



WELCOME AND ORIENTATION WEEK 2021

WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

COVID-19 Test Checking
COLLEGE RECEPTION
Bring proof of your negative LFT! Your test must have been taken within the last 48 hours.

14:00 Mug Decorating
TEES LAWN
Come down to Tees Lawn to decorate mugs and meet other international freshers in a relaxed environment.

17:00 ONWARDS International Dinner
CITY CENTRE
Join your fellow International undergrads for dinner in the city!

THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Newcastle Shopping
NEWCASTLE
International freps will show you around our busy neighbouring city for a day of shopping, good food and good times!

Movie Night
USTINOV ROOM
Join us for a movie of your choice in college for a final chilled evening before the official start to Welcome & Orientation begins. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

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18:00 ONWARDS Picnic and Tie Dye with Trevs
TEES LAWN
A chance to meet international undergrads not only from Mildert but our neighbouring college - Trevelyan.
19:00 ONWARDS Come along to chat, have some snacks, bring something to tie dye, and enjoy the view of Mildert's lake and ducks.

FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

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SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Arrivals
RECEPTION, JCR FOYER, AND ANN DOBSON HALL
Freshers' Reps (Freps) will be available to help students to move in!

Student Support Drop-in
STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICE
An opportunity to meet with the Student Support Team to talk through any concerns about health, disability, finance etc.

Meet your Corridor rep
ACCOMODATION CORRIDOR
A chance for you to meet the rest of your corridor and your freps. They will talk to you about the week, give you key information and answer any questions you have.

Corridor time with Freps
ACCOMODATION CORRIDOR
A chance for you to get to know the rest of your corridor. Your freps will run some icebreaking activities. Those living away from Mildert will still have reps and a 'corridor'

9:00 - 18:00 Informal Lunch
SERVERY, JCR FOYER, BAR AND ANN DOBSON HALL
A selection of hot sandwiches will be available through the servery. New students, family and friends are all very welcome along with new students living outside of College! No charge.

11:00 - 15:00 Welcome Dinner
ANN DOBSON HALL
Dinner through the servery for postgraduate students living in College.

12:00 - 14:00 Welcome Dinner
ANN DOBSON HALL
Dinner through the servery for undergraduate students living in College.

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18:30 Welcome Dinner
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19:30 Pizza @ Midnight
ACCOMODATION CORRIDOR
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SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

College Registration
USTINOV ROOM
Students will attend this session in corridor groups guided by the Freps. Students who are not living in College are welcome to attend at any time. ALL students should be fully registered by the end of this session. Meal cards and free stuff will also be available! Bring your photographic ID.

Walking Tours of Durham
COLLEGE RECEPTION
Come to reception to be taken on a tour of Durham by the freps. Durham's best views, coffee shops and hidden footpaths will all be revealed!

JCR Evening Activities - Clash of the Courses
BAR, JCR AND ANN DOBSON HALL
Our competitive Taskmaster challenges will help you meet your new course mates! A real laugh that we hope will have you in stitches! Prizes to be won!

JCR Evening Activities - Babylon
BABYLON CLUB
Babylon is huge night out - prepare yourself for a night FULL of chart toppers and party starters!

08:00 - 11:00 Extended Breakfast
ANN DOBSON HALL
There will be a longer than usual hot breakfast served to welcome you on your first day!

09:00 - 17:00 Livers Out and Erasmus/Exchange Get Together
COLLEGE BAR
Decided not to live in College this year? Meet your fellow new 'Livers Out' and Erasmus students over tea and cake with the Freps! Find out what College has to offer!

10:30 - 12:00 COVID-19 test checking
COLLEGE RECEPTION
Bring proof of your negative LFT! Your test must have been taken within the last 48 hours. Essential for all evening event attendees.

12:00 JCR Evening Activities - Games Night
USTINOV ROOM
Come to the Ustinov for some chilled out games - there will be board games and wii on offer!!

19:00 onwards JCR Evening Activities - Clash of the Courses
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20:00 - 22:15 JCR Evening Activities - Babylon
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21:00 onwards JCR Evening Activities - Games Night
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22:15 onwards JCR Evening Activities - Clash of the Courses
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MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Extended Breakfast
ANN DOBSON HALL
There will be a longer than usual hot breakfast served after an early photo shoot!

Postgraduate Matriculation Photo
TEES LAWN
The Annual Postgraduate Photo. Dress code is casual, but no PJs please! Information about how to order is available in your Induction Pack or on the College website.

Student Support Drop-In
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ACADEMIC SESSIONS

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There will be fantastic live music and the night will end with our famous Mildert silent disco! There will also be a themed chill out room upstairs.

08:00 - 11:00 Undergraduate Matriculation Photo
TEES LAWN
The Annual Freshers' Photo. Dress code is casual, but no PJs please! Information about how to order is available in your Induction Pack or on the College website.

08:00 College Talks
BAR, JCR AND USTINOV ROOM
Important COMPULSORY College talks from the Police and Fire.

08:15 Get Tested!
MILL HILL LANE OR ELVET HILL ROAD TESTING SITE
Head to one of the nearby COVID-19 testing sites to get your Test to Participate LFT. Your Frep will show you where to go with your corridor group. Please go to the same site that you attended on Saturday!

10:00 - 13:00 JCR Evening Activities - College 'Fairytale' BOP
COLLEGE MAIN BUILDING
Your first taste of a huge part of Mildert life, the BOP (Bit of a Party...)! This year's BOP has a fairytale themed and a huge variety of entertainment. Fancy dress is strongly encouraged but take this theme as broadly as you wish (yes, Shrek is a fairytale).

