

Van Mildert College

Postgraduate
**FREQUENTLY
ASKED
QUESTIONS**

**EVERYTHING YOU
NEED TO KNOW!**



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HOW MANY SHARED ROOMS ARE THERE?



GREAT NEWS! WE DON'T HAVE ANY
SHARED ROOMS AT VAN MILDERT
COLLEGE.



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HOW MANY POSTGRADUATES LIVE IN COLLEGE?

BETWEEN 80 AND 90 POSTGRADUATES LIVE IN VAN MILDERT COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION EACH YEAR. ALL OF OUR ROOMS ARE ON ONE SITE ON MILL HILL LANE SO YOU ARE RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY.



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WHAT IS THE JCR?

JCR STANDS FOR JUNIOR COMMON ROOM AND IS NOT ONLY A ROOM WITHIN COLLEGE BUT ALSO, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE BODY OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE COLLEGE. THE JCR OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM THE JCR PRESIDENT - VM.PRESIDENT@DURHAM.AC.UK.



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AND THE MCR?

LIKE THE JCR, THE MCR IS BOTH A COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS AND A ROOM IN COLLEGE. MCR STANDS FOR MIDDLE COMMON ROOM AND IS RUN BY POSTGRADUATES FOR POSTGRADUATES. IT OFFERS A COMMUNITY AND SPACE IN WHICH POSTGRADUATE MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE CAN COME TOGETHER TO SHARE EXPERIENCES, SOCIALISE AND ENGAGE WITH THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN COLLEGE!



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DO I HAVE TO PAY A MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR COLLEGE?

THERE IS NO MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR THE COLLEGE BUT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MCR, A SMALL FEE OF £35 APPLIES. THIS FEE GIVES YOU MEMBERSHIP OF ALL THREE COMMON ROOMS IN THE COLLEGE INCLUDING THE JCR AND SCR WHICH MEANS THAT YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN MANY OF THE CLUBS, SOCIETIES, COMMITTEES AND EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE HERE!



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WHERE IS VAN MILDERT COLLEGE?

VAN MILDERT IS A 'HILL COLLEGE' LOCATED ON MILL HILL LANE. OUR NEAR NEIGHBOURS ARE TREVELYAN COLLEGE, ST AIDAN'S COLLEGE AND COLLINGWOOD COLLEGE. WE ARE ALSO CLOSE TO DURHAM BUSINESS SCHOOL, THE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, POLITICS AND JUST 10 MINUTES WALK FROM MOST OF THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS WHICH ARE LOCATED ON THE LOWER MOUNTJOY SITE.



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DO YOU HAVE ENSUITE ROOMS?

YES, ALL OF OUR POSTGRADUATE
ROOMS ARE ENSUITE.
POSTGRADUATES ARE
ACCOMMODATED IN DEERNESS
BLOCK.



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WHICH SUBJECTS DO PEOPLE STUDY AT MILDERT?

POSTGRADUATES ARE AT THE HEART OF THE ACADEMIC LIFE OF OUR COLLEGE AND WE ARE PLEASE TO WELCOME STUDENTS TO STUDY ANY SUBJECT OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY. COLLEGES DON'T HAVE SPECIFIC SUBJECT SPECIALISMS. WE FIND THIS A GREAT THING AS IT ENCOURAGES FANTASTIC INTER-DISCIPLINARY DEBATE!



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I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE ABOUT STUDENT SUPPORT!

SURE! DO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE
STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM VIA
VM.STUDENT-SUPPORT@DURHAM.AC.UK



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WILL THERE BE PEOPLE FROM MY HOME COUNTRY AT MILDERT?

IN SHORT, WE DON'T KNOW YET! BUT WHAT WE CAN SAY IS...WE ARE A BIG COLLEGE AND WE ARE PROUD OF THE DIVERSITY WITHIN OUR STUDENT COMMUNITY. EACH YEAR WE WELCOME STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD AS WELL AS STUDENTS FROM VERY CLOSE BY. WE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY AND RECOGNISE THE STRENGTH IN BRINGING TOGETHER DIFFERENT CULTURES AND VIEW POINTS IN THE CONTEXT OF A COLLEGIATE LEARNING COMMUNITY!
COME AND JOIN US!



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ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH SCHOLARSHIP IN COLLEGE?

YES! THE MCR RUNS A REGULAR SEMINAR SERIES AT WHICH POSTGRADUATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRESENT THEIR RESEARCH AND IDEAS. POSTGRADUATES CAN ALSO ENGAGE WITH THE WIDE RANGING DISCUSSIONS AND LECTURES OFFERED BY THE SCR AND THROUGH THE DIMENSIONS STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME.



