

Issue 1: Meet the Team

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Hi everyone!

Welcome to the first newsletter for Durham Summer Schools 2023! We're Becca and Liv, and we work as Graduate Ambassadors in the Access Team at Durham University. Throughout the next year, we will be sending you these newsletters to keep in touch, and to offer some top tips and advice throughout year 13 and the university application process.

In this issue, we wanted to introduce ourselves and the rest of the team working on this year's summer schools so you can recognise us when you visit Durham! We will also introduce you to some key locations you will visit around the city so you feel totally prepared for your summer school experience.

So without further ado, let's meet the team!

Until next time,
Becca & Liv 😊



Charlie



Hey! I'm Charlie and I am the event manager for Sutton Trust. We are putting together a really interesting programme for you and we are excited to have you here.

Degree: Natural Sciences (Maths and Philosophy)

Song: Plastic Off the Sofa (Beyonce)

Film: Grand Budapest Hotel

TV show: Succession

Guilty pleasure: Friday night takeaway

Fun fact: I selected this year's team for University Challenge

Liv



Hi! I'm Liv and I am the deputy event manager! I will mostly be chatting to you about social arrangements and will answer any of your general queries.

I can't wait to meet you!

Degree: History

Song: Superstition (Stevie Wonder)

Film: Pride

TV show: Taskmaster

Guilty pleasure: Scrolling through TikTok

Fun fact: I do trampolining and gymnastics!

Becca



Hi! I'm Becca. I work mainly on planning the Supported Progression Scheme (especially the social activities), but you'll see me around on all the residential!

Degree: English Literature

Song: Dreams (Fleetwood Mac)

Film: The Lord of the Rings

TV show: Doctor Who

Guilty pleasure: Lip-syncing in the kitchen

Fun fact: I dance vintage dance styles such as Lindy Hop and Charleston!

Boawe



Hey everyone! I am Boawe and I am the manager of the team. This means I am there to make sure the summer schools run smoothly and everyone has a good time!

Degree: Strength and Conditioning

Song: The Night Me and Your Mama Met (Donald Glover)

Film: Shawshank Redemption

TV show: Stranger Things

Guilty pleasure: Food.

Fun fact: I play American Football!

Kath



Hi, I'm Kath! I'm the administrator for the programme. You'll see me in your inbox and around the residential! I'll be sorting your travel and any queries.

Do ask if you need help :)

Degree: Sports Science and Teaching

Song: Yellow (Coldplay)

Film: Out of Africa

TV show: Silent Witness

Guilty pleasure: Chocolate

Fun fact: I've lived in seven countries and three continents

Key Dates

7th June	Welcome to ST Webinar
21st June	Student Life at Durham
5th July	Student life and societies webinar
30th July-4th August	Summer School
Autumn 2023	Autumn Series

Meet our senior mentors!

What are mentors?

During the residential you will be put in a mentor group led by one of our student ambassadors. This will be your mentor and will be there to answer your questions and support you throughout.

Our senior mentors are there to support the staff team and the running of the programme. You will mostly see them running sessions and doing various jobs around college. Get to know them by reading their profiles!

Abbie

She/Her



Hi! My name's Abbie and I am one of the seniors. You might see me running around and helping set things up, but I'm also always there for a chat if you need it!

Degree: Geology

Song: Unstoppable (Lianne La Havas)

Film: The Hunger Games (yes I am still 12)

TV show: Suits

Guilty pleasure: going on drives around Durham

Fun fact: I lived in Australia when I was 4/5 for 10 months! (Too many bugs, my mum said)

Emmanuel

He/Him



Hello, I'm Emmanuel. I'm looking forward to taking part in a range of fun activities with you all this summer. I hope you're as excited as I am!

Degree: Law

Song: You are Good

Film: Avengers: Infinity War

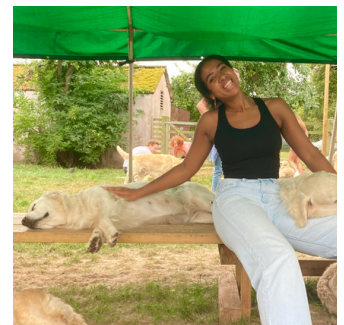
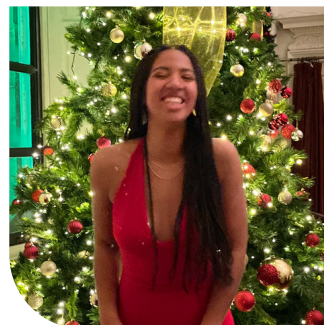
TV show: Brooklyn Nine-Nine

Guilty pleasure: YouTube Videos

Fun fact: I love tennis (and anything to do with it)

Lucy

She/Her



Hello everyone, My name is Lucy, and I am a finalist Law student here at Durham. I cannot wait to meet everyone!!

Degree: Law

Song: Dive (Olivia Dean)

Film: Mulan

TV show: Grey's Anatomy

Guilty pleasure: A long bubble bath

Fun fact: I love to row!

Our College Accomodation

During residentials, you will be living in one of our Durham colleges- Grey College. As part of this, you will get the chance to experience many of our university facilities. Here are some photos of key college locations you may visit on residential...

Grey College



Founded: 1959

Number of students: 1,350

Catering Options: Fully Catered

Fun Fact: Grey's mascot is a Phoenix because it one of its buildings burned down during construction however they 'rose from the ashes', re-built and still opened on time.

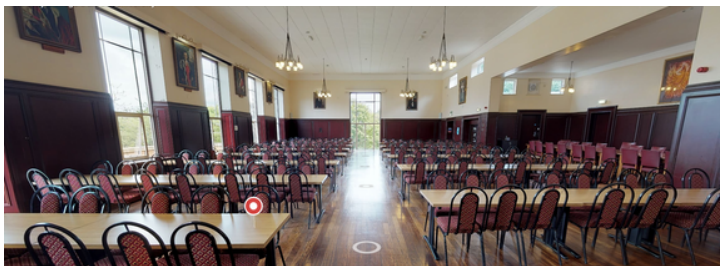
Take a 360 Degree Virtual Tour of Grey College



The JCR - This is our main chill out space which we will use during free time and social activities.



The Bar - We use this space as a break out room but also host a great game of bingo here.



The Dining Hall - Here we host big talks like our welcome talk... and it's where we eat our meals.



The Old Library - This is another breakout space but also where we host more chill activities



Holgate Bedroom



Oswald Bedroom

Other Key Locations

As well as living in college accommodation, you will also get a chance to have a look at some of our buildings and facilities. Here are some examples of places you might see during your residential.

Some of our academic departments



As part of our academic tasters you might get a chance to visit the department buildings and even use some of the facilities such as seminar rooms, computer rooms and lab facilities.

Teaching and Learning Facilities



During some of our Information and Guidance sessions you might get a chance to look at some of our centralised teaching spaces.

Sports and Wellbeing Park



Our sports and societies night will give some of you the opportunity to use our amazing sports facilities having had £47 million invested in sporting facilities since 2012.

The Bailey



One night we will go to one of our historic bailey colleges for dinner to get a different college experience.

Durham City



During free time and while moving from place to place, you will see the beautiful historic city of Durham.

Need to get in touch?

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