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#MILDERTMEANS

TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

ACADEMIC SESSIONS

MCR Evening Activities - Night at the Museum

ORIENTAL MUSEUM
A networking evening with light refreshments at the Oriental Museum. An opportunity to meet with fellow students and see the museum's collections.

JCR Evening Activities - Murder Mystery

JCR
A live murder mystery event from Tall Tale Mysteries brought to you! Get ready to be immersed in the murder investigation of a wealthy recluse at a Haunted House, finance etc.

09:00 - 17:30

18:00 onwards

19:00

19:00 - 23:00

20:00 onwards

20:00 onwards

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JCR Evening Activities - Block Party

BAR, JCR AND DURHAM CITY CENTRE
You will have the opportunity to meet your new block and then embark on a tour of all of the very best bars that Durham has to offer!

JCR Evening Activities - Players

BAR, JCR AND DURHAM CITY CENTRE
Our third Durham club of the week! Come along for a brilliant night out at one of Durham's most-loved and trendiest venues!

WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

COMPULSORY College Community Talks

Ask your Frep where you need to be and when!

Takeaway Dinner

COLLEGE SERVERY
A takeaway dinner for the postgraduates and all undergraduates not attending the Formal.

Welcome Formal 1

ANN DOBSON HALL
Your first Formal Dinner at Van Mildert College. Smart, formal dress required. Freps will let you know which Formal to attend.

Karaoke and Outdoor Cinema Screen

TEES LAWN
Anyone fancy a bit of karaoke... but outdoors on a big screen?! Another Mildert tradition but this year on a greater scale. If you think you have the vocal chords for it, come down! Followed by an outdoor cinema!

09:00 - 17:00

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JCR Evening Activities - Casino Night

BAR AND JCR
Head down to Mildert's very own Caesar's Palace to try your luck on our classic casino games and dance to Mildert's very own musicians.

THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Meet to walk to Matriculation

COLLEGE MAIN BUILDING
Meet with your Frep to walk to matriculation. Smart dress required, no gowns (and footwear suitable for a 25 minute walk). Livers out to also meet at College.

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MCR Ceilidh and Open Mic Night

JCR AND BAR
Organised by the MCR but open to all students from Van Mildert. Bring your friends and join us for a musical evening in the College Bar!

JCR Evening Activities - Newcastle Night

NEWCASTLE
Experience our rather noisy neighbour city in an action packed night! Buses will go to and from Mildert on the night. If you don't live in college, meet us in the college Reception!

12:00 onwards

13:45

15:15

18:00 onwards

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Matriculation

THE RACECOURSE
Your formal welcome as a student of Durham University. An opportunity to hear from the Vice Chancellor, SU President and other members of the University. An undergraduate and a postgraduate student will sign the matriculation book on behalf of all Van Mildert College students. Face coverings required for all attendees!

JCR Evening Activities - Newcastle Escape Room and Desserts Night

NEWCASTLE
An opportunity to see the fantastic city of Newcastle! This will be a night of chilled fun in Durham's neighbouring city, followed by a desserts at a delightful sweet treats cafe! If you don't live in college, meet us in the college Reception!

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FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER

ACADEMIC SESSIONS

Takeaway Dinner

COLLEGE SERVERY
A takeaway dinner for the postgraduates and all undergraduates not attending the Formal.

Welcome Formal 2

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Your first Formal Dinner at Van Mildert College. Smart, formal dress required. Freps will let you know which Formal to attend.

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SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER

Mildert Society Tasters

VARIOUS LOCATIONS
Old hand or never tried it before, it doesn't matter! Come along to as many of the taster sessions as you like. If you are attending a session, swing by the College Reception to get your hand stamp and your COVID-19 test checked.

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Treasure Hunt

DURHAM CITY
Meet in the JCR at 22:00 to begin a treasure hunt around town! Go via the College Reception to get your hand stamp to confirm your COVID-19 testing status.

09:00 - 17:00

12:00 - 15:00

18:30 onwards

20:00 - 22:00

22:00 onwards

Visit to Durham University Botanical Gardens

COLLEGE RECEPTION
An afternoon to look around the University Botanical Gardens, tea and cake provided by the MCR. Go via the College Reception to confirm your COVID-19 testing status.

JCR Evening Activities - Mildert Paint Party

TEES LAWN
The massive finale of the week, basically involves throwing paint at each other in boiler suits in time to music, truly not to be missed!

JCR Evening Activities - Klute

DURHAM CITY
Get ready to sweat the paint off at officially Europe's worst nightclub (but we love it immensely all the same!)

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER

Get Tested!

MILL HILL LANE OR ELVET HILL ROAD TESTING SITE
Head to one of the nearby COVID-19 testing sites to get your Test to Participate LFT.

Freshfival

ANN DOBSON HALL
This is your opportunity to ask questions and sign up to all the sports, societies and committees Mildert has to offer!

JCR Meeting

BAR AND ONLINE
The first JCR meeting of term. A round - up of the week including the first showing of the freshers' week video.

ALL DAY

10:30

14:00 - 16:00

17:30 onwards

18:30 - 19:30

19:00 - 23:00

Chapel Welcome Service

GREY COLLEGE CHAPEL
Eucharist led by our College Chaplain Revd Gavin Wort. Open to all students from the Hill Colleges.

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MCR Meeting and Film Night

BANKSIDE ROOM (MCR)
The first MCR meeting of the year for our postgraduates! Reflect on your first couple of weeks at Mildert and find out more about how to get involved in the MCR!

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