

St Chad's College



Freshers' Handbook
2019-2020



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Welcome from our JCR President

Dear newest Chadsian,

Congratulations are in order for all your hard work, for achieving such impressive results and for being accepted into Durham University! This is such an achievement and you should be so proud. On top of that, you've been accepted into what is, undeniably, the best college. St Chad's is small, friendly and inclusive. That and our amazing location, just steps away from Durham Cathedral, makes us one of the most oversubscribed colleges in Durham. Over the next few years, you will make the most amazing memories here and form friendships that will last the rest of your life.



Being the smallest college in Durham, we are very close-knit. Our college motto is 'non vestra sed vos', which means 'not yours, but you'. We value you; who you are and what you can contribute. Chad's offers endless opportunities for you to get involved and a multitude of ways to socialise with people from all different walks of life. It truly is a very special place; a place I hope you are excited to soon call home.

My name is Lucie and I am the JCR President at Chad's. You're now a member of the JCR, the undergraduate student body within college. I lead the JCR Executive Committee who organise everything in the JCR including social events, welfare, sports, the bar and who represent the student voice of Chad's at the Durham Student's Union (the SU) and the wider University administration.

Through these pages, you will get an insight into Chad's life. We have tried to put as much information in as possible to help get you ready for everything that is coming up. When you arrive at Chad's, the Exec and a group of Freshers' Reps will be around to answer all your questions, show you around Durham and valiantly carry all your suitcases up the (quite endless) staircases to your new rooms. They'll do their best to make you feel as at home as possible. In the run up to your arrival do not hesitate to get in touch with me or any of the team whose details are available in this Freshers' handbook. We also have the *St Chad's College Freshers 2019/20* page on Facebook where loads of information will be posted. If you have any questions, no matter how small, please feel free to get in touch.

In the meantime, have an amazing rest of the Summer Holidays and celebrate your amazing achievements!

We are so so excited to meet you,

Lucie Goddard



Before you come



Before you come

What to bring

These are some tips of what to bring (it's not an exhaustive list, so make sure you bring along the basics — going a term without a toothbrush wouldn't be ideal!). Don't forget that despite being a small town, Durham has plenty of shops for you to pick up anything you've forgotten.



Duvet Cover & Pillow Cases: If you bring several sets you'll be able to operate a one-on-one-off system and subsequently ease the pressure to do washing.



Bedding: You'll have to bring your own bedding with you unfortunately, but if you're struggling to fit it in the car or coming from abroad then college can sell you a full bedding set (duvet and pillows, plus cases, and a bed sheet) for the bargain price of £35.00. Contact chads.housekeeping@durham.ac.uk if you're interested.

Blanket: It is notoriously difficult to control the temperature in Chad's rooms. Having an extra blanket in case it's cold will get you through the perilous Northern winter nights.

Warm clothes and shoes: We're not joking when we say that Durham gets cold in the winter- bring lots of coats and layers. The hills and cobbles of Durham get very slippery with the slightest bit of ice so I would recommend shoes with suitable grip too!

Smart clothes: From the first night and beyond, there will be a million excuses to dress up if you want to. This means bring your suit and dinner jacket, or every gradation of formal dresses that you own. It's all likely to come in useful at some point.

Dodgy clothes: In case you hadn't already established, we like fancy dress here. Bring along any particularly dodgy clothing you have lying around and it will come in handy!

Tea & Coffee: Whether you're already an eager tea-drinker or a relative novice, you are likely to drink lots of tea whilst you're here. Although tea and coffee are provided for the JCR, it's also a great idea to have some in your room for emergency caffeine hits.



Biscuits: An excellent way to meet people – invite people round for a cup of tea and a sugar rush and you're bound to make friends in Freshers' Week.

Crockery: Although we don't suggest you go out and invest in a full crockery set, it is worth bringing a few mugs, as well as a bowl and a plate for your room.

Lamp: Although a desk lamp will be provided, you may want to bring an extra one for your bedside which may be useful in the likely event you and your roommate don't have identical sleeping patterns.

