in March. However, most beds should be fitted with bed boxes underneath which are lockable and fit a reasonable amount of stuff.

What's the nightlife like?

There are quite a few clubs in Durham to manage to cater to all tastes.



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Klute is world renowned (don't Google it) for its cheesy music playlists all week long, whereas Loveshack, generally visited by Butler students on a Wednesday, is more of the typical chart music. There are themed nights aplenty at Studio and Loft; Fishtank and Fabio's provide an alternative scene and live music on various nights too.

If you don't fancy Durham, Newcastle is only 12 minutes away on the train, with a typical taxi to the Toon costing anywhere between £25-40 one-way as well as a Nightbus service from Durham to Newcastle that costs around £5. College also run Newcastle Nights Out a few times a year if you fancy going on a scheduled trip. If clubs aren't your thing, along with all the pubs and bars in town, being a collegiate university means access to all College Bars; college bar crawls always prove to be a good (and cheap) night out!

When can I arrive?

Our international students arrive on Wednesday 24th September, while our home students arrive on Sunday 28th. You can arrive anytime from 10am to give yourself plenty of time to unpack, register and meet your flatmates. Our Freps will be on-hand to help move you into your room. Parents are invited to talks at 12 and 3 o'clock and there are evening events for you to enjoy. Later in this booklet is a rough plan for arrival day.

Can parents stay over?

While they're welcome to stay overnight (especially for those coming from abroad/Plymouth), College does not provide any accommodation for parents. There are plenty of hotels around Durham and the surrounding area, ranging in price. It would probably be best to book as soon as possible, simply because of the amount of Freshers starting at Durham this year.

When will I receive a reading list?

Each department differs, some require you to start

reading/buy books beforehand, others do not. The department will contact you if you do have a reading list or look on DUO (Durham University Online) when you get your login details.

What are formals?

Butler formals are roughly every fortnight on Mondays, and involve a reception in the Bar, a three course meal and entertainment in the Bar afterwards. As a College, we are relatively laid back with some traditions; our formals reflect this, with some being gowned, black tie and even fancy dress. If formals aren't for you, do not fear, as aside from the Freshers' Formal, you can attend as many or as few as you wish. They cost about £11, so it is great bang for your buck.

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WHAT TO BRING AND WHAT TO LEAVE

Toiletries and cleaning

What to bring:

- Shower gel
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Loo roll (first one is supplied)
- Towels
- Drying rack for drying clothes in your room

Advice:

You don't need every cleaning product you can get your hands on, because we have cleaners that come and clean the bedrooms and kitchens once a week. You may not even need clothes washing liquid since most of the machines at Butler are self-dispensing. Washing machines cost £2.50 and tumble dryers 50p. You pay for these using a fob you will be given when you arrive, so no need to save up awkward change.

Bedding

What to bring:

- Duvets
- Pillows
- Sheets
- Pillowcases
- Duvet covers
- Extra blanket or hot water bottle for the chilly weather in Durham
- Mattress topper for that extra softness

Advice:

Mattress protector (already on)

Food

Advice:

Butler is the only fully self-catered college, so you will need, erm, food, and maybe a recipe book!

A good plan is to ask your parents to take you to a supermarket to get some essentials for your cupboard after you have unpacked your car. Bear in mind that we will be cooking for your evening meals and supplying breakfast during Freshers' Week, so don't get anything too perishable.

For food, people use the Durham Indoor Market, Robinson's Greengrocers, Tesco, Sainsbury's and Iceland, or even M&S if you feel like treating yourself! Since we are situated at the top of the hill, many students at Butler choose to have online deliveries, which cost between £3-£5. We also have our very own Howlands Shop on-site that sells the essentials.

Butler's Coffee Shop and Kitchen sell good, reasonably priced food, which is great if you fancy a tasty treat or just a break from cooking.

Kitchen utensils

What to bring:

- Cutlery
- Crockery
- Frying pan
- Saucepans
- Baking trays
- Mugs
- Glasses
- Sharp knives
- Mixing bowl
- Wooden spoons
- Peeler
- Masher
- Scissors
- Bottle opener/corkscrew
- Chopping board
- Clingfilm
- Tin foil



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- Sieve/Colander
- Tea towels
- Oven gloves
- Washing up liquid and scrubbers

Advice:

You won't need an iron or ironing board, microwave, toaster or kettle. If you forget anything you can always purchase it later in town from places like M&S, Tesco, BHS and Wilkinson in the city centre. You may wish to mark your belongings or buy items in a certain colour to distinguish them, as you will be sharing a kitchen with five others.

