



DURHAM UNIVERSITY POST-OFFER VISIT DAYS 2016



 **Durham City:** Monday 21 - Tuesday 22 March
OR
Tuesday 22 - Wednesday 23 March

 **Queen's Campus:** Tuesday 22 March
OR
Wednesday 23 March

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A WARM WELCOME TO DURHAM UNIVERSITY

Congratulations on securing an offer from Durham University.

You may now be facing a difficult decision about which offer to accept as your firm choice. I hope it will be your offer from Durham University, and that you can visit us if you are able, to help make that decision.

Our Post-offer Visit Days offer a range of interactive activities to provide a memorable flavour of academic and social student life. We want you to have an experience of life as a Durham University student and to get to know the University in all its diversity.

Your college will extend a warm welcome and offer a range of opportunities to explore the social and support sides of student life. Academic departments will run a programme of engaging activities designed to deepen your understanding of your course. The majority of college activities will be led by our current students, who are also involved in departmental activities and can answer questions on their personal experience of life at the University. Alongside college and departmental activities, Post-offer Visit Days will also provide opportunities for you to visit professional support services and facilities such as the Sports Centre, Students' Union and Library. If there is a particular service you would like to visit, which is not listed in this guide, please contact the Student Recruitment and Admissions Office.

If you have any general queries please contact the Student Recruitment and Admissions Office:

T 0191 334 9191 or

E student.recruitment@durham.ac.uk

On behalf of the University, all the staff in departments and colleges, the Students' Union and professional support services, may I wish you a very successful and enjoyable visit to Durham University.



PROFESSOR THOMAS WARD
PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR (EDUCATION)

Thomas Ward

WHAT ARE POST-OFFER VISIT DAYS?

Visit, Take Part, Enjoy, Relax, Socialise, Gather Information and Much More!



STEPS TO MAKING YOUR BOOKING

On offer are:

- Residential Places (overnight in a college*)
- Day Places
- Day Places with evening meal

Payment is required at the time of booking for accommodation and evening meals.

Please check the provision offered by your college as this does vary according to dates, colleges and campus sites.

* Durham City Colleges only.

Places Fully Booked? Go to www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/postoffer

Add your details and we'll be in touch when places or sessions spaces become available.



Visit www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit

1

Read the online Post-offer Visit Day Guide.

Tip: Details for Durham City - pages 6-54. Details for Queen's Campus - pages 55-67.

2

Use your UCAS ID and University Personal Identification Number (PIN) to log on.

TIP: Your PIN will be within your college allocation email.

TIP: Your PIN may be referred to as your 'Banner ID'.

3

You will automatically be offered sessions from the department(s) you are holding an offer from. Select those you wish to attend. Combined Honours/ Liberal Arts/ Natural Sciences offer holders: please book to attend the introductory session, then make a note of the times of relevant subject sessions as advertised in the Post-offer Visit Day Guide.

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You will be offered a choice of general sessions (for example a Sports Centre presentation and tour). Select those you wish to attend.

5

You will be offered the chance to book a place at your allocated college. Choose from attending as a residential visitor, a day visitor, or day visitor with evening meal in college.

TIP: The day visitor with evening meal option is a great choice if you are staying with family/friends in Durham.

TIP: Check the type of places offered by your college - as they do vary.

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Proceed to payment for any residential/catering costs (residential cost is £42.50, day places with evening meal cost is £10.25 (£6.25 at Josephine Butler)).

TIP: Make payment immediately to secure your booking.

TIP: If your allocated college has no places available at the time of your booking, put your details on the waiting list (www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/postoffer) and we'll be in touch if places become available.

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You will receive a confirmation email detailing the sessions you have booked with a personalised copy of the Post-offer Visit Day Guide. Please print out this email and bring it with you to the Visit Day.

TIP: Use the same email address that you have used for the UCAS Apply process.

If you do not receive a confirmation email within 24 hours, which includes details of your college and departmental sessions, please contact Event Durham on conferenceadministration.service@durham.ac.uk

As the Durham University collegiate experience is integral to the overall Durham student experience, we invite those applicants who are holding an academic offer and holding their college allocation. This ensures applicants can make their decision in full knowledge of their potential student experience.

Not yet received your offer or college allocation?

