

# Getting To & Around Durham (Parking & Shuttle Buses)



# Travelling to the University...

We strongly encourage all visitors to use public transport. Parking in Durham city and at nearby Park and Ride car parks is limited and we are unable to provide University parking unless you have access needs.

## Visitors with access needs

Please let us know on your booking form if you or a guest has an access need so that we can help support you during your visit. If you didn't complete this at the time, please do [get in touch](#). Whether you need access to specific facilities or require to be seated at the front of a lecture theatre we are here to help. You may also find it helpful to view the access to our buildings by visiting [accessible.co.uk/durham-university](https://accessible.co.uk/durham-university)



## By Rail

Durham is well served by rail links from major cities across the country. The East Coast mainline service from London King's Cross can take less than 3 hours and express links operate from Manchester, Sheffield and Leeds with cross country links from Scotland, the Midlands, and the South West. Durham Railway Station is approximately 1.5 miles from the Palatine Centre on the Lower Mountjoy site. The number 40 Cathedral bus service runs regularly from the train station into the city centre.

To check the schedule and route visit [durham.gov.uk](https://durham.gov.uk) and search for "Cathedral bus".

A University Shuttle Bus service will run from the train station. Find the shuttle bus schedule on Page 13.

## By Coach

There are several express coach services daily from most major cities. The numbers X12, 5, 6 and 56 are some of the buses that run from the city bus station to the junction leading to the Palatine Centre and the Hill Colleges. See [arrivabus.co.uk](https://arrivabus.co.uk) for timetable details. Alternatively, you can walk to the market place which is about an 8-minute walk and visit our inflatable dome where ambassadors are on hand to provide directions.

## By Air

Durham is 26 miles from Newcastle Airport and 24.3 miles from Teesside International Airport. Both have regular domestic and international flights. Newcastle Airport is linked to Durham City by rail services. Teesside International Airport is 6 miles from Darlington railway station, which has regular connections to Durham.

## By Road

Durham City centre is two miles from the A1(M). Leave the motorway at Junction 62 on the A690 Durham - Sunderland road and follow signs to Durham City centre. Please check your route for roadworks, which may cause delays.



# Public parking

**We strongly advise visitors to use public transport to travel to Durham.**

Public car parks within walking distance of the city centre are:

- Prince Bishop's Shopping Centre (DH1 3UJ)
- Sidegate (DH1 5SY)
- Walkergate (DH1 1SW)
- The Riverwalk (DH1 4SJ)

Please note there is a parking charge to use these car parks.

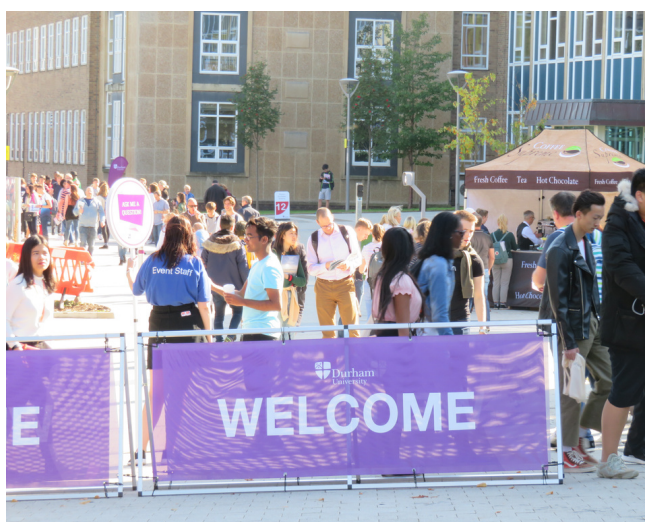
The road running through the Market Place to the Cathedral is subject to a £2.00 congestion charge which must be paid in advance or by 6.00 pm on the charging day. Please call 0191 384 6633 to make payment by credit or debit card.

For more information on car parking please visit [durham.gov.uk](http://durham.gov.uk) and search for Durham City Car Parks.

## Park and Ride

Public transport runs from the Park and Ride car parks into Durham city. One ticket must be purchased for each passenger (£2.00 per person) when using these facilities, and the bus must be used. Park and Ride sites close at 7.00 pm and vehicles will be locked in overnight if still on site at this time. We recommend arriving at the Park and Ride a minimum of one hour prior to your first session as roads may be congested.

Park and Ride sites are operated by Durham County Council - please visit [durham.gov.uk/parkandride](http://durham.gov.uk/parkandride) to find out more.



Visit [durham.gov.uk/transport](http://durham.gov.uk/transport) for more travel information

- Bus timetables and routes
- Durham City Park and Ride
- Roadworks, road closures and improvement schemes
- Bus fares and passes
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# Shuttle Bus Schedule

Free buses will run at regular intervals between the times shown below. Just show your confirmation email when you get onboard!

