



St Cuthbert's Society

Durham University

Greetings from St Cuthbert's Society at Durham University.

You are receiving this email because you have met the conditions of your offer to study here.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your achievement. Durham is an historic and globally recognised centre of learning. We hope you are excited to join us and begin the next stage of your academic and personal journey. We certainly look forward to the contributions you will make and to celebrating your successes.

A key to Durham's success is that every student is a member of one of seventeen college communities. Each college has its own distinctive history and traditions, and a college association is lifelong: it endures from your entry to the University (known as matriculation) to the years beyond your graduation. Colleges are centres of opportunity and personal growth, as well as encouragement and support, and we hope that all students will feel a strong sense of belonging within their community.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the community of St Cuthbert's Society. Founded in 1888 as an association of like-minded students, St Cuthbert's (sometimes known as Cuth's, Cuthbert's, or the Society) is unique. It is the only college named after the Anglo-Saxon bishop and holy man, Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, who is buried within Durham's magnificent Romanesque cathedral and around whom the medieval city grew as a destination for visitors from across the world.

Today, St Cuthbert's has two homes – on Durham's historic Bailey and at Parson's Field (Old Elvet) – and our student body encompasses a vibrant independent Junior Common Room (JCR). As a member of St Cuthbert's, I hope you will discover many ways to get involved in college life, which may include participating in the JCR or taking part in our unique enrichment programme, Evergreen, launched last year. Our hope is that every Cuthbertian will experience a time of great personal fulfilment here, marked by growth in our three core values: curiosity, creativity, and compassion.

Upon receiving this email, **if you no longer intend to take up your place or would like to request a deferral or course change**, please contact the University's admissions team immediately via their web form at www.durham.ac.uk/study/ask-us.

We will be sending you further information, which will help you prepare for your arrival over the coming weeks. This information is extremely important, so please take the time to read it carefully and complete the necessary actions as soon as possible. The first email to look out for will come from James Steel, our College Administration Coordinator, and will be titled **Welcome to St Cuthbert's Society: Your Guide to Getting Ready for University**. This will include key information about your enrolment, arrival, and Induction Week (sometimes known as Freshers' Week).

Throughout your time as a student, St Cuthbert's will use your Durham University email account to contact you. However, until your Durham email account is active, communications will also be sent to your personal email account. If you are currently receiving emails from us via a

school email account, you should consider updating this, so you do not miss any important communications when your school account is closed. Please ensure you continue to check all email accounts daily throughout August and September to avoid missing important information.

You are about to join St Cuthbert's Society, and we are looking after the arrangements for your enrolment and arrival. Please be aware that emails from the University may come to you at different times to other offer holders. We handle each application individually so please do not be concerned about this but do monitor your emails closely and take action when requested.

We look forward to welcoming you in September. If you have any queries, please contact us via email: cuthberts.collegecoordinator@durham.ac.uk.

As you await further information, perhaps you would like to find out more about the Society. You can do this by visiting our website (<https://www.durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/st-cuthberts-society/>) or by following us on social media (<https://linktr.ee/stcuthbertssociety>).

We will be in touch again soon. In the meantime, may I wish you many congratulations once more. I hope you enjoy your celebrations and look forward to joining Durham University.

With every good wish,

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