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Virtual Open Day Guide

September 18th 2021
9am-5pm



Find your extraordinary

Adam, studying Physics



Durham is one of the best virtual open days I've attended, it was well organised and very informative.



Welcome!

We are delighted that you have decided to virtually visit our vibrant, world-class University.



Our Virtual Pre-application Open Days are the best way for you to find out about our teaching excellence, explore our award winning facilities, experience our distinctive college communities, and discover the range of support services we offer to our students.

Developing our future

It's an exciting time to join Durham University as we have recently announced major plans to transform our facilities and accommodation. We are consistently ranked as a world top 100 university and within the top 10 of many UK league tables. It is our aim to secure this academic success and maintain our position on a sustainable basis. Continued investment across our estate will support our vision to produce world-leading and world-changing research, providing our students with an education that is challenging, difficult, enabling, research-led and transformative; and to offer a world-leading student experience.



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From our award winning facilities, to our distinctive college communities, and our wide range of support services, you will find much to explore at the Virtual Open Day.

Our Virtual Open Day

Our Virtual Open Day will run from 9am - 5pm (with some activities running until 7pm) on Saturday 18 September, with live events taking place during this time. Please see the schedule for a full listing of activities taking place (pages 7-9). You will also be able to visit our virtual 'Exhibition Halls', speak to university staff in our chatrooms, collect useful resources, and attend webinars.

Don't worry if you miss something- you'll be able to keep coming back to the platform for on-demand content until 10 October!



Discover Durham University

You'll first arrive at our lobby (which is modelled on our very own Teaching and Learning Centre), where you can visit the Help Desk, watch the Open Day video, explore the Exhibition Halls or access the Lecture Theatre. The main navigation bar will be displayed across the top of your screen, and you can navigate using this!

Watch [this video](#) to understand how to move around the Virtual Open Day.



Help Desk

If you have any questions, you can always pop to our Help Desk on the day - where we will be happy to help. Even after the live day itself, you can pop back to this desk to ask our enquiries team a question.



This was probably the best virtual open day I have been on with the variety and number of live events and how well they were organised and presented.



Our Virtual Open Day

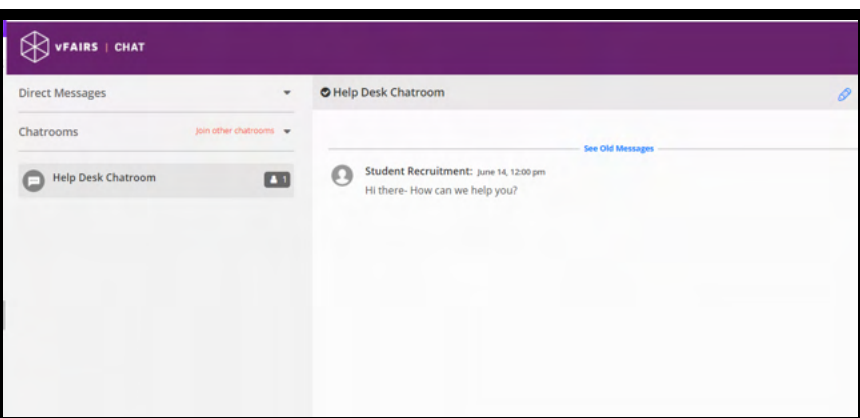


Lecture Theatre

In our Lecture Theatre (Auditorium) you can view a large selection of webinars. To make it easier to find the correct webinar, use the links at the top of the page to filter webinars by topic. Live events take place between 9am and 7pm, and usually last no more than one hour. In some webinars, you'll be able to ask questions during the event, and for others you can visit the chat room.

Whatever you're interested in - there'll be something for you! Just click on the screen to see the full listing.

You can also find a full schedule of webinars on pages 7-9.



Chatrooms

Our Department, College and Professional Support Service staff are on hand throughout the Open Day to answer any questions you may have. Chats are available at different times during the day- just check out the listings on pages 7-9 to find out the timings!

Some chats will be hosted through virtual face-to-face meetings, and others through typed chat.



Our current students are eager to talk to you! You can see a list of current students available to talk to on our Unibuddy Platform, and ask any questions you may have! Just click the 'Unibuddy' tab under any of the booths in the Exhibition Hall.