Don't worry, applications are still being processed. If you miss the Post-offer Visit Day, you can visit us on a campus tour. Go to www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/campus.tours to book your place.

POST-OFFER VISIT DAYS AT DURHAM CITY

Monday 21 - Tuesday 22 March (Event 1)

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Typical Visit Day Timetable

Monday 2.00pm onwards	Event 1 Colleges welcome residential visitors (see individual college pages for exact details).
7.00pm onwards	Dinner and social activities in Colleges*.
Tuesday 8.00am onwards	Breakfast in Colleges*.
9.00am onwards	Academic Departmental Sessions (see individual Academic Programme pages for exact details of start times, rooms and activities). Also on offer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Tours • Drop in to Student Support Services • Drop in to Students' Union, Library and Sport Facilities • Sessions for Parents.
Tuesday 2.00pm onwards	Event 2 Colleges welcome residential visitors (see individual college pages for exact details). Drop in to Student Support Services, Sport Centre and other facilities.
7.00pm onwards	Dinner and social activities in Colleges*.
Wed 8.00am onwards	Breakfast in Colleges*.
9.00am onwards	Academic Departmental Sessions (see individual Academic Programme pages for exact details of start times, rooms and activities). Also on offer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Tours • Drop in to Student Support Services • Drop in to Students' Union, Library and Sport Facilities • Sessions for Parents.

*For those staying overnight/booked to attend.

Helpdesk

Visit our Helpdesk in the Palatine Centre to collect information and campus tour maps. Staffed by the Student Recruitment team and Durham Student Ambassadors, 9.00am-5.00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Palatine Centre Foyer, Lower Mountjoy, Stockton Road, DH1 3LE; Map ref 60.



Bill Bryson Library

Drop in to see the facilities in the Bill Bryson Library. These include:

- print resources for your subject and information about electronic resources
- individual and group study facilities throughout the library
- the most popular IT facilities in the University, including PC rooms, laptops to borrow for use in the library and printing facilities
- help and information point for Library support and the CIS service desk for IT support.

Staff and current students are available to chat throughout the Visit Days.

Bill Bryson Library, Mountjoy Site, Stockton Road, Durham, DH1 3LY; Map ref 13.



Durham Students' Union

Drop in to Dunelm House between 9.00am-5.00pm, home of Durham Students' Union, to find out more about the extracurricular activities on offer from over 200 societies. Pop into the fabulous Riverside Café, enjoy a coffee overlooking the river and find out more about the student support services offered by the Union.

Want to find out even more? Book to attend the *Life as a Durham University Student* talk hosted by the Students' Union President, Millie Tanner.

- 9.30am – 10.30am
- 11.00am – 12.00pm
- 1.00pm – 2.00pm
- 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Dunelm House, New Elvet, DH1 3AN; Map ref 26.



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Experience Durham: Sport

Did you know? More than 75% of our students take part in sport on a regular basis. Durham's philosophy is to provide opportunities in sport to enable exceptional people to do exceptional things.

The Graham Sports Centre at Maiden Castle will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Drop in and explore the grounds and main building facilities at your own convenience. No booking necessary.

Want to see more and speak to staff and students? Book online for a presentation and guided tour (Tuesday 22 March and Wednesday 23 March only).

- 10.00am – 10.50am • 11.00am – 11.50am • 12.00pm – 12.50pm
- 1.30pm – 2.20pm • 2.30pm – 3.20pm • 3.30pm – 4.20pm

Co-ordinator: Albert Potts, 0191 334 4728.

Maiden Castle Sports Centre, DH1 3SE
Blue badge parking only on site; Map ref 32.



Durham Student Theatre (DST)

Durham is proud to be home to one of the strongest student theatre scenes in the UK. With 27 different theatre companies putting on around 70 productions every year, there's truly something for everyone. In recent years, we've performed everything from Shakespeare to Sondheim and around 600 students annually take part in theatre in some form.

Our student theatre is completely student-led, meaning that you can get involved not only with performing, but with directing, producing, lighting design, costuming, running the box office or any other aspect of theatre. We aim to support students who love performing arts to be able to take full advantage of all the opportunities university offers, whether it's reviewing shows for the student newspaper, taking a play to the Edinburgh Fringe or trying out their talents at stand-up comedy. There are also opportunities for those who want to write to see their work performed in our annual Durham Drama Festival.

