

Durham School Welcome



# Potential



## Welcome to Durham School

An Independent Co-educational School (Age 3-18)



Durham School has a 600 year tradition of providing an all-round education to day and boarding pupils. The School is fully co-educational and incorporates its own prep school, Bow, which is near to the senior school campus. The School sits in a beautiful site close to its historic home and World Heritage site of the Cathedral precincts. The School maintains strong links with the Cathedral and also the University; the latter provides us with superb opportunities for pupils to take advantage of its facilities and work with its academics.



Academic life is at the heart of the School, and we offer a large number of subjects at A Level and GCSE. Pupils are encouraged to aim high, and we are proud of our record of helping pupils achieve, irrespective of their academic ability. In addition, we believe that pupils learn as much about themselves in what they do outside the classroom as in their lessons, and the School offers a huge variety of extra-curricular activities. The School enjoys a richly deserved reputation for sport – notably rugby, hockey and rowing – and many Old Dunelmians have gone on to regional and national success in those areas. The School's music and drama are also very strong, and we are one of the few all-Steinway Schools in the UK.

Our unofficial motto is Confidence for Life, and we are proud that Durham School offers this to all its pupils. They leave us as mature and responsible young men and women, imbued with the skills required to tackle the challenges of the 21st century whilst retaining a sense of traditional values which are timeless.

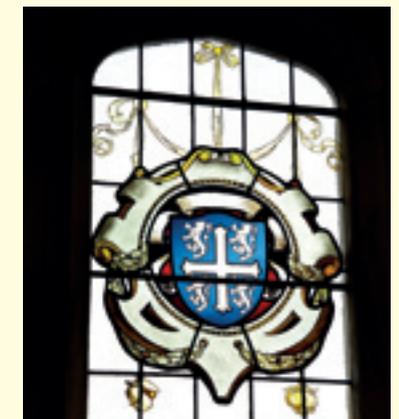
Mr K J McLaughlin  
Headmaster



## Our History

### Durham School key dates:

- 1414** Cardinal Langley re-founds the grammar school as part of a re-organisation of the monastic schools in Durham.
- 1541** Henry VIII establishes the grammar school as part of the Cathedral foundation. 'King's Scholars' are so called in memory of Henry VIII.
- 1844** The School moves to its present site on the Bellasayse estate.
- 1907** Canon Budworth becomes Headmaster, raising numbers from 98 to almost 300 by the time he retired in 1932.
- 1956** Chapel completed as a memorial to the Old Dunelmians (Alumni) who fell in both World Wars.
- 1985** Girls join Durham School Sixth Form.
- 1998** The Senior School becomes fully co-educational.
- 2006** The whole School becomes fully co-educational from age 3-18.
- 2014** Durham School celebrates 600 years.





# Determination

## Confidence for Life at Durham School

Confidence for Life is encompassed in the ethos of Durham School, with a reputation that is second to none for excellence inside and outside the classroom.

At Durham School, from the youngest pupils in the Badger Nursery through to the Sixth Form, all our pupils' successes are celebrated and valued. Our pupils' achievements are impressive: performing on stage, earning a scholarship, representing their country on the sports field, achieving a grading distinction on a musical instrument. Sometimes, though, just taking part is enough, and our pupils are encouraged to throw themselves into all aspects of school life.

At the Senior School our pastoral care is delivered through our strong House System, offering pupils the chance to thrive and develop in a stimulating, safe and caring environment. Our boarding options offer pupils the opportunity to experience another side to school life that further helps growth in independence and confidence. We offer full boarding, weekly boarding as well as occasional boarding, and this caring and flexible approach to boarding, reflects today's lifestyles.

We believe that Durham School is the best possible place for children to excel and reach their full potential. It is a place where they can fulfil their dreams and ambitions and leave us with confidence in their own abilities, allowing them to take on whatever challenge the world presents them in the future.