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CAN COLLEGE CATER FOR MY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS?

OUR CATERING TEAM IS USED TO CATERING FOR A WIDE RANGE OF DIETARY REQUIREMENTS. EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE MAJORITY OF SPECIAL DIETS CAN BE CATERED FOR BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS AHEAD OF ARRIVAL DO GET IN TOUCH VIA VM.STUDENT-SUPPORT@DURHAM.AC.UK



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CAN I OPT FOR SELF-CATERED AT MILDERT?

NO, WE ARE A FULLY CATERED COLLEGE
AND DO NOT OFFER A SELF-CATERED
OPTION.



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ARE THERE ANY POSTGRADUATE ONLY SPACES IN COLLEGE?

YES, POSTGRADUATES AT MILDERT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE MCR WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE DEERNESS ACCOMMODATION BLOCK. THE ROOM HAS A RANGE OF FACILITIES FOR INFORMAL STUDY, RELAXATION AND GAMES. ON EACH OF THE POSTGRADUATE CORRIDORS THERE ARE ALSO KITCHEN AREAS THAT SERVE AS COMMON AREAS.



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CAN I BRING A CAR TO DURHAM?

STUDENTS ARE NOT OFFERED PARKING PERMITS IN DURHAM WITHOUT VERY SPECIFIC MEDICAL NEED OR ACADEMIC REASON. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU NOT TO BRING A CAR TO DURHAM. IT IS A SMALL CITY AND EVERYTHING YOU NEED IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE!



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CAN I GET A JOB IN COLLEGE?

YES! OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE EACH YEAR TO WORK IN THE COLLEGE SHOP OR ON THE BAR. YOU CAN ALSO APPLY TO BE AN OPEN DAY HELPER AND OTHER STUDENT JOBS ARE ADVERTISED REGULARLY THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY'S CAREERS SERVICE.



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IS THERE STUDY SPACE IN COLLEGE?

ALONGSIDE THE STUDY SPACE WITHIN
YOUR STUDY-BEDROOM, WE HAVE A
COLLEGE LIBRARY FOR INDIVIDUAL
STUDY AND A SERIES OF MORE
INFORMAL SPACES FOR GROUP STUDY
INCLUDING THE MCR ROOM, BAR AND
ANN DOBSON HALL.



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HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO JOIN THE GYM?

£45 PER YEAR - A BARGAIN!





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WHERE IS THE NEAREST SHOP?

DURHAM CITY CENTRE IS JUST 20
MINUTES WALK AWAY AND ALONGSIDE
AN ARRAY OF PLACES TO EAT, COFFEE
HOUSES AND BARS, THERE ARE PLENTY
OF SHOPS TOO INCLUDING A TESCO!

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HOW DO I GET INVOLVED IN A CLUB OR SOCIETY?

AS AN MCR MEMBER YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO GET INVOLVED IN THE WIDE RANGE OF CLUBS, COMMITTEES AND SOCIETIES THAT THE JCR HAS TO OFFER. TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT THE JCR PRESIDENT - VM.PRESIDENT@DURHAM.AC.UK.



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CAN I BRING MY MUSICAL INSTRUMENT WITH ME?

YES, OF COURSE! MUSICIANS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO BRING INSTRUMENTS WITH THEM BUT WE ASK THAT YOU AVOID PRACTICE WITHIN THE ACCOMMODATION BLOCK AND INSTEAD MAKE USE OF OUR MUSIC PRACTICE ROOMS. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT YOU ENSURE INSTRUMENTS ARE APPROPRIATELY INSURED.



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HOW MUCH DO CLUBS OR SOCIETIES COST?

**MOST COLLEGE OR JCR CLUBS,
COMMITTEES AND SOCIETIES ARE EITHER
FREE OR HAVE A VERY MINIMAL
CHARGE OF £10 OR LESS.**



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WHAT ARE FORMALS LIKE AT MILDERT?

FORMALS HAPPEN EVERY COUPLE OF WEEKS AT MILDERT AND ARE A REALLY POPULAR PART OF COLLEGE LIFE! OUR DINING HALL IS THE LARGEST IN THE UNIVERSITY SO OUR FORMALS ARE BIG OCCASIONS AND ARE SOMETIMES FANCY DRESS! FORMALS INCLUDE A THREE COURSE MEALS AND OFTEN POST-DINNER ENTERTAINMENT (ENTS!). WE DON'T WEAR GOWNS!



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DO I HAVE TO CLEAR MY ROOM DURING VACATIONS?

NO, ALL POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS ARE
OFFERED A 50 LET WITH THE UNIVERSITY
SO YOU HAVE YOUR ROOM FOR THE FULL
YEAR!

