

Induction Week 2018



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International and Postgraduate Induction

Wednesday 26 September

Time	Activity	Location	Details	Who?
9:00 – 17:00	Arrivals	Reception, JCR Foyer and Ann Dobson Hall	Freshers' Reps (Freps) will be available to help students to move in!	Postgraduate and Undergraduate International
9:00 – 17:00	College Tours	College Reception	An opportunity for all new postgraduate and international undergraduate to have a guided tour of the College.	Postgraduate and Undergraduate International
14:00 - 16:00	ID Verification	Principal's Office	Bring along your ID to complete this key part of your College enrolment! Make sure you also attend College Registration on Monday morning!	Undergraduate International
19:00 – 23:00	Ice-breaker activities	Bar	'Get to know you activities' in the bar for all new international undergraduates.	International Undergraduate
19:00 – 23:00	MCR Welcome	Bankside Room (MCR)	An informal get together for new postgrads both livers in and livers out in the postgraduate common room!	Postgraduates

Thursday 27 September

Time	Activity	Location	Details	Who?
9:00 – 17:00	Arrivals	Reception, JCR Foyer and Ann Dobson Hall	Freshers' Reps (Freps) will be available to help students to move in!	Postgraduate and Undergraduate International
10:00 onwards	Shopping trip to the Metrocentre	By coach from the College Reception	A chance to get hold of all of those essential purchases at one of the UKs largest retail outlets! £5 per person return journey.	Postgraduate and Undergraduate International
14:00 - 16:00	ID Verification	Principal's Office	Bring along your ID to complete this key part of your College enrolment! Make sure you also attend College Registration on Monday morning!	Undergraduate International
17:30 - 19:30	Gameshow Evening	MCR	A relaxed evening in the MCR with your fellow postgraduates! All welcome for what promises to be a fun evening of gameshow activities!	Postgraduate
19:00 – 21:00	International Dinner	City Centre	Join your fellow International Undergrads for dinner in the city!	Undergraduate International
21:00 onwards	International student mixer	The Library	Join students from across the University for a social. Organised by the Students Union!	Undergraduate International

Friday 28 September

Time	Activity	Location	Details	Who?
9:00 – 11:00	Postgraduate and International Student Support Drop-in	Principal's Office	Come and speak to Debs (Assistant Principal) in the Principal's Office about an ongoing issues with your health, disabilities, finance etc.	Postgraduate and Undergraduate International
11:00 - 13:00	ID Verification	Principal's Office	Bring along your ID to complete this key part of your College enrolment! Make sure you also attend College Registration on Monday morning!	Undergraduate International
13:00 – 14:30	International Welcome Lunch	Ann Dobson Hall	International Welcome to Van Mildert College with the Principal and College Officers. Join us for traditional Friday Fish and Chips!	Undergraduate International
14:00 – 17:00	Postgraduate College Registration	Principal's Office	An opportunity to complete your registration before undergraduate arrivals. Visit Sharon or Jillian in the Principal's Office with the relevant photographic ID. If you miss this session you should attend on the morning of Monday 1 October, 8:30 - 10:00.	Postgraduate
19:00 – 23:00	International Films and Pizza	Turner	Chill out with the International Freps. Films of your choice from around the world and pizza provided!	Undergraduate International

Saturday 29 September

Time	Activity	Location	Details	Who?
10:00 – 17:00	Trip to Newcastle	Meeting in the College Reception	Travel by train to Newcastle to see all that our neighbouring city on the River Tyne has to offer!	Postgraduate and International Undergraduate
18:00 – 21:00	Postgraduate Welcome Event	Ustinov Room	Meet your fellow postgraduates, the Principal and Deputy Principal at this first 'welcome' event. A series of talks will be followed by pizza and MCR social. If you have any special dietary requirements please email vm.mcrpresident@durham.ac.uk . A 'must attend' for all new postgraduates!	Postgraduate
21:00 – 23:00	Bar quiz	Bar	A night of friendly rivalry between Mildertians and our near neighbours at St Aidan's College! Also a chance to meet fellow international students studying similar subjects from across the University. Films also available!	Postgraduate and International Undergraduate