The Assembly Rooms Theatre will be open from 9.00am-5.00pm on Tuesday 22nd March and Wednesday 23rd March. We'll be doing informal tours throughout the day and lots of current students will be around who will be very happy to talk to you about anything and everything drama related.

Location: Assembly Rooms Theatre (on the Bailey, directly opposite the entrance to Hatfield College).

Map ref 46.



Music in Durham

Music in Durham is thriving and music can be found everywhere – from the Music Department to University-level ensembles and music in colleges, we have around 100 groups to be part of. 95% of our ensembles are student-run, allowing a large number of undergraduates and postgraduates to get involved in a leadership position within these societies. These cover a wide breadth of ability standards, with both competitively auditioned and open groups across the list of ensembles. There are 26 university-level ensembles, comprising of large orchestras and choirs, to smaller groups, in addition to world music societies such as Gamelan, African singing and drumming and Korean drumming. There is also a contemporary music ensemble allowing opportunities for performance in many varied areas. Durham's strong choral tradition is exemplified by 8 chapel choirs who together lead approximately 150 services per year. 6 of these groups allow students to learn the skills of music directorship and conducting, with the additional 2 being run by professional directors who can impart cathedra-level training. Moreover, our university's collegiate system gives musicians further possibilities for performance. From orchestras to big bands, choirs to flute choirs, jazz bands to rock bands, there is something to cater for everyone's taste. All of this is in addition to any ensembles that you may want to start yourself.

The Assembly Rooms Theatre will be open from 9.00am-5.00pm on Tuesday 22nd March and Wednesday 23rd March, where you can find more information about Experience Durham: Music. Map ref 46.



Experience Durham: Drama, Music and Volunteering

Many hundreds of our current students take part in extra-curricular activity either as part of their college community, via the Students' Union or through Experience Durham.

To find out more about Music, Drama and Volunteering opportunities offered by Experience Durham drop in to the Assembly Rooms between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Tuesday or Wednesday.

You can also book a session in Drama and/or Music on the booking system:

Venue: The Assembly Rooms; Map ref 46.

Times:

10.30am – 11.30am	Drama	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Music
11.30am – 12.30pm	Music	2.30pm – 3.30pm	Drama
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Drama	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Music

If you are unable to drop in or participate in a session feel free to contact our dedicated staff members to find out more.

Music: joseph.schultz@durham.ac.uk

Drama: ellis-anne.dunmall@durham.ac.uk

Volunteering: rebecca.byrne@durham.ac.uk



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Care Leavers

Durham University is proud to hold the Buttle UK Quality Mark in recognition of our support and commitment to Care Leavers. We offer a wide range of information, support and guidance for students and if you would like to book a confidential chat with the Durham University Care Leaver Coordinator at your Post-offer Visit Day, please go to: www.durham.ac.uk/care.leavers for further details.



Sessions for Parents

Although Visit Days are aimed at applicants, we recognise the important role that parents play in the decision making process. Should your parents be in attendance, they may wish to attend one of the following sessions on either Tuesday 22nd March or Wednesday 23rd March.

Parents are not required to book to attend. College accommodation is not available for parents.



Campus Tour led by current students

Depart from outside the Palatine Centre Foyer

Map ref 60.

10.30am – 12.00pm

or

1.30pm – 3.00pm

Professional Student Support Services

Pop in to the Palatine Centre, home to many of our student service departments, to have a look around or to speak to a member of staff.

- Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre
- Counselling
- Disability Support
- International Office
- Student Immigration and Financial Support Office.

9am-5pm on Tuesday 22nd March and Wednesday 23rd March. Palatine Centre, Lower Mountjoy, Stockton Road, DH1 3LE. Map ref 60.



Finance Presentation

Arnold Wolfendale
Lecture Theatre

Calman Learning Centre

Map ref 43.

10.00pm – 11.00am

An Introduction to Durham's Colleges presentation

Arnold Wolfendale
Lecture Theatre

Calman Learning Centre

Map ref 43.

11.00am – 12.00pm

Careers, Employability and Enterprise Presentation

Arnold Wolfendale
Lecture Theatre

Calman Learning Centre

Map ref 43.

