



St Cuthbert's Society

Durham University

Welcome to St. Cuthbert's Society

Here is some important information to help you prepare for your arrival and early weeks at Durham University.

This Guide includes information for Undergraduates and Postgraduates, for both Home and International Students, these sections are clearly marked.

We appreciate you will have many questions and would ask that you read through this Document and visit the pages below for information.

If you have questions that are not answered, please reach out to us via cuthberts.reception@durham.ac.uk or cuthberts.collegecoordinator@durham.ac.uk.

For any queries regarding **Admissions** –

Please visit Ask Us ([Ask Us - Durham University](#)). You can find FAQs, Forms, as well as Telephone Numbers for the Confirmation and Clearing Hotline. For information regarding Clearing please see - [Clearing - Durham University](#)

For queries regarding **Enrolment and Registration** –

Please see the Smart Service Gateway - [Smart Service Gateway - Durham University](#)

For any general information regarding **college allocation or Accommodation**

Please have a look at this page for the Undergraduate and Postgraduate FAQ's - [Frequently Asked Questions - CMAO](#). If you can't find the answer to your question, you can use the Contact Form at the bottom of the page to get in touch.

Alternatively, if you have been confirmed at St. Cuthbert's Society and have specific queries regarding your Accommodation not answered below, please contact cuthberts.collegecoordinator@durham.ac.uk. Please note that preferences for specific accommodation types are no longer available.

For information about **St. Cuthbert's Society**

Please see our website ([St Cuthbert's Society - Durham University](#)) and FAQ ([Frequently Asked Questions - St. Cuthbert's Society](#)), for example, what is a College and the JCR, costs, and what you need to bring.

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There are several things you can do in advance of your arrival, making moving in and getting ready for your university studies and College life as simple as possible.

Checklist for New Students

You will need to complete the University's Enrolment and Registration process to become a fully registered Durham Student. If you do not complete this in time you may lose your IT Access and be unable to begin your academic commitments.

Please find information relevant for [Undergraduate](#), [Postgraduate Taught](#), and [Postgraduate Research](#) Students.

For International students only

You may also need your Visa and passport to be checked by our University Immigration Service to complete their Right to Study check.

Please see further information here for [new International Students](#) and [Right to Study](#).

Accommodation

Licence Agreements

Licence Agreements will be sent starting 21st August to those who have accepted a university offer and requested College provided accommodation (*or did not complete the preference form*).

If you have only accepted your university offer within the last few days, you may not receive your Licence Agreement for another week or two.

The email will be from document@signable.app, sent to your Personal Email address that is listed in [Banner Self-Service](#). You will be asked to complete an online signature **within 7 days** to confirm your room: being sent a reminder each day. Please check your Junk/Spam folders to make sure you don't miss it!

Only choose to 'Reject Offer' if you no longer require University provided accommodation. Choosing to reject will **not provide an alternative room type.**

Important information –

- **If you are unable to sign within the 7 days**, please contact the College Membership and Accommodation Office via the Contact Form here to request a signature extension - [Frequently Asked Questions - CMAO](#)
- **If you miss the 7-day deadline or choose to 'Reject Offer' in error** but would still like university accommodation, please contact cuthberts.collegecoordinator@durham.ac.uk as soon as possible and we will try to

re-send the offer providing that the accommodation is still available. You will be offered the original accommodation type again.

- **We are unable to accept accommodation preferences if you did not submit the preferences form.** The only exception would be if there is a specific requirement due to medical or disability condition.

Any requests of that nature should be submitted via a disclosure -

- Information about making a disclosure: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/student-support-and-wellbeing/disability-support/what-support-we-offer/how-to-arrange-support/>, including [Disability Disclosure Form for Undergraduate Applicants \(2026/2027\) \(Page 1 of 8\)](#).
- The latest guidance, relevant to 2026-27 entry: [Disability-Disclosure-Form-\(DDF\)---Guidance-Document-for-Applicants-2026-2027.pdf](#)

Post and Deliveries

We request that you do not send any items to St. Cuthbert's Society prior to your move-in date. If you are travelling light, we recommend bringing a bag of essentials for move in and then purchasing items nearby or ordering online after arrivals weekend.

