

## UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM, DURHAM

Residential Centre

Age Range: 14 – 18 years

Course start dates: 5 July, 19 July 2009

Web: <http://www.lsc.ac/courses/centres/durham.htm>



language study centres



### THE TOWN

The city can trace its history back a thousand years, to the arrival of a religious community seeking a permanent resting place for the body of St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne. As a shrine for their saint, they built first a wooden, then a stone church, on top of a rocky hill, protected on three sides by the River Wear. Durham is a compact city yet offers a wide range of facilities. A wide choice of shops and restaurants co-exist happily with the Victorian Market. Much of Durham's shopping area is closed to traffic, making for a more relaxed atmosphere. Take time to sit in the cobbled Market Place and enjoy some of the street entertainment, particularly during July and August. Part of the World Heritage Site along with the city's castle, the cathedral is widely regarded to be among the finest Norman architecture in the world.

### THE COLLEGE

The University was founded in 1832, and developed in Durham and Newcastle until 1963, when the independent University of Newcastle upon Tyne came into being. The University is collegiate and is located in the city of Durham. The College of St Hild and St Bede, Durham's largest college, offers one of the most picturesque and beautiful settings. Set within 16 acres of beautiful grounds that lead to the edge of the River Wear, the College also enjoys views across the historic city to the spectacular, world-famous cathedral.

### FACILITIES

The cafeteria, student lounge and classrooms are all part of the splendid college campus. Nearby indoor sports facilities are within a few minutes walk.

### ACCOMMODATION

Rooms are large standard singles with wash-hand basins either in apartments or corridors, with shared bathrooms and kitchen/common areas.

### TEACHING PROGRAMME

The lessons focus mainly on vocabulary work and the development of communication skills through involving students in various classroom activities. There are also lessons which are linked to the cultural and historical aspect of the excursion programme, so that students are informed about the destinations and get maximum benefit from their trips. All students are tested on arrival and placed into the class level that is most suitable for them, and their progress is monitored throughout the course. In most centres there is a zig-zag timetable.

### ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Full Day Excursion to York

Full day Excursion to Newcastle and the Baltic Centre

Half Day River cruise

Half Day Excursion to Beamish and the museum

Discos

Karaoke

Sports

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name of College: College of St Hild & St Bede

Full Postal Address: Durham DH1 1SZ

Website: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/hild-bede/>

Distance from town centre: 0.5 miles

Distance from;

Newcastle Airport: 24 miles

Teesside Airport: 27 miles

Leeds/Bradford Airport: 79 miles

Manchester Airport: 136 miles

## ACCOMMODATION

General Description: Single Standard Accommodation

Name/names of LSC accommodation: Within College of St Hild & St Bede

Total beds on site: 471

Total LSC bed allocation: please advise

Disabled access: No

Ratio of showers/baths: 5/6

Ratio of toilets: 5/6

Towels provided: Yes

How often are rooms cleaned: Once a week but rubbish removed every and bathroom and kitchen areas cleaned every day.

Do bedrooms lock: Yes

Common Rooms: Yes

Dining hall capacity: 380

Telephones: Pay phones available

Laundry Facilities: Yes

Is a safe available for Leaders: No

## TEACHING AND SOCIAL FACILITIES

Number of classrooms: 6 within college  
3 in School of Education (next door)

Zig-zag timetable: Yes

Classroom Equipment: Whiteboards

Number of Lecture Theatres and capacity: No lecture theatres

Social Areas: Yes

Internet Available: In designated areas only

## SPORTS FACILITIES

Indoor Sports: Graham Sports Centre at Maiden Castle - 1.5 miles

Outdoor Sports: Maiden Castle - 1.5 miles

## TRANSPORT INFORMATION

(College within walking distance of town centre)

Nearest Public Transport: 0.1 miles to bus stop

Frequency of Service: every 20 minutes

Average Cost:

## LOCAL AMENITIES

Nearest Hospital: 1.6 miles

Nearest Bank: 0.4 miles (Barclays Bank)

Nearest Shops: 0.3 miles (Gilesgate)

0.5 miles (Durham)

Nearest Post Office: 0.2 miles (Gilesgate)