12.00 – 12.30pm

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Durham City Attractions

Do make time to visit Durham City before your journey home as there are a number of not to be missed attractions, including the Cathedral, the Castle and the Gala Theatre as well as cafés, boutiques, shops and restaurants.



Arrival and Parking

As Visit Days are taking place during the working week visitor parking is unfortunately not available in any of the main University car parks. For details of parking available at your allocated college, contact the college directly (contact details on individual college pages, p10-22).



Arrangements within Colleges

For queries about parking, arrival or evening meal times please contact your allocated college directly. For college contact details see pages 10-22.



Cancellations

To cancel your place contact Event Durham on: conferenceadministration.service@durham.ac.uk or call 0191 334 3904. Please ensure you have your booking reference number to hand. Refunds will be automatically processed should you have made any payment. Please allow 7 days for refunds to be processed.

We are unable to provide a refund for cancellations made less than 7 days in advance of delivery dates.



Catering

We have a number of catering outlets on-site - whether you choose to warm up inside, or purchase food to go.

- Palatine Centre Restaurant (Map ref 60)
- Calman Café (Map ref 43)
- Library Café (Map ref 13)

Alternatively, visit the Riverside Café in Durham Students' Union, Dunelm House, New Elvet, DH1 3AN; Map Ref 26.



General Queries

Contact Student Recruitment:
T: 0191 334 9191 or
E: student.recruitment@durham.ac.uk

TIP: If college accommodation is full, you can find details of local accommodation at www.thisisdurham.com or by telephoning 0300 026 2626.



Please Note: The Student Recruitment and Admissions Office take a lead in the organising of Post-offer Visit Days. Individual colleges and departments are responsible for the welfare and health and safety of participants during delivered activities. This responsibility will comply with legal requirements and duty of care obligations. University college staff will not be acting in loco parentis for any applicant staying residentially as part of these Visit Days.

DURHAM CITY

ST AIDAN'S COLLEGE

Windmill Hill, Durham DH1 3LJ, Map ref 2



> MOLLY

"I had a really great time, all the reps were brilliant and I felt so welcomed by everyone I met."

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Day Visitors:

If your visit to us doesn't include an overnight stay or dinner within our College you can meet with staff and current College students, view bedrooms and see all the facilities by taking part in a College Tour. Tours will be running throughout the day on both Tuesday 22nd March and Wednesday 23rd March on a flexible basis, leaving from the College Reception area.

Residential Visitors:

Monday 21st March or Tuesday 22nd March

Your overnight stay within college will start the **day prior** to your academic session attendance.

2.00pm-
6.00pm

Arrival

Applicants arrive at College. Student representatives will be at the train station to greet and direct applicants arriving by train. Train station shuttle bus to the College. Refreshments served on arrival. College Tours with current students.

4.30pm

College students and staff available to answer any questions.

6.30pm-
7.30pm

Evening Meal

Residential visitors and those with a day+dinner booking will experience college dinner in the Dining Hall. This provides more opportunities to meet fellow offer holders, staff and current students.

From
7.30pm

Social Activities

Experience an evening at St Aidan's, including a variety of social events such as a quiz in the Junior Common Room (JCR).

8.00am-
9.00am

Breakfast

Cooked and continental options within the Dining Hall.

9.00am
onwards

Depart for academic department sessions. Applicants accompanied by students to department sessions.

See department pages for exact session times and venues.

Combined Honours/Liberal Arts/Natural Sciences offer holders please attend the introductory session, then attend the relevant subject sessions as advertised in the Post-offer Visit Day Guide.

Between
11.00am &
1.30pm

College staff and students available to answer questions from parents/offer College tours.

Additional Information

Dress code: smart.

College contact

Map Ref 



Ms Emma Wilson



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0191 334 5832



www.durham.ac.uk/st-aidans.college

COMPUTER SCIENCE

School of Engineering and Computing Sciences
Lower Mountjoy, Durham DH1 3LE



www.durham.ac.uk/ecs

Programme Titles:

Computer Science BSc

Computer Science MEng

Software Development for
Business BSc

Natural Sciences BSc/MSci



JASMINE

"The computer science
taster activity was very useful
for me as I had never done
computer science before and
it helped me to see whether I
would enjoy studying [it]."