Alarm Clock: Yes, you could use your phone. But this is more of a gentle reminder that you will have to wake up early some days for lectures so bringing an alarm clock could prove helpful.

Extension leads: Although a lot of Chad's rooms have been recently refurbished, an extension lead is always useful in case you have sockets in awkward and unwieldy places.

Doorstop: Another stealth friend-making tactic – people walking by are more likely to pop in.

Before you come

Laundry bag/basket: Your roommate will appreciate you having somewhere to deposit your dirty clothes that isn't the floor. It's good to find something that you can easily carry clothes to the laundry in, as it may be a short way down the road.

A few more obvious essentials...

- Passport/ driving licence or other form of photo ID
- Student loan information
- Any information college or your department has sent you
- Laptop and charger
- An academic diary or planner

Finances

So you can plan and budget before you arrive, here is a breakdown of some things you'll have to pay for. If you're confused about a financial aspect, don't hesitate to get in touch with one of us, either through the Facebook group or by email which you will find later in this handbook.

Battels: £30– This is a fee for your subscription to the JCR. See the section on the JCR later for more information on what battels are!

Sports Levy: £15– if you don't play sport you can opt out.

Unattributed Damages: £10– this annual additional payment is levied to all College residents for any unattributed damages (i.e. damage for which no one in particular is to blame). Any surplus is returned if unused, to fund student activities.

Food – 3 meals a day, seven days a week are included in your college fees so you don't need to pay any extra. There are also limited kitchen facilities in every house if you want to cook independently.

Washing machines – £2.00 per wash and it is free to use the tumble dryer.

Gowns—We will be in contact to confirm the process around buying your gown which will be used for formals and other events while you are at university. Prices this year should be similar to last years', where a new gown cost £55 and a second-hand gown cost £15.

First Year Students 34 week let for 2019/20

Standard Single Room (shared bathroom facilities) £7,416

Single Room with En-Suite supplement £7,893

Shared Standard room £7,173

Shared En-Suite Room £7,649

If you are in a position where you may be struggling financially, or have any concerns about this, please contact the Bursar and he will be happy to discuss some options or possible solutions with you.



Before you come

Freshers' Week

Everyone involved in this week will do their best to hopefully make it an incredible and memorable week, but also one where you can start to feel at home in Chad's. We understand that university can be a hard move for some but through the unique events that we at St Chad's are especially proud of, and the great group of Freps, JCR exec and staff (keep reading to find out who these are) who will be around all week, we hope that you will feel at home within no time.

Registration: This is done when you complete online enrolment. Many degree courses will have compulsory modules, but most will also have open modules and the chance to take one or two in a subject outside of your own. This is worth considering, especially in first year when (technically) you only have to pass, and your marks don't count towards your degree.

You can check your modules from the online faculty handbook: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/faculty.handbook/>



You will also be directed to a module checker online to check any clashes. When you've made your choices, you can complete the module selection process online under Banner self-service (via DUO) and then the Registration and Enrolment option.

The deadline for this is the 1st October 2019 so if you have any questions feel free to send an email to any of the Exec (found in the People to Know section) or post in the *St Chad's College Freshers 2019/20* Facebook group .

Social Events: Your Social Sec, Evie, has a packed Freshers' Week planned. This will include a themed formal, 2 matriculations (Chad's in Chad's Chapel, and University's in the Cathedral), a boat cruise, a wine and cheese tasting night, a trip to Newcastle and many more exciting events!

It honestly will be such an amazing week, packed full of every type of activity you can imagine, so get excited!





People to know



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The Exec

The Executive Committee (usually known as the 'Exec') is a team of undergraduates who hold various positions, and undertake a range of jobs in the running of the JCR. They are voted into their positions by the JCR in Epiphany (2nd) term, and are here both to serve and represent you. Amongst other people, they are the central committee to go to with all your college-related questions, or woes etc. So, here are your Exec Members for 2019-20. Their contact details are included, should you have any questions, as well as a bit about them, and what they get up to at Chad's.