Sunday 30 September

Time	Activity	Location	Details	Who?
9:00 – 16:30	Arrivals	Reception, JCR Foyer and Ann Dobson Hall	Freshers' Reps (Freps) will be available to help students to move in!	Undergraduate
11:00 – 15:00	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 well very welcome along with new students living outside of College! No charge.	All students (undergraduate and postgraduate) and family welcome
12:00 – 14:00	Student Support Drop-in	Kent Room	An opportunity to meet with Vicky (Deputy Principal) or Debs (Assistant Principal) to talk through any concerns about health, disability, finance etc.	All students
14:00 – 16:00	Meet the staff	JCR Foyer, Bar and Ann Dobson Hall	Members of staff including the Principal and Deputy Principal along with members of the College Mentor team will be available to answer your questions. Tea and coffee available.	All students (undergraduate and postgraduate) and family welcome
17:00 – 18:30	Meet your corridor rep	Accommodation corridors	A chance for you to meet the rest of your corridor. Your reps will run some icebreaking activities and answer any questions you have. Those living away from Mildert will still have reps and a 'corridor' and will hear about this closer to the date!	Undergraduate
17:30 – 18:30	Dinner	Ann Dobson Hall	Dinner through the servery for students living in College.	Postgraduate
18:45 – 20:30	Welcome followed by dinner	Ann Dobson Hall – family service	Your first meal in College!! A welcome followed by some important health and safety information for new undergraduates living in College.	Resident Undergraduates
21:00 - 23:00	Film Night with VM Library	Library – Bradshaw Room	The Library has a huge DVD loan collection waiting for you! Head down to the Bradshaw room for a chilled out evening - film to be voted on!	All students
21:00 – 23:00	JCR Evening Activities – speed meeting	Bar and JCR	A Mildert tradition, similar in set-up to speed-dating – but with the sole aim of helping you get to know as many of your new year-mates as possible!	Undergraduate
22:00 onwards	JCR Evening Activities – Quiz and Music Night	Bar	A night of ice – cream, getting to know you activities, and a full array of games in the JCR and college bar. There will be lots of ice cream...	Undergraduate
23:00 onwards	JCR Evening Activities - Studio	Bar and JCR	See the Freshers Handbook for more information about tonight's venue!	Undergraduate

Monday 1 October

Time	Activity	Location	Details	Who?
8:00 – 11:00	Extended Breakfast	Ann Dobson Hall	There will be a longer than usual hot breakfast served to welcome you on your first day!	All resident students
8:00	Undergraduate College Freshers' Photo	Tees Lawn	The Annual Freshers' Photo. Smart formal dress is required – ask your Frep if you are not sure! Photo order forms provided by College in your Induction Pack or available online.	Undergraduate
8:15	Postgraduate College Photo	Tees Lawn	The Annual Postgraduate Photo. Smart formal dress is required. Photo order forms provided by College in your Induction Pack or available online.	Postgraduate
8:30 – 12:00	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.	Undergraduate (COMPULSORY)
10:30 – 12:00	Livers Out and Erasmus/Exchange Get Together!	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! Will include College Registration.	Undergraduate (Livers Out and Erasmus)
13:00 – 17:00	ACADEMIC SESSIONS			
17:00 – 18:00	Student Support Drop-in	Kent Room	An opportunity to meet with Vicky (Deputy Principal) or Debs (Assistant Principal) to talk through any concerns about health, disability, finance etc.	All students
20:30 – 01:00	JCR Evening Activities – College 'Sweet Dreams' BOP' and Silent Disco	JCR, Bar and Ann Dobson Hall	Your first taste of a huge part of Mildert life, the BOP (Bit of a Party...)! This year's has a 'Sweet Dreams' theme and a huge variety of entertainment. Fancy dress is encouraged and it will end with a famous Mildert silent disco!	All students
01:00	JCR Evening Activities - Domino's comes to Mildert!	Ann Dobson Hall	A treat from the Student Support team...stick around in College for FREE pizza provided in the Hall! Does what is says on the tin!	All students