POST-OFFER VISITOR 2015

Visit Day Outline

9.30am	Welcome and talk on the structure and content of the programmes offered in Computer Science. Location: E102, Christopherson Building; Map Ref 14.
10.00am	Theoretical Computer Science sample lecture. Location: E102, Christopherson Building.
10.30am	Refreshments and informal Q&A session with staff and students. Location: School Atrium, Higginson Building.
10.50am	Programming activity – hands on session Location: E216, Christopherson Building.
12.15pm	Student demonstrations e.g. final year projects.



Departmental contacts



Dr Sarah Drummond



Mrs Jean Coverdale



0191 334 1713

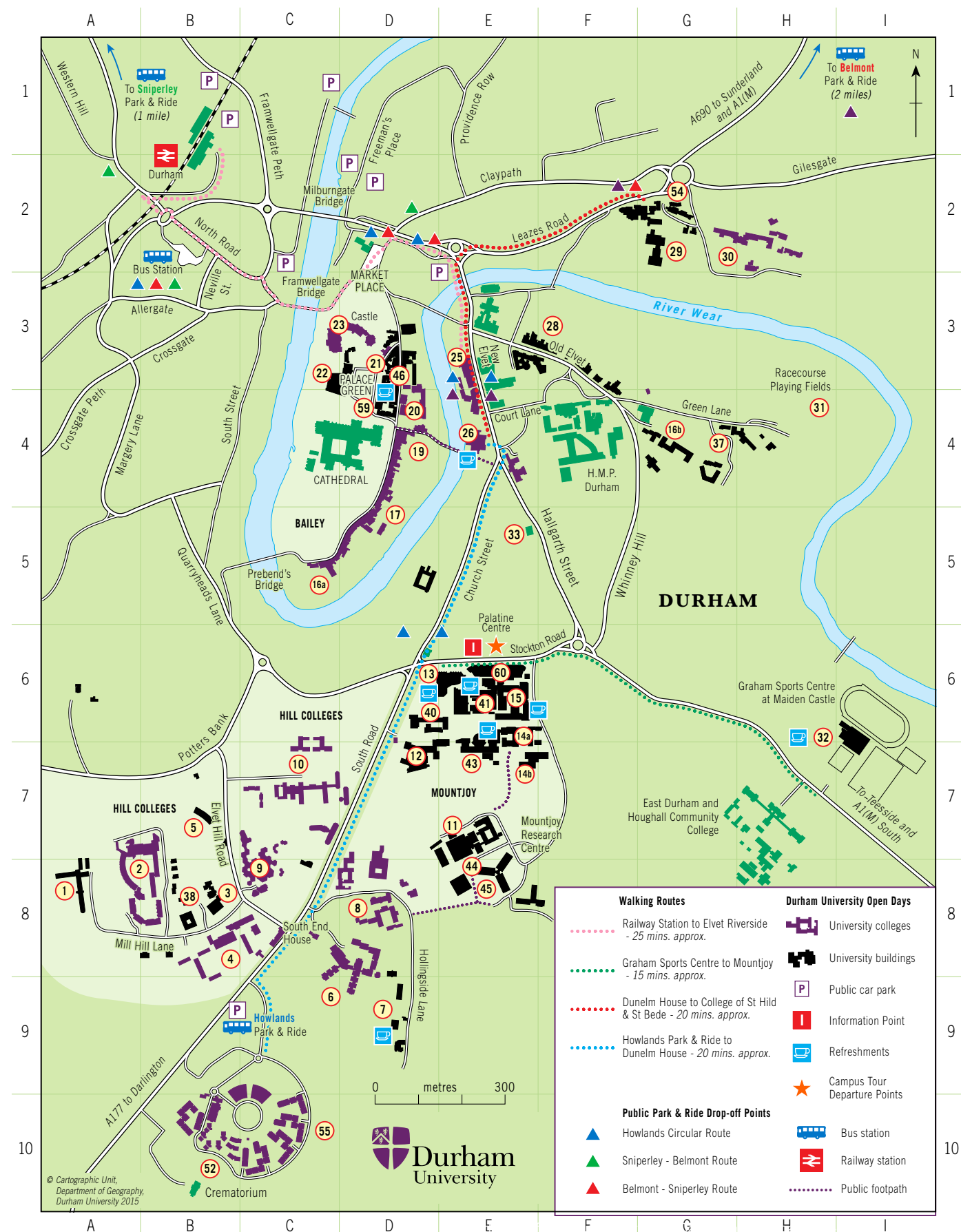


0191 334 1700



ecs-admissions@durham.ac.uk

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DEPARTMENT	SESSION LOCATION(S)	SESSION ROOM(S)	MAP REF	GRID REF
Anthropology	Dawson Building	D110, D104	41	E6
Archaeology	Dawson Building	Birley Room D210	41	E6
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	Biological and Biomedical Sciences Building	The Atrium	45	E8
	Psychology Building	L50	44	
Chemistry	Chemistry Building	CG85, CG141, CG60	15	E6
Classics and Ancient History	Elvet Riverside 1 Classics Department	ER152	25	E3
		38 North Bailey	46	D3
Combined Honours	Chemistry Building	CG83	15	E6
Computer Science	Christopherson Building Higginson Building	E102, E216 School Atrium	14a 14b	E7
Criminology	Elvet Riverside 1	ER157	25	E3
Earth Sciences	Arthur Holmes Building	ES228, ES229	43	E7
Economics and PPE	Durham University Business School	403, Fusion Restaurant, Seminar Rooms, 452	1	A8
Education Studies	School of Education	ED134	29	G2
Engineering	Christopherson Building	E005	14a	E7
English Studies	Elvet Riverside 2 Durham Students Union Hallgarth House	ER201	25	E3
		Riverside Café	26	E4
		Staff Offices	33	E5
Foundation Programme	Pelaw House	Room 206	54	G2