Electronics

What to bring:

- Laptop
- USB Stick
- Alarm clock (phone could double as this)
- Chargers
- Printer
- Headphones

Advice: Don't feel you have to bring a laptop. College has its own IT room with computers and printers and has some laptops available to borrow in case of emergencies. The library also has computer facilities, though these get busy around deadlines. Desk lamps are provided so no need to bring one.

Decorations

Advice:

Decorations are a great way to make your room feel like home. Bring some pictures, posters, cushions, drawing pins for the noticeboard you'll find on your wall. The Durham Students' Union have a poster

fair during Freshers' Week where you can pick up some great decorations. You MUST use white-tac when sticking photos or posters to the wall!

Sports equipment

Advice:

University is a great chance to rekindle your love for an old hobby or try something new, so bring sports equipment for any sport you may want to play at university may it be a hockey stick or a badminton racket.

Bring passport photos along if you want to join the College gym (only £10 for a year's membership!) or any other university societies, as some ask for one.

The unique thing about Durham is we have College level sports and university level sport. This means you can be a complete novice or a certified expert, it doesn't really matter.

If you don't have the right equipment at first, don't worry, Butler has its own stock of equipment to help ease you in.

Musical instruments

Advice:

Butler has its own music room for practice, and there are lots of opportunities for being musical, from jazz band to using the College drum kit, just ask a porter for the keys. You can lock instruments in the music room too. Feel free to bring along instruments like guitar, just be considerate to your flatmates! Grand pianos may be a little too big to bring. Plus, thankfully, there's one in the music room!

Storage/Stationary

What to bring:

- Files/Folders
- Pens/Pencils
- Highlighters
- Post-it notes
- Tipex
- Paper



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TV

Advice: If you do bring a TV, you will need a TV licence. Perhaps you could put the TV in the kitchen and split the licence between six. To be honest, it's probably best leaving the TV at home. Time spent watching TV is not time spent socialising, and most of the time you'll be too busy to watch it. Anyway, there are always DVDs (which you can rent from the bar) and catch-up TV like BBC iPlayer, or movie services like LoveFilm and NetFlix.

General

A website that you may find super useful is <http://www.studential.com/checklist>. Obviously not all of these things will be relevant, though if you can fit that all in one car, I take my hat off to you!

FRESHERS' T-SHIRT

There is a Freshers' Week t-shirt that you can buy for £10. We will be giving them out when you all arrive. If you want to reserve a size, log on to the JCR website www.butlerjcr.com with your university username and password. Go to 'Signups' and choose the freshers' t-shirt signup. Choose the size you want and enter your name. Please bring the £10 with you on the day to pay. You can still pick one up if you don't reserve it, but we can't guarantee we will have your size.



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ARRIVAL DAY (28TH SEPT)

(10AM - 4PM): You can start arriving and moving in.

When you arrive you will be directed to park in College car park and then up into the Bar. In here your parents can get a coffee while you work your way through registration, pick up a gown and buy a freshers' t-shirt. We will then get you your keys. A Rep will explain how to get the car to the flat and will walk with you and show you your room. If they are a nice Rep they may even help you carry your stuff in (luckily they are all nice).

(12PM and 3PM): There will be talks in the Howlands building for parents (just ask a Rep and they will direct you).

You are now free to do what you like for a while – why not say hi to your flatmates? We would suggest a small food shop or a farewell meal in town.

(4:30PM): Come on up to the Bar, and Freshers' Week can begin!!



USEFUL INFORMATION

We strongly suggest you find the Freshers' Facebook group and join it at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/butlerfreshers2014/>

If you just can't get enough of hearing about Freshers' Week, you can:

Check the JCR website at www.butlerjcr.com for updates about Freshers' Week and further information on Butler life

Follow us on Twitter @butlerjcr for all the latest and sneak peaks behind the scenes of Freshers' Week.