Tuesday 2 October

Time	Activity	Location	Details	Who?
9:00 – 13:00	ACADEMIC SESSIONS			
	College Option – Chill with the Freps (Film in the Bar)			
12:30 – 13:30	Student Support Drop-in	Kent Room	An opportunity to meet with Vicky (Deputy Principal) or Debs (Assistant Principal) to talk through any concerns about health, disability, finance etc.	All students
13:00 – 18:00	COMPULSORY operational and safety College Community Talks – Ask your Frep where you need to be and when!			
18:30 – 20:30	MCR 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.	Postgraduate
19:00 – 23:00	JCR Evening Activities - Block Party	Bar, JCR & 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! Always a true favourite of the Mildert fresher – we'll give you your very own Block Party 2017 t-shirt which your entire block can decorate to give you a lasting memento of this fantastic evening.	Undergraduate
21:00 onwards	JCR Evening Activities – Games Evening	JCR	The games night is a chilled and run event for Freshers to socialise whilst completing challenges and exciting games. Try your luck escaping a room in a nail-biting adventure in just 60 minutes!	All students



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Wednesday 3 October				
Time	Activity	Location	Details	Who?
9.00 – 12.00	Mildert Society Tasters	Various locations - ask your Frep for more information or meet in the JCR	Old hand or never tried it before, it doesn't matter! Come along to as many of the taster sessions as you like.	All students
11.00 – 12.00	Student Support Drop-in	Kent Room	An opportunity to meet with Vicky (Deputy Principal) or Debs (Assistant Principal) to talk through any concerns about health, disability, finance etc.	All students
11.30 – 13.30	Early Lunch	Ann Dobson Hall	Make sure you grab some lunch before you head down to Matriculation! Take-away sandwiches available!	All resident students
13.30	Leave College for Matriculation	College Reception, JCR and Tees Lawn	Non-resident students should meet in the College Reception at 13.30 to walk with the Van Mildert group. Please do not meet at the Cathedral. Smart, formal wear required. Flat shoes advised (or a spare pair)!	All students
14.45 – 15.45	Matriculation Ceremony	Durham Cathedral	Your official welcome to the University. Two new students, an undergraduate and postgraduate, will sign the Matriculation Book on behalf of the College. Smart, formal dress is required – no gowns.	All students (COMPULSORY)
16.00 – 17.30	College Talks	Bar, JCR, Ustinov Room	Important College talks from the Police, Fire, and Students Union.	Undergraduate (COMPULSORY)
15:00 – 18:00	Library - Relax and unwind with VM Library	VM Library – Bradshaw and Kent Rooms	Colouring books at the ready!! Get ready for a chilled out afternoon in the Library but beware, this colouring in is going to be harder than you think! All resources provided.	All students
17:30 – 18:45	Takeaway Dinner	Servery	A takeaway dinner for the postgraduates and all undergraduates not attending the Meet your Mentor 1 Formal.	All students
18:15 – 19:15	Meet your Mentor 1	Various	Your first opportunity to meet your College Mentor – a supporter and friend of the College who will be there to help out throughout your first year in Durham! Smart, formal dress required.	Undergraduate group 1
19:15 – 21:00	Welcome and Mentor Formal 1	Ann Dobson Hall	Your first Formal Dinner at Van Mildert College joined by your College Mentor. Smart, formal dress required.	Undergraduate group 1
21:00 – 01:00	JCR Evening Activities – Casino Night	Bar, JCR and Ann Dobson Hall	Alan won 80K in a night for Mr Chow, and now it's your turn! Head down to Mildert's very own Caesar's Palace to try your luck on our classic casino games to get in the mood for Lloyds Wednesday or a casino themed film night!	All students
21:00 onwards	JCR Evening Activities – Film Night	Ustinov Room	Get together to continue the Casino themed night with all those Casino themed classics!	All students

Thursday 4 October				
Time	Activity	Location	Details	Who?
9:00 – 13:00	ACADEMIC SESSIONS			
14:00 - 18:00	Dodgeball	Tees Lawn	Get together with your corridor in the ultimate game of dodgeball to determine which corridor will be crowned champions!	Undergraduate
14:00 – 15:00	Student Support Drop-in	Kent Room	An opportunity to meet with Vicky (Deputy Principal) or Debs (Assistant Principal) to talk through any concerns about health, disability, finance etc.	All students
19:30 – 23:00	MCR Ceilidh and Open Mic Night	Ann Dobson Hall	Organised by the MCR but open to all students from Van Mildert and postgraduates from other Colleges. Ceilidh in the Hall and Open Mic in the Bar. Bring your friends - £3 for non-Mildert students. Pizza in the MCR afterwards for Mildert students!	All students
20:00 onwards	JCR Evening Activities – Newcastle Mini Golf Trip	Newcastle	An opportunity to see the fantastic city of Newcastle for those who don't fancy the night out! This will be a night of Mini Golf in Durham's neighbouring city! If you don't live in College, meet us in the College Reception!	Undergraduate
20:30 onwards	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!	Undergraduate