# Progress

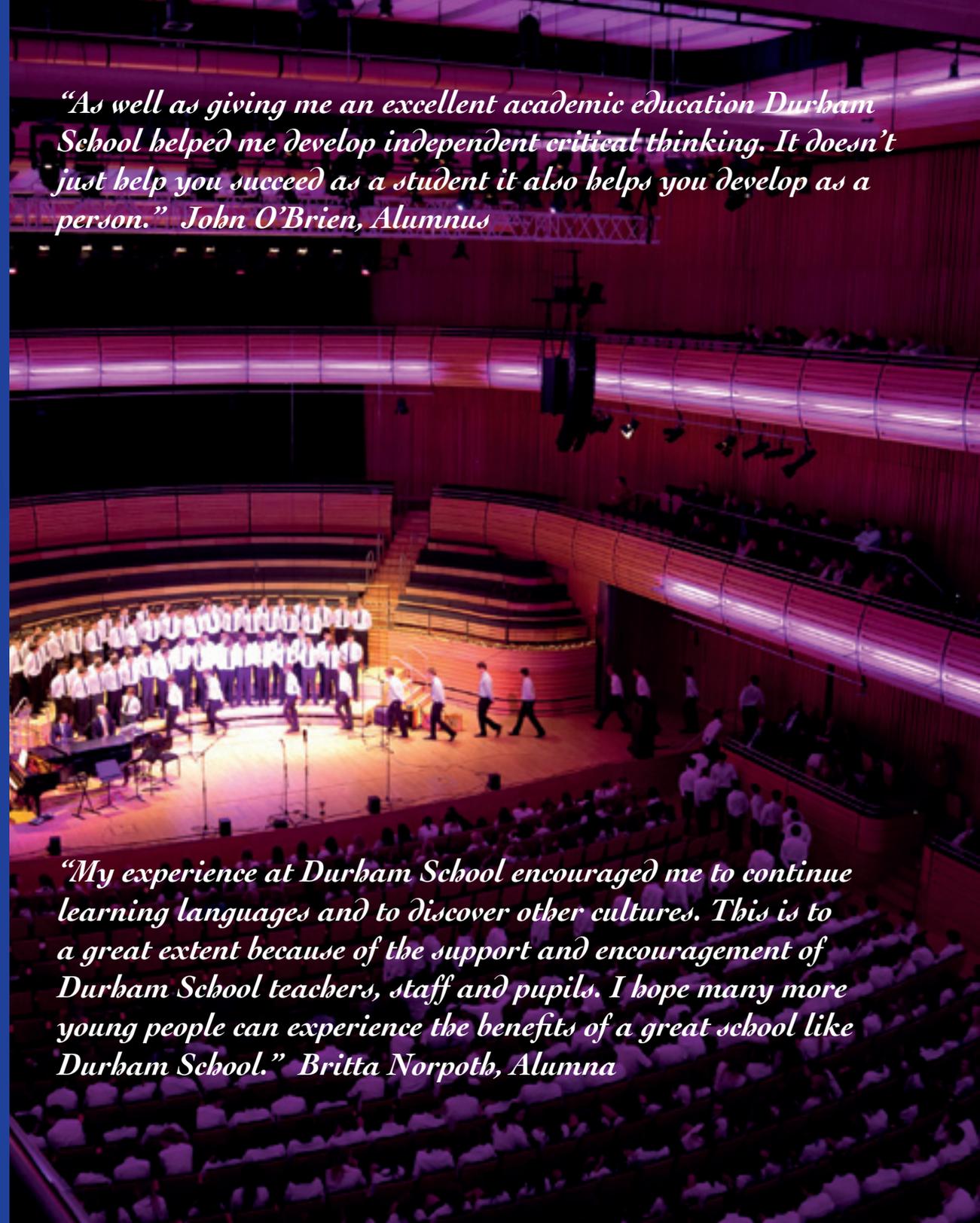


## The next step...

By arranging a visit to Durham School you will be taking a step closer to securing your child's future. Our proud staff and pupils will be ready to welcome you and your family and to guide you through the admissions process.

*"As well as giving me an excellent academic education Durham School helped me develop independent critical thinking. It doesn't just help you succeed as a student it also helps you develop as a person." John O'Brien, Alumnus*

*"My experience at Durham School encouraged me to continue learning languages and to discover other cultures. This is to a great extent because of the support and encouragement of Durham School teachers, staff and pupils. I hope many more young people can experience the benefits of a great school like Durham School." Britta Norpoth, Alumna*





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