



Grey College

Durham University

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Dear Grey College Student,

On behalf of all my colleagues here at Grey College, many congratulations on your recent examination successes; we are excited that you will be joining the Grey community in September and look forward to welcoming you!

When you arrive at Grey College, and as you start this next phase of your life, you can be sure of a warm welcome from our staff and students, and we are here to ensure that Grey will be a place where you will soon feel at home. Our team will help and support you throughout your time in Durham and, along with our incredible student leaders, we have planned a diverse and engaging programme of welcome activities for you to look forward to during Welcome and Orientation (Freshers) Week.

Grey College is, above all, a supportive and inclusive community, formed from students at all levels of their studies, together with academic, professional and local members, visiting scholars, and core College staff. It will be the centre of your life as a student at Durham where you will belong, make friends, get involved and develop personally.

Our dynamic and successful Junior Common Room, run by students for students, offers an incredible range of extra-curricular activities, from sports, through music and the arts, to volunteering and cultural activities. This is on top of everything on offer in the broader University. In addition, College formal dinners, our Opportunities Programme, events, student grants and welfare support underpin our living and learning ethos. We call this our wider student experience, and I encourage you to get involved in new and familiar activities so that you make the most of all on offer at our College. Whether you live in, which most of our first-year undergraduates do, or not we are here to enrich and support your life at Durham.



Our motto is 'Ascending by degrees' which to me means growing, developing and reaching your potential. I look forward welcoming you in person, meeting you and seeing you flourish and thrive over the coming year!

Yours in anticipation,

Professor Sonia Virdee
Principal, Grey College