Exhibition Hall

You can find out about all aspects of Durham University life in our three Exhibition Halls:

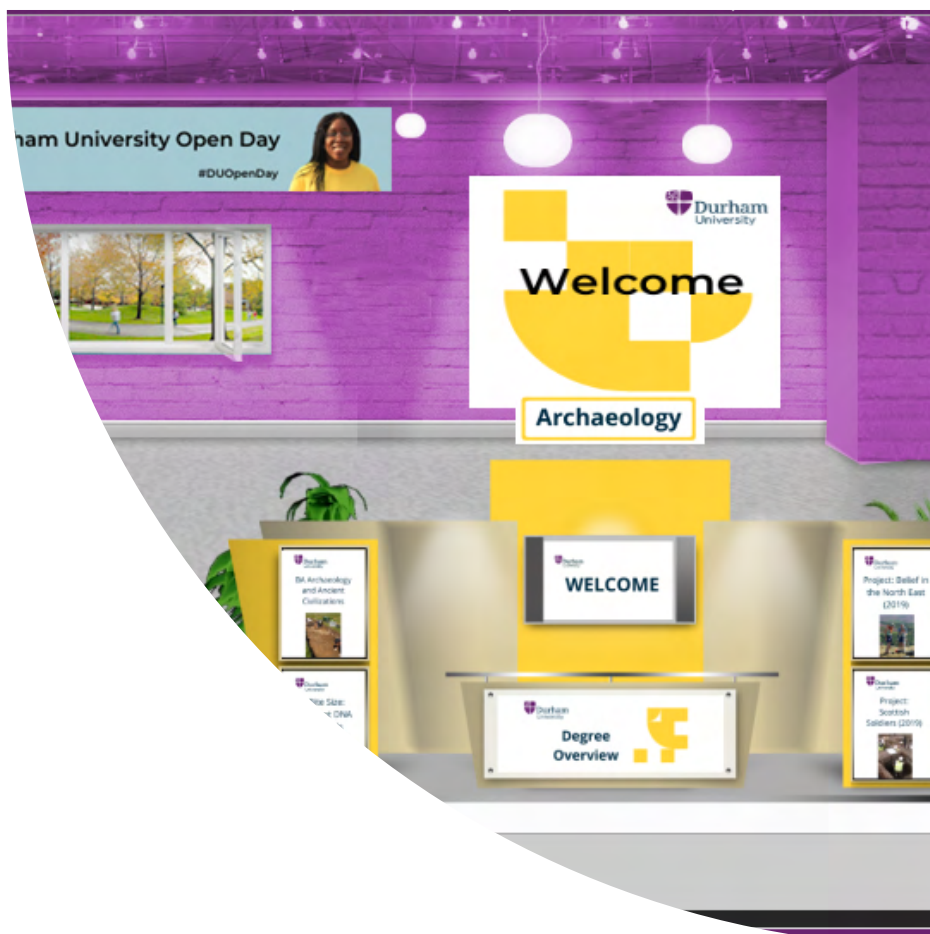
- Academic Life
- College Life
- Student Life

Click on the banners on each booth to find out more, or use the tabs below the booth to watch videos, collect resources and speak to staff members.

Find a full listing of booths, chat times and webinars available on pages 7-9.

Virtual Tours

Check out the Facilities and Virtual Tours booths to get a feel for the University grounds and facilities. You can access 360 degree tours of buildings, be led on mini video tours by some of our current students showing you their favourite spots in Durham, or get to grips with the different locations of our colleges.



Top tips!

You can add videos and documents to your 'Swag Bag' and email them to yourself to look at again after the event! Just select the 'swag bag' option next to any items you'd like a copy of.



What's on

Each Department, College and University Service listed below is represented on a booth. The below tables indicate what is available on each booth, as well as any chat times available to chat to university staff, and any webinars on offer.