LUCIE GODDARD, JCR President,
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My role: I am the current JCR President at Chad's. I look after the affairs of the JCR and manage the JCR Executive committee. I also represent our views as a student body to the wider University administration. Essentially, my role is to make sure your time at Chad's is as good as it can be by having overall responsibility for JCR events and activities. St Chad's is an independent college, we have the opportunity to command ourselves and shape the way that college is run. Therefore, the JCR is a really great thing to be a part of as it truly will affect your life at Durham. If you have any questions or ideas for the JCR, please feel free to come and have a chat with me.

About me: I am a Biology Student from Bromley in South East London. Durham is well known for having a great extra-curricular culture. I've had a go at pretty much everything here in Durham. I have had a go at most college sports, sung in the college choir, volunteered with Age UK and ran a crafting group in a local primary school. I sing in some groups with Music Durham, one is a Barbershop A cappella group. A big achievement at Durham was in organising the college's Candelmas Ball last year. There really is something for everyone here and I seriously encourage everyone to get stuck in; you probably won't have another opportunity to have so many different activities on offer all in one place.

Top tip: Have some time to get away from Chad's, whether that be in a wider university extra-curricular or just in going to Newcastle for the day. Chad's is a truly special place, but its size does mean that after a while there is no shame in getting some space away from the bubble.

CELINE KART, Vice President, celine.d.kart@durham.ac.uk,
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My role: As the Vice President of the JCR, my most important job is organising your Freshers' Week! Besides this my role entails deputising the JCR President and handing out fines (please don't be that person...). On a more fun note, I'm also responsible for organising STASH, so watch out on how to order some green Chad's garms.

About me: Hi, I'm Celine, congratulations on getting to Chad's! I'm a proud Yorkshire lass and third year law student from Huddersfield, though Chad's is my home away from home. I'm responsible for your Freshers' Week, so if I look a bit stressed, that will be why. In my spare time I'm either rowing, reading or drinking gin. If you have any questions between now and your arrival, don't hesitate to drop me an email. See you soon!

Top tip: Make the most of first year, use it as an opportunity to find out what you enjoy and what you want to dodge. Find out how you work best and don't be afraid to make mistakes. And definitely don't worry about making friends, it's impossible not to in Durham, and especially Chad's.



People to know



SASHA MILLER, Welfare Officer, sasha.y.miller@durham.ac.uk, Ramsey 1, 07814275238

My role: As your JCR Welfare officer, I'm here to provide non-judgemental, non-advisory support to any member of the JCR, be that in person, on the phone, or over message, and it is confidential where possible. I chair the welfare committee who are there in the same capacity, and who run welfare campaigns through the year. We also provide sexual health and sanitary supplies to the JCR, and we can provide information on other support available within and outside of college. We are here if you want to talk about any issue, big or small, or if you just fancy a chat. We are all

in college during freshers' week so feel very welcome to say hi!

About me: Hiya! I'm a third year Nat Sci student from London. You might find me learning to play pool with the tiny baby cue, and positions are still open for someone to teach me to play croquet. If not, I might be playing college football or lacrosse, hopefully actually going to some salsa lessons this year, getting involved with the local art studio, or sitting on the desk instead of at it. I'm the super short one, so you shouldn't have any trouble finding me. I'm very excited to meet you all and get this year started!

Top tip: While it's still (relatively) warm, get down to the Brown's boats and go for a relaxed row on the river.

OLIVER HIGGINS, Secretary, oliver.j.higgins@durham.ac.uk, 4a Church Street, 07826558004

My role: Being secretary pretty much comes hand in hand with admin. I tend to do a lot of tedious (but important?) minute taking at exec and JCR meetings. I also have the delightful job of creating several handbooks including the one you are reading right now! The role also includes being Livers' Out Representative, which means organising various college events and supporting those who are living out of college this year.



About me: Hi, I'm a third year Economics student from Belfast. I'm an enthusiastic but somewhat untalented Frisbee/pool/football/croquet player, as well as a few things outside of college. I am part of Northern Lights, an A Cappella group here in Durham (<https://www.facebook.com/DUNorthernLights/>) as well as helping to set up the University's Irish Society last year.

