



Van Mildert College
Durham University

LIVERS OUT WELCOME

2021/2022 POSTGRADUATES

Dear Mildertian,

I understand that you have decided not to live in College accommodation but will be starting as a new postgraduate student at Van Mildert College very soon. We are delighted that you will be joining our community and hope that, despite not living in College, you will make the most of all that the College has to offer!

As a 'Livers Out' there are some important pieces of information that we would specifically like to make you aware of to ensure that you make the most of Welcome and Orientation Week and College life throughout the rest of your studies.

Welcome and Orientation Week

A timetable of Welcome and Orientation activities is available on the online Welcome and Orientation Week planner found [here](#). We will also publish a College-only schedule very soon containing the additional evening activities arranged by the Junior Common Room (JCR) and Middle Common Room (MCR).

Matriculation

In particular, we very much hope that you will join us for Matriculation on Thursday 30 September. This ceremony is your official welcome to Durham University and will take place at The Racecourse. If you wish to attend Matriculation please meet in College at 1.45 pm on Thursday 30 September and join the College procession as we walk to Matriculation together. Postgraduates should meet on the College forecourt. As with all wider student experience activities, proof of a negative COVID-19 test from within the last 48 hours will be required in order to attend.

Welcome Formal

You are warmly invited to join us for the Welcome Formal on Friday 2 October at 7.15 pm. This is always a wonderful occasion and a chance to experience College life at its very best! To sign-up for this Formal, please complete the online form [here](#). Places at this Formal will be allocated to Postgraduates on a first come, first served basis due.

College Registration

On Sunday 26 September all new students are invited to attend College Registration in the Ustinov Room. Please bring photographic ID with you in order to complete the final stages of the University enrolment process. You will also be able to collect your campus card (student ID) at this session and you will be asked to confirm that you have read the College Handbook and completed the Consent Matters course. While livers in are given specific times to attend, as a liver out you are welcome to attend at any point throughout the day. It should take no longer than 30 minutes.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you and hope that you will feel able to get involved with all aspects of our Welcome and Orientation activities.

Warmest wishes,

Dr Victoria Brown

Deputy Principal, Van Mildert College