Academic Life	Chat Type	Chat Times	Webinar
Accounting	Video Chat	09:00-11:00, 12:00-16:00	11:00
Anthropology	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	12:00
Archaeology	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	12:00
Biosciences	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	11:00
Business and Management	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	17:00
Chemistry	Video Chat	09:00-16:00	14:00
Classics and Ancient History	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	12:00
Combined Honours in Social Sciences	Typed Chat	10:00-12:00, 14:00-16:00	09:00
Computer Science	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	13:00
Criminology	Typed Chat	09:00-14:00, 15:00-16:00	14:00
Earth Sciences	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	15:00
Economics	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	11:00
Education Studies	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	14:00
Engineering	Video Chat	09:00-16:00	11:00
English Studies	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	11:00
Finance	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	15:00
Geography	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	10:00
Government and International Affairs	Typed Chat	09:00- 13:00, 14:00-16:00	13:00
History	Video and Typed Chat	09:00-11:00 (T), 11:00-13:00 (V), 13:00-16:00 (T)	15:00
Law	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	09:00
Liberal Arts	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	12:00
Marketing and Management	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	17:00
Mathematical Sciences	Video Chat	09:00-10:00, 11:00-16:00	10:00
Modern Languages and Cultures	Typed Chat	A full listing of MLAC chat times can be found on page 8	A full listing of MLAC webinars can be found on page 8
Music	Typed Chat	09:00-14:00, 15:00-16:00	14:00
Natural Sciences	Typed Chat	10:00-12:00, 14:00-16:00	16:00
Philosophy	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	11:00
PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics)	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	13:00
Physics	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	09:00
Primary Education	Typed Chat	10:00-16:00	09:00
Psychology	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	10:00
Sociology	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	11:00
Sports and Exercise Sciences	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	10:00
Theology and Religion	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	10:00
Visual Arts and Film	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	09:00

What's on

Modern Languages and Cultures live chat and webinar timings

To join any of the chats listed below, click the 'chat' tab under the Modern Language and Cultures booth. Head over to the Lecture Theatre to watch any webinars.

Session	Chat	Webinar
Modern Languages and Culture overview	09:00-16:00	09:00
Arabic	13:30-14:30	12:30
Chinese	Q&A during webinar	09:30 (Chinese and Japanese)
French	10:00-16:00	09:30
German	Q&A during webinar	12:00
Hispanic	11:00-12:00	10:00
Italian	12:30-13:30	11:30
Japanese	Q&A during webinar	09:30 (Chinese and Japanese)
Russian	Q&A during webinar	10:30

College Booths

Each College listed below is represented on a booth. The below table indicates what is available on each booth, as well as any chat times available to chat to university staff, and any webinars on offer.

College Life	Chat Type	Chat Times	Webinar
Collingwood	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	13:00
Grey	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	12:00
Hatfield	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	13:00
John Snow	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	11:30
Josephine Butler	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	12:00
South	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	11:15
St Aidan's	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	12:00
St Chad's	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	15:00
St Cuthbert's Society	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	14:00
St Hild and St Bede	Not available	Not available	Not available
St John's	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	13:00
St Mary's	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	15:30
Stephenson	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	11:00
Trevelyan	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	11:00
University	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	13:00
Van Mildert	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	14:00
Our Colleges (General College Overview)	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	10:00

What's on

Student Life Booths

Each University Service listed below is represented on a booth. The below table indicates what is available on each booth, as well as any chat times available to chat to university staff, and any webinars on offer.

Student Life	Chat Type	Chat Times	Webinar
Durham University Admissions	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	Applying to Durham - 09:00 Personal Statements - 11:00
Careers and Enterprise	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	11:00
Durham Centre for Academic Development (DCAD)	Typed Chat	12:30-13:30	The Academic Transition to Higher Education - 11:00
Durham Students' Union	N/A	On-demand content only	N/A
Disability Support and Counselling Service	Type Chat	Chat with a student with experience of using the service between 09:00-10:00, 15:00-16:00	N/A
Experience Durham: Sports, Theatre, Music, Volunteering	Typed Chat	Team Durham Sports 09:00-16:00	Team Durham University Sports - 12:00 Experience Durham Music and Theatre - 17:00
International Students	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	Studying in the UK - 18:00
Libraries and Collections	Typed Chat (External Site)	10:00-14:00	Love Your Library - 10:00
Parents and Carers	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	See additional webinar listings below
Placement Years	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	14:00
Student Finance	N/A	On-demand content only	N/A
Student Views	Typed Chat	09:00-16:00	Student Panel Q&A - 13:00 A Day in the Life of a Durham Student - 15:00
Study Abroad	Q&A section during webinar	Webinar Only	16:00
University Facilities & Virtual Tours	N/A	On-demand content only	N/A

Additional Webinars on offer

Session	Time
Applying to Durham	09:00
Introduction to our Colleges	10:00
Love your Library	10:00
The Academic Transition to Higher Education	11:00
Personal Statements	11:00
Team Durham- University Sports	12:00
Student Panel Q&A	13:00
Placement Years	14:00
A Day in the Life of a Durham Student	15:00
Study Abroad	16:00
Experience Durham- Music and Theatre	17:00
Studying in the UK	18:00

Top Tip!

Don't worry if you can't make it to all the sessions you are interested in, you can always go back to watch them on-demand later!



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