## Service 42 (Free service, just show your event booking) 8.30 am - 5.00 pm

- Train Station
- New Elvet (For Palace Green buildings)
- Church Street
- Stockton Road (Palatine Centre for Lower Mountjoy buildings)
- South Road (For Upper Mountjoy and Hill Colleges)
- Mount Oswald (For John Snow College and South College)

Returning on the reverse route

### Top Tip



If you are heading to Palace Green from the train station it is quicker to walk!



## Colleges Hopper 9.30 am - 1.00 pm

Howlands - Drop off only (For Hill Colleges: Josephine Butler College, Stephenson College, South College and John Snow College)

South Road (For Hill Colleges: Grey College, Collingwood College, St Mary's College, Trevelyan College, St Aidan's College and Van Mildert College)

New Elvet (For Bailey Colleges: St Cuthbert's Society [Bailey], St John's College, St Chad's College, Hatfield College, University College and Durham Students' Union).

Old Elvet (For St Cuthbert's Society [Parson's Field]).

Maiden Castle (Sports & Wellbeing Park), optional, depending on interest

Palatine Centre (For the Information Hub in the Teaching & Learning Centre and Palatine Centre Support Services).

## Business School to Sports & Wellbeing Park 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

- Maiden Castle (last bus will leave at 4.45 pm)
- Stockton Road
- South Road
- Elvet Hill Road
- Business School (last bus will leave at 4.45 pm)



# Walking Times

Being a student in Durham will require you to use your own steam to get around! It is often quicker to walk than it is to get in a car or use public transport.

Our buildings are spread across the city, however, the city itself is not very big and everything is within walking distance. We have included some of the approximate walking times below to help you with planning your day. These times do however depend on how fast you walk! You can also use Google Maps to plan your walking route and find out how long it will take you to move between venues.

	Train Station	Market Place	Dunelm House	Lower Mounjoy	Palace Green	Business School	Sports and Wellbeing Park
Approximate Walking Times (Based on Google Maps)							
Train Station		9	16	24	13	31	32
Market Place	9		7	15	4	26	23
Dunelm House	16	7		8	6	21	19
Lower Mounjoy	24	15	8		13	18	15
Palace Green	13	4	6	13		25	24
Business School	31	26	21	18	25		30
Sports and Wellbeing Park	32	23	19	15	24	30	



### Top Tip!

It's often quicker to walk around Durham rather than taking the bus. Make sure to wear comfortable footwear in Durham as there's quite a few hills and some uneven cobbled streets.



# Help With Travel and Accommodation Event Bursary

You may be able to claim an Event Bursary of up to a maximum of £200 per undergraduate offer holder for travel and accommodation costs associated with attendance at one of our Post-offer Visit Days. We will include the information and link to the application form in your booking confirmation so keep a look out!

Claiming couldn't be easier. Firstly you need to fill in the Event Bursary Application form. We will assess your evidence before you arrive and let you know if you have been successful.

All you then need to do is visit our Event Bursary Claim Desk, on your visit day, located in the Teaching and Learning Centre (Map Ref 50:D6), between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm, and speak with a staff member.

**You must register at the Event Bursary Claim Desk on the day to confirm your attendance at the event.**

In order to claim you will need to provide the following when you apply:

- Evidence that shows you are in receipt of government-funded and income-assessed financial support from your college or sixth form such as a 16-19 bursary or free school meals.

AND

- Evidence that shows you are a student at a state-maintained school/college\*.

or

- Evidence which shows you are care experienced and/or estranged (CEES).\*\*

or

- Evidence that shows you are studying at an independent school and in receipt of a full scholarship awarded on the grounds of financial hardship.

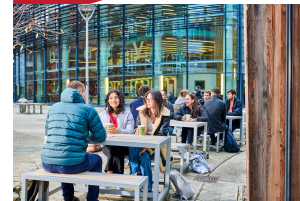
or

- Have successfully completed one of the following Access and Participation schemes with Durham University:
  - STEP
  - Sutton Trust Summer School
  - Supported Progression.

\* includes Academy and Grammar school sixth forms.

\*\* 'CEES' refers to anyone who is care experienced and/or estranged. 'Care experienced' means anyone who has been, or is currently, in care. This care may have been provided in many different settings, including living with foster carers; living in a residential children's home; being looked after at home under a supervision order; living with friends or relatives in kinship care. 'Estranged' students are those aged 18-24 who are not communicating with either of their biological or adoptive parents due to an irreconcilable breakdown in their relationships with them.

*Please note receipt of child benefit for the offer holder is not sufficient evidence. Unfortunately we are unable to make payments retrospectively.*







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