Any items delivered before your arrival date will be refused and/or returned to sender if possible.

What do I need to bring?

Please see 'What do I need to bring?' on our FAQ to know what will and won't be provided in your accommodation - [Frequently Asked Questions - St. Cuthbert's Society](#)

Preliminary Arrival information

For Students allocated **College accommodation at St. Cuthbert's Society**, please see the below information to help plan your arrival.

You will need to book a time slot for your arrival. Traffic controls and one-way systems will be in place, organised in conjunction with Durham County Council; **further information will be provided in the September pre-arrival Email.**

College Locations

St. Cuthbert's Society is based on two sites, on the Bailey [Catered] in Durham City Centre, and Parsons Field [Self-Catered]; with just over a 10-minute walk between them.

Please find more information on our [accommodation page](#).

Arrival Dates

- **Undergraduate Students**
 - o **Home Students**
 - Saturday 26th September – **Parsons Field Site**
 - Sunday 27th September – **Bailey Site**
 - o **International Students**
 - Arrivals from Wednesday 23rd September (**both sites**)
- **Postgraduate Students –**
 - o Arrivals from Wednesday 23rd September – **Parsons Field Site**

Cleaning and Bedding Packs

Students living in college can purchase **Cleaning Packs** and **Bedding Packs** before their arrival. These will be left in your allocated room, providing peace of mind with pre-packed essentials so you don't have to bring or purchase extras!

They will be available for pre-purchase soon, please check on this page under '**New Students Academic Year 2026-2027**' for the latest information - [Accommodation and Catering - St. Cuthbert's Society](#)

Catering

The Dining Hall is open during Term Time (30 Weeks, Monday to Sunday) serving Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

More information on Catering at St Cuthbert's is available [here](#).

Catered Students – Regular meal costs for Students living in catered accommodation (all Rooms on our Bailey Site) is included with your residence charge; no extra payment is required.

Self-Catered and Livers-out – Any Student can purchase meals via Card Payment as pay as you go. Alternatively, you can sign up for the **Meal Package**. This provides 10 Meals (any combination of Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner) per week during Term Time. This is at a cost of £1,836.95 for the academic year. This is paid over 3x instalments, one payment per Term.

Further information on how to sign up for the Meal Package will be provided in the September pre-arrival Email.

Medical registration

One of your top priorities is to [register with doctors](#) at a local medical practice so that you can access healthcare when you need it. This is especially important if you have an ongoing health condition or require repeat medication.

Your choice of medical practice will be determined by the area in which you live. If you will be living in Durham then the practice area of the [Claypath and University Medical Group](#) covers the University and the Colleges, and the majority of our students register with this practice.

Vaccination requirements

Before coming to Durham University, you should [make sure that your vaccinations are up to date](#). We recommend that you consult your current doctor to check if you've had the vaccines below and, if you've not, arrange to receive them before you arrive in Durham.

If you're unable to receive any of these vaccinations before travelling to university, seek advice about accessing vaccinations from your chosen medical practice in Durham as soon as possible after arrival.

Student Community Induction

At Durham University, we are committed to creating a welcoming, respectful, and inclusive community where every individual feels valued and supported.

We've built a package of training and resources for our students to help us achieve this. This package is called the **Student Community Induction**.

You can complete these as soon as you have your IT Access and will need to be completed within one month of registration. Please see [Checklist for New Students](#) for more information on enrolment and registration.

These courses are hosted on Blackboard (the Virtual Learning Platform you will be using during your studies), all Students will have access to and be enrolled in these courses that cover -

- Consent Matters - Boundaries, Respect and Positive Intervention
- Respect, Values and Behaviours
- Tackling Harassment and Sexual Misconduct–

To access these courses, please see the information and links on the [Student Community Induction Hub](#).

You will not be able to collect your Campus Card until these have been completed.

JCR Levy

At St. Cuthbert's Society, over 90% of our students also choose to become members of the [Junior Common Room \(JCR\)](#). The Junior Common Room is a charity run by the students, for the students - providing student enrichment through volunteering and fundraising. With over 100 student volunteers, the JCR provides everything you could need for your Durham experience - managing sports and societies, balls and events, welfare services and so much more!

