



# Grey College MCR

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Dear Post-grads,

Congratulations on your undergraduate graduation and getting into Durham! All your hard work has paid off and you're well on your way to the most welcoming and sociable college that Durham has to offer. My name is Grace and I'm your outgoing Middle Common Room (MCR) President. The MCR is much more than just a room in college (also known as the Phoenix Room). It is a unique community for the post-graduate students as well as integrated masters, placement year, and year abroad students. The MCR has around 100-200 members and is an incredibly welcoming community which hopefully will come to be your second home during your time here at Grey. The MCR is also part of the Grey Junior Common Room, an independent charity which acts as the representative of all Grey College Students. The JCR organises Grey Sports and Societies, Freshers' Week events, Balls, Bops, Grey Day, and so much more! All members of Grey MCR are also members of the wider JCR which has around 1200 people in it.

Grey is a diverse community and the JCR hosts a range of different sports and societies meaning you will find something to be involved with during your time here. Grey students take immense pride in contributing in their small way to the fantastic community that has been built over the years. From our vast array of sports teams and societies to the committees that organise our social events, balls and College Bar (the iconic Greyhound), there is never a shortage of opportunities to get involved and we encourage you to get stuck in!

As MCR President, I have been responsible for looking after the MCR this year (2023-2024) and have had an amazing time hosting a range of different events throughout the year! We have spent this year revamping the Phoenix Room which now has tables and chairs, four sofas, a massive TV, an X-Box and Wii, an immense sound system, and hundreds of films and games to be used by all MCR members! As my tenure comes to an end, we look to you, the new postgraduate community to continue the MCR legacy. Our executive committee consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Sec, and Welfare Officer. Elections for these positions will take place in October. It would be amazing to see all the roles filled and I urge you all to give it a go! It has been the most rewarding experience of my time at Grey.

There will be a bit more information sent out over the next few weeks regarding your Freshers' Week at Grey so keep an eye on your emails! For now, make sure you follow our Instagram page ([@greycollegemcr](https://www.instagram.com/greycollegemcr)) and join the [Official Grey Freshers Facebook Group](#)

On there you can ask your Freshers Representatives (Frepes) any questions you might have, find a bit more about your fellow Freshers, and stay updated about what goes on during your first weeks. Later in the year, the Facebook group will include regular updates on events and what's going on in college. **I would highly recommend making a Facebook profile if you don't already have one;** it's Durham's preferred method of communication for events, socials, sports/socs, etc. Finally, for updates about the JCR, keep an eye on the Official JCR Instagram ([@greycollegejcr](https://www.instagram.com/greycollegejcr) and [@grey\\_sabbs](https://www.instagram.com/grey_sabbs)) to see what the JCR are up to!



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If you have any questions, no matter how small they may seem, please just drop me an email at [greymcr.president@durham.ac.uk](mailto:greymcr.president@durham.ac.uk) and I'll do what I can to help. I also strongly advise you to access your Durham University email account as soon as you can and check it regularly, as there will be important information emailed to you.

We cannot wait for you to arrive in September, and I hope you're all as excited as I am!

Yours sincerely,

Grace Moran-Birch

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