Top tip: It's easy to just get involved in everything in Chad's but take the time to try something in the wider uni—whether that's an activity or a society. It's nice to make friends outside of the bubble that Chad's can be, and it's possible to commit yourself to both Chad's and the wider uni if you want to.



WILF GOODHART, Treasurer, wilfred.j.goodhart@durham.ac.uk, 10 North Road, 07788299330

My role: As Treasurer, I deal with all financial elements of the JCR. I manage how much is spent on each aspect of college life (e.g. sport, household expenditure) and create a budget to allocate our yearly income into those channels. I also run the finances of our annual Summer Ball, and manage the college subcommittees (e.g. Boat Club, Social Committee and Charities to name a few). If you want to start a new society in college, we have room in the budget for donations to help you kickstart your idea!

About me: Hey, I'm Wilf and I'm a final year classicist from London. I love sport, cards and food. In particular, I love football and I have represented Chad's many times with great passion! I have two sisters, one of who is at Durham. My favourite vegetable is peas and I really like sweet corn as well.

Top tip: If you want to start doing something at uni, try and stick to it in Freshers'. One often thinks that it will be easy to start with a sport or society in second or third year, but practically it rarely happens. You will never be as free to do what you want to do as in your first year, so make the most of it!

People to know

LORNA RESTON, Domestic Representative,
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My role: As Domestic Representative, my jobs are not always the most glamorous but are essential for ensuring life in our college buildings runs as smoothly as possible. The most mundane part is to clean up vomit (yum) - however this always comes with a fun anecdote to tell afterwards. I stock up our beloved vending machine in the JCR and facilitate feedback to our kitchen and cleaning staff daily. Organising formal sign-ups also falls under my remit, as well as responding to and passing on any student concerns regarding maintenance and food related issues. Essentially my job is to make sure everyone is fed well, gets onto formals and is provided with a constant supply of snacks. You can get in touch with me with any questions or concerns.

About me: I am a 4th year human geographer from the Wirral (near Liverpool). When I am not nerding in the library, you can find me in the dance studio rehearsing and competing with Team Durham Dance or with the university Ballet Company. I have been active in Chad's Charities Committee, acting as a Rep, Outreach Officer and Toastie Bar Head Chef. On a wider university level I was once a part of DUCK, taking part in and leading charity expeditions to places such as Borneo and India, and VegSoc. Aside from all of these activities, I really do value quiet time watching netflix, baking and yoga-ing. I am always happy to chat about everything and anything over a cuppa and a pack of (vegan) bourbons

Top tip: Bring your own mug.

KAVI GILANI, Bar President, kavi.o.gilani@durham.ac.uk,
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My role: My role entails heading up a 5 person committee that handles the day to day running of the bar, as well as being a member of the exec. During freshers' week you'll have a chance to sign up to work, anyone can work and no experience is necessary! It's great fun serving your mates and providing the means for people to have a great night in Chad's.

About me: I'm a 3rd year geography student from London. Apart from finding me in the bar every night you'll often see me around College. I promise I'm not as scary as I look.

Top tip: Come down to the bar! It's a great social space whether on a quiet night for a chat or in a big night pre club.

EVIE OLIVER, Social Secretary, evangeline.oliver@durham.ac.uk,
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My role: As Social Secretary, my role involves running all of the social events throughout the year including freshers' week, bops, formals, chads day and much more! I am helped by my social committee in doing this. Essentially if it's fun, I'm involved.

About me: I'm a third-year law student from Glasgow. Apart from running social events, I really enjoy taking part in college sports and I am a keen member of the rugby team. I was also involved in running Chads' annual ball last year as (surprise, surprise) head of entertainment.

Top tip: Don't feel bad for taking a night off during freshers' week, it is a pretty intense week and REMEMBER, life goes on after freshers'!! There will always be opportunities to get involved at Chads so no need to worry about missing out.

People to know



RUBY FORSHAW, Senior DSU Rep, ruby.