The [JCR levy](#) is a paid membership to the JCR - giving you access to facilities (like our gyms, music room and the University's only student-run library), discounted tickets for JCR events and allows you to take part in our many sports and societies. The JCR levy funds the provision of these things, to help you enjoy university the best you can!

Collecting your Campus Card (Verification)

You will need to verify your identity at College Reception to be able to collect your Campus Card. Please remember to bring an acceptable form of ID, further information available [here](#).

Please note, your Campus Card will only be available to collect if you have -

- Completed online Enrolment **at least 3 working days** before you arrive.
- Completed the [Student Community Induction](#)

Students living in college accommodation.

Home Students -

Your Campus Card should be available to collect with your Room Key on your move-in day during arrivals weekend (September 26th-27th).

Early arrivals (Postgraduate and International Students) –

If you are arriving on or after Wednesday 23rd September -

Your Campus Card should be available to collect with your Room Key on your move-in day.

If you are arriving before Wednesday 23rd September -

Your Campus Card will not be available yet, please return to Reception from Wednesday 23rd September to collect your Campus Card.

Students not living in college accommodation.

Visit Bailey Reception to collect your Campus Card from Wednesday the 23rd of September.

Staying Safe in Durham

As you get ready to join Durham University, it can be helpful to spend a few minutes exploring some of the advice and support available to students. Whether it's keeping your belongings secure, staying safe on nights out, understanding fire safety in your accommodation, or knowing where to find support if you need it, there are lots of small things that can help you feel confident and prepared for university life.

Our Student Safety webpages bring together practical information, guidance and resources for new students. You will also find a short video from Durham Constabulary with useful tips on staying safe during your time in Durham.

Find out more: [Student Safety - Durham University](#)

Cars

Extra cars put real strain on the environment and can create tension between Durham permanent residents and the University. Combined with city's narrow historic streets and very limited parking, these pressures are why the University strongly discourages students from bringing cars. Most central streets are also covered by residential parking permits, and University parking is only available to students who meet the needs-based parking criteria or are Blue Badge holders (see the [University's Car Parking Policy](#) for details). You can find more guidance on student car use on the [Cars page of the Good Neighbour Agreement](#).

Fortunately, Durham is easy to get around without a car. Most destinations are within walking distance, there is a growing network of cycle routes, and buses and trains provide good connections. Students can also benefit from discounted Arriva bus travel. You can find out more about public transport, walking and cycling routes, travel discounts and other sustainable travel options on the [University's Public Transport webpages](#).

If you need affordable transport for study, work, volunteering or placements, the [Wheels2Work scheme](#) offers low-cost bike, e-bike and scooter loans. For most students, walking, cycling or using public transport is the simplest and most convenient way to travel around Durham.

Welcome and Orientation Week

Welcome and Orientation Week (WoW), also known as Induction or Fresher's Week, takes place between Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October. This week will include events organised by your College, JCR, and Departments for Undergraduates, Postgraduates, including additional Events for International Students.

Please note that St. Cuthbert's Society and JCR Events are being finalised. Further information on these Events will be provided in the September pre-arrival Email.

Induction Planner

You can start planning your Welcome Week by using our online [Student Induction Planner](#). This will show you all of the welcome activities from both your college and your department. If you already have your Durham log in details, simply log in and your planner will automatically populate with your events. If you do not yet have a log in, simply select St. Cuthbert's Society and choose your department from the options. You can also read more about what you need to do next on our [Welcome and Orientation webpages](#).

Provisional information on College Events

Matriculation and College Photo – Tuesday 29th September

The Matriculation ceremony is your formal entry to the University. We will meet at 12 South Bailey at 8am, walk to Palace Green for a Photograph, before entering the Cathedral for the ceremony.

College Induction Talk - Tuesday 29th September

Welcome talk from College Leadership and Staff. 2pm-5pm in the Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC042)

Welcome Formals – Wednesday 30th September and Friday 2nd October

We host four Formal Dinners during this week to welcome new Students. You will receive an email with your allocated Formal closer to the start of term.