MEAL TIMES

BREAKFAST 8:00 – 10:00 (WKEND 8:00 – 11:00)

LUNCH 12:00 – 13:45 (WKEND BRUNCH 11:30 – 13:30)

DINNER 17:15 – 19:00 (WKEND 17:00 – 19:00)

COLLEGE BAR OPEN EVERYDAY 7 PM – 11 PM
(LATER ON SOME NIGHTS DURING INDUCTION)

COLLEGE RECEPTION - 0191 334 7100

JCR TALK AND SUPPORT - 07964 591 656

NIGHTLINE - 0191 334 6444

VM.STUDENT-SUPPORT@DURHAM.AC.UK

Friday 5 October				
Time	Activity	Location	Details	Who?
9:00 – 17:00	ACADEMIC SESSIONS			
16:00 – 17:00	Student Support Drop-in	Kent Room	An opportunity to meet with Vicky (Deputy Principal) or Debs (Assistant Principal) to talk through any concerns about health, disability, finance etc.	All students
17:30 – 18:45	Takeaway Dinner	Servery	A takeaway dinner for postgraduates and all undergraduates not attending the Meet your Mentor 2 Formal.	All students
18:15 – 19:15	Meet your Mentor 2	Various	Your first opportunity to meet your College Mentor – a supporter and friend of the College who will be there to help out throughout your first year in Durham! Smart, formal dress required.	Undergraduate group 2
19:15 – 21:00	Welcome and Mentor Formal 2	Ann Dobson Hall	Your first Formal Dinner at Van Mildert College joined by your College Mentor. Smart, formal dress required.	Undergraduate group 2
19:00 – 21:00	A Taste of Japan	Library	Come along to meet our friends from Teikyo, University of Japan. There will be origami, calligraphy and much more on offer! One not to miss!	All students
21:00 onwards	JCR Evening Activities – Clash of the Courses	Bar, JCR and Ann Dobson Hall	A great chance to meet all the other Mildertians on your course! Different challenges in course teams to finally determine which subject is best!	Undergraduate

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Saturday 6 October				
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09:00 - 17:00	Mildert Society Tasters	Various locations - ask your Frep for more information or meet in the JCR	Old hand or never tried it before, it doesn't matter! Come along to as many of the taster sessions as you like.	All students
11:00 - 13:00	Arts and Crafts Session	JCR	Design your very own commemorative Mildert Freshers' Week Tie-Die T-shirt or get creative in decorating your own mug.	Undergraduate
20:00 – 22:00	JCR Evening Activities - Mildert's Paint Party	Tees Lawn	The massive finale of the week, basically involves throwing paint at each other in time to music, with a temp bar on Tees Lawn, truly not to be missed!	Undergraduate
22:00 onwards	JCR Evening Activities – Treasure Hunt	Durham City	Solve riddles to find clues around the city after the paint party, finishing with Pizza in Market Square!	All students
22:00 onwards	JCR Evening Activities - Klute!	Durham City	Once voted the worst Nightclub in Europe, this is one that you have to see for yourself!	All students

Sunday 7 October				
Time	Activity	Location	Details	Who?
10:00 - 13:00	Freshfival	Tees Lawn	This is your opportunity to ask questions and sign up to all the sports, societies and committees Mildert has to offer!	All students
18:30 – 19:30	JCR Meeting	JCR	The first JCR meeting of term. A round - up of the week including the notorious fresher's week awards!	Undergraduate
19:00 – 23:00	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!	Postgraduate
20:30 - 22:00	Open Mic Night	Bar	Show off your musical skills with an open mic night in the bar run by Mildert's very own Jam Soc	All students

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