

Durham School



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'Confidence for life'

History

Founded in 1414, Durham School is one of the oldest schools in the country, and proudly celebrates over 600 years of providing outstanding education. We combine a deep pride in our past with a determination to provide all our girls and boys with an all-round, up-to-date education. Set in 35 acres of beautiful grounds and facilities, we have enjoyed our enviable location overlooking the World Heritage Site of Durham Cathedral since 1844.

Pastoral

Our aim is to prepare our pupils for the next stage of their lives with quiet confidence. The School is small enough for each to be known and cared for as individuals and our House system reinforces the community feel of the School.

Boarding

We offer full, weekly and part-time boarding – weekly boarding being an increasingly popular choice. There are generous discounts for families from the Armed Services in addition to the CEA (Board) Allowance.

Extracurricular

Our pupils love our extracurricular programme which combines new opportunities alongside our more traditional pursuits and this year has included radio broadcasting, first aid training, resolving global conflict and psychological profiling to name but a few! We have a justifiably high reputation for music, sport and drama but we also offer a wide variety of activities and opportunities that encourage teamwork, leadership and community work including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Combined Cadet Force. With our own boathouse only five minutes away on the River Wear, rowing is a successful and popular choice



for both girls and boys. The Durham School Boat Club is the third oldest boat club in the world and we are the fourth oldest school rugby club in the world.

We are also the only All-Steinway Accredited School in the North of England, enabling our musicians to practise and perform on the finest pianos in the world.

Location

The School enjoys a uniquely beautiful setting in the heart of Durham City, with a rural feel to it, yet is within walking distance of the world-famous cathedral, castle, the River Wear, Durham University and the city-centre shops. The city itself is an historic, vibrant and rapidly developing university town in the culturally rich North East of England. London, Edinburgh, York and Newcastle are all easily accessible by road and rail, while Newcastle and Durham Tees Valley Airports are within easy driving distance.

Entrance requirements

Entry is possible at any age, but most new pupils join at age 11, 13 or 16. Admission for UK applicants is by entrance examination (age 11 or 13) or GCSE results (age 16) plus interview and school report. Prestigious scholarships are available at ages 11, 13 and 16. Applications from overseas are dealt with on an individual basis. Scholarships and entrance examinations take place in December (16+) and January (11+ and 13+) each year.

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We provide an environment where pupils can explore, make mistakes, learn and grow.



Key facts

Type of school Co-educational boarding 11–18 and day 3–18
Age range 3–18
Number of pupils 601
Number of boarders 119
Teacher/pupil ratio 1:10
Religious tradition Christian
Fees per term Full boarding £7,665–£8,832;
Weekly boarding £6,665–£7,965;
Overseas boarding £8,332–£9,500; Day £2,760–£5,412
ISC associations HMC, IAPS
Affiliation BSA



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