

Durham School Age 11-16



Welcome to the Senior School...

With a highly talented and dedicated team of teachers who are passionate about their subject, we aim to make learning exciting and stimulating for all our pupils and we pride ourselves on the quality of our academic teaching. Our pupils leave Durham School equipped with the emotional and intellectual skills to face a rapidly changing and challenging world. Through a supportive and caring community we strive to ensure that all our pupils think critically, are emotionally resilient, and act with both humility and kindness. We want all our pupils to leave us with a well-rounded view of life and ready to make a positive contribution to society.



Challenge



Learning with us...

Academic life in the Senior School is all about inspiring young minds, igniting a love of learning and creating the building blocks for academic endeavour. Our lessons are planned to make all pupils think critically, evaluate and reflect. Lessons are structured around activities which promote debate, collaboration and individual initiative. The curriculum is designed to offer both breadth and choice with the chance to opt for some subjects in Year 9 and Year 10. Academic progress is monitored very carefully with a strong support network.



Develop



Our Opportunities...

We have an extensive co-curricular programme which works hand in hand with the academic curriculum to promote leadership, initiative and teamwork. Sport, CCF, Duke of Edinburgh, music, drama and an extensive trip and activity programme all contribute to this end. The School prides itself on its ability to cater for all abilities, whether the focus is on participation and enjoyment or performance to a very high level.



Experience





Belong Our Community...

Community, friendship and service are at the heart of Durham School life, and nowhere are these principles more in evidence than in our Houses. All pupils belong to one of our five Houses, where they study, socialise and relax. The Houses are friendly and inclusive communities, and each has its own team of experienced and caring House Staff whose prime responsibility is to provide excellent pastoral care. Each House has its own distinctive atmosphere and character, and House loyalty is very strong among staff and pupils alike. A diverse and stimulating calendar of Inter-House competitions complements the School's academic programme, and actively encourages each and every pupil to participate, lead and excel, and to wear his or her House colours with pride.



Boarding...

Our boarding community is a safe and supportive environment in which children can thrive and be happy. Experienced House staff, matrons and tutors work closely with pupils, parents and guardians to ensure that boarding life is rich, stimulating and nurturing. This warm and welcoming home from home, where pupils of all ages can learn, grow and develop a strong sense of belonging and identity, equips boarders with the broad range of skills and aptitudes necessary for them to achieve their potential and make a success of their endeavours, academic, co-curricular and personal.



Exciting

Potential

The Next Step... moving up to Sixth Form

The Senior School's aim is to develop the habits of mind and individual confidence which empowers students to excel in the Sixth Form. This journey starts immediately in Year 7 and concludes with a strong foundation of GCSE results in Year 11.



“It is a great privilege to be part of this amazing Sixth Form. There are so many opportunities here, with a huge array of clubs, events and activities to take part in. I know that when I leave, Durham School will have prepared me for whatever I face next.”
Jodie Cameron, Year 12, MacLeod House





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