



Van Mildert College
Durham University

JCR WELCOME

2021/2022

Hello,

We hope you are having an amazing summer and are excited to arrive at Mildert very soon!

JCR Welcome and Levy

The JCR stands for Junior Common Room and is the undergraduate student body within the college. There are countless societies, committees, sports teams, and outreach projects to join; a very busy event calendar; elections for leadership positions to vote or run in, and so much more. There is so much going on all the time, and it truly is a special and unique thing to be a part of. There is more on what the JCR is and how you can get involved in the JCR handbook.

If you want to be a part of all the above, **there is a one-off membership fee - the JCR Levy - of £155.**

Welcome and Orientation Week Wristband

The Welcome and Orientation (Fresher's) Week **wristband is set at £55 this year** and provides you with access to all of the events from your arrival in college until Sunday 3rd October.

Welcome and Orientation Week begins on Saturday 25th October. If you are due to arrive in college before then, there will be a selection of events/activities from Wednesday 22nd for those out of quarantine, and some virtual events from Wednesday 15th. Join [this group](#) run by the JCR International Officer (Wendy Liu) for international freshers to keep up to date with everything and to meet other international students.

Here is a list of the events being run in Welcome and Orientation Week by our 60-person strong Frep (Fresher's Representative) Team:

DATE	EVENT 1	EVENT 2
SATURDAY 25 TH	Pizza delivered to corridors	
SUNDAY 26 TH	Clash of the Courses & Babylon (club)	Games Night
MONDAY 27 TH	Fairy-tale BOP	
TUESDAY 28 TH	Block Party (bar crawl) & Players (club)	Murder Mystery
WEDNESDAY 29 TH	Formal 1 & Casino Night	Outdoor Karaoke & Outdoor Cinema
THURSDAY 30 TH	Newcastle Clubbing	Newcastle Escape Rooms & Dessert Parlour
FRIDAY 1 ST	Formal 2 & Course Night	Outdoor Karaoke & Outdoor Cinema
SATURDAY 2 ND	Paint Party & Klute	Paint Party & Treasure Hunt
SUNDAY 3 RD	Freshtival (Mildert Fresher's Fair) in the afternoon & JCR Meeting in the evening	

JCR Handbook

A must read for all new JCR members. The handbook can be found [here](#) and introduces you to all of our fabulous Freps. It also provides loads of additional information about the JCR, clubs, societies and committees, and Durham City. It's lengthy but worth the read time!

College Gym membership

The college gym is excellent value at **£45 for the entire year** (most gyms in town are about this per month)! It is very well equipped and an inclusive space for any Mildert student to join.

Payment for all of the above

To pay for the Welcome and Orientation Week wristband, JCR Levy and Gym Membership click [here](#). Any issues don't hesitate to get in touch with us!

College Families

College families are a big college tradition and involve partnering up 2nd or 3rd year Mildert students with new students. We do our best to choose these carefully so if you would like to be allocated college parents do fill out this [form](#) to give us an idea of your interests, subject etc.

Social Media

To follow on Instagram: @vmseniorfrep, @vmfreshers21, @vminternationals21, @vanmildertcollegejcr and @vm.president

Like "Van Mildert Freshers 2021" and "Van Mildert International Freshers 2021" on Facebook

Matriculation Photo

During the week there will be a whole year group photo for Van Mildert freshers. If you would like a copy, you need to pre-purchase through this link: <http://www.phoenixphotography.org/freshers/vmjcr/>.

That's all from us for now - but if you have any questions at all do send us an email! Safe travels from wherever you are coming from, and we can't wait to meet you!

Lucy & Alastair x

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A message for international students

Hello and welcome International Freshers!

Congratulations and welcome to Van Mildert College! We can't wait to meet you, whether it be in person or online. I'm Wendy, I'm a third-year law student from Canada and I'm your JCR's International Officer this year! Along with a team of International Freps (Fresher's Representatives), we've planned some events, both in person and online for you to meet your fellow International Freshers as well as get to know the college, the university, and the city you'll be studying in for the next few years!

In person events will begin on the 22nd and you'll be able to participate if you've arrived and finished your quarantine period (if needed), if you're exempt, or if you're arriving from a green list country. If you're unable to participate in our in-person events, fear not, we will be running some online events as well, so you'll still be able to get involved!

To keep up to date with upcoming International Freshers events please join our Facebook group for event information and updates on any changes that might occur!

<https://www.facebook.com/vminternational2021>

Additionally, be sure to follow our Instagram @vminternationals21 for more info and advice! If you have any questions feel free to reach out via our Instagram, Facebook, or on the Instagram account @vminternationalofficer for a quick response.

See you soon!

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