Geography	Geography Department	Appleby Lecture Theatre W103	40	D6
History	Geography Department 43 North Bailey	W309	40	D6
		Seminar Rooms	49	D3/4
Law	Law School within the Palatine Centre	Hogan Lovells lecture theatre	60	E6
Liberal Arts	Elvet Riverside 1	ER141	25	E3
Mathematical Sciences	Chemistry Building Computing and Maths Building	CG93 CM332, CM101	15	E6
Modern Languages and Cultures	Elvet Riverside 1	ER140, ER144-149, ER153-154	25	E3
Music	Music Department	Concert Hall	22	D4
Natural Sciences	Calman Learning Centre Chemistry Building	Rosemary Cramp Lecture Theatre	43	E6/E7
		CG309	15	E6
Philosophy	48-49 Old Elvet	Room 005	28	F3
Physics	Rochester Building	Ph8, Ph221, Ph30	12	D7
Politics	Al-Qasimi Building	Room 102	5	B7
Psychology	Psychology Department	L50, L68	44	E8
Sociology	Elvet Riverside 1	ER155	25	E3
Sport, Exercise and Physical Activity	School of Education	ED101	29	G2
Theology and Religion	Palace Green	Rooms 20 and 21	59	D4

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COLLEGES	MAP REF	GRID REF
Collingwood College	6	C9
Grey College	8	D8
Hatfield College	20	D4
Josephine Butler College	55	C10
St Aidan's College	2	B8
St Chad's College	19	D4
St Cuthbert's Society (Reception)	16a	C5
St Cuthbert's Society (Parsons Field House accommodation)	16b	G4
St John's College	17	D5
St Mary's College	10	C7
College of St Hild and St Bede	30	G2/H2
Trevelyan College	9	C8
University College	23	D3
Van Mildert College	4	B8

HELP DESK AND STUDENT SERVICES	MAP REF	GRID REF
Palatine Centre	60	E6

STUDENTS' UNION	MAP REF	GRID REF
Dunelm House	26	E4

SPORTS CENTRE	MAP REF	GRID REF
Graham Sports Centre, Maiden Castle	32	H7

LIBRARY	MAP REF	GRID REF
Bill Bryson Library (Main Library)	13	D6
Palace Green Library	22	D4

POINTS OF REFERENCE	MAP REF	GRID REF
Assembly Rooms	46	D4
Calman Learning Centre	43	E6/E7
Department of Biological and Biomedical Sciences	11	E7