Learn more about our College at <http://www.dur.ac.uk/butler.college/>

Email us with any questions: rupert.maspero@durham.ac.uk or s.e.f.crawford@durham.ac.uk

Don't forget to check your Durham email address as sometimes departments email you straight away.

Our motto: "Comme Je Trouve - We take life as we find it, and make of it what we can"

We sincerely hope that this booklet has got you guys excited about the week we are planning for you. We cannot wait, and by the sounds of it, neither can you!



INTERNATIONAL FRESHERS' WEEK TIMETABLE

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MORNING	Arrival Day! Welcome to Butler and the UK	(9AM-12PM) Passport, visa check and campus card collection	(10AM - 6PM) An all day trip to Newcastle. Visiting IKEA, the Metro Centre and the town centre	(10AM - 4PM) Trips to Tesco's stock up on all the essentials	Home students arrive. So many potential new friends!
AFTERNOON	Town tours, get familiar with Durham				
EVENING	(6PM) A Welcome Buffet Dinner	(7PM) Pizza Night in Butler Bar	(6:30PM) Dinner in Durham town	(6PM) Dinner in your flats cook for by Freshers' Week Freeps	Check out the Freshers' Week Timetable for more details...
NIGHT	(9PM) ISA Party!				Get some rest as Freshers' Week starts tomorrow

FRESHERS' WEEK TIMETABLE

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MORNING	(10AM) Arrival day for home students (9AM) Welcome talk in the Howlands	(8AM) Free breakfast in the bar every morning (9AM) Butler Town in the Howlands	Day Activities all day	Matriculation Day! Class of 2014 photo (9:30AM) Brunch	Day Activities all day	(10AM) Fairground activities and rides all day	
AFTERNOON	Settle into your new home including Beat the Butler and Town Talks	Day time activities including, Beat the Butler and Town Tours	Tasters sessions for sports, societies and committees	(11AM) University Matriculation in Durham Cathedral	Taster Sessions for sports, societies and committees	(12:00) Butler Fair, sign up for endless new sports, societies and committees	
EVENING	(4:30PM) Bush tucker trials (6PM) Frieps cook you dinner the other half	(7PM) Formal for half of you and dinner in your flat for sample the delights of Durham's Indoor Market	(5PM) Mentor night for some while the rest of you get to sample the delights of Durham's Indoor Market	(7PM) Formal for half of you and dinner in your flat for the other half	(5PM) Mentor night for some while the rest of you get to sample the delights of Durham's Indoor Market	(6PM) BBQ outside the bar (6PM) Frieps cook for you in your flat, 5★ service.	
NIGHT	(9PM) Red and Yellow Race Chilled alternatives in the Meeting Room and JCR Lounge all week	(9:30PM) Beach Party in the Bar Stroll and Chilled Stroll	(8:30PM) Butler Disco in the bar! Or A Chilled Night In	(9:30PM) UV Silent American Night in town (9:30PM) Butler Live	(8:30PM) Boys vs Girls competition (5PM) Come Dine With Me, cook for your flat free	(9PM) Noah's Ark Party in the Bar (7PM) JCR Meeting In the bar	

CHILL OUT

Pool

Darts

Wii

Films

Giant Games

Chilled Stroll

Sing Star

There are loads
of chilled activities
happening throughout
the week!



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AND THE FUN DOESN'T STOP THERE

And the fun doesn't stop after Freshers' Week! We have loads of fun activities planned all though out the coming term, here are just a few:

Monday 6th October	Parent Night
Friday 10th October	Open Mic Night
Saturday 11th October	Returners' Social
Saturday 18th October	Dare Night
Thursday 16th October	Newcastle Night Out
Saturday 25th October	Butler Olympics
Monday 27th October	Halloween Formal
Saturday 1st November	York Varsity Trip
Saturday 8th November	Winter Warmer
Saturday 15th November	Butler Live
Saturday 22nd November	Sports Social
Tuesday 25th November	Michaelmas Concert
Friday 28th November	Karaoke Night
Saturday 29th November	Edinburgh Market Trip
Tuesday 2nd December	Carol Concert
Wednesday 3rd December	Societies Social
Tuesday 7th December	STAB Christmas Play
Friday 12th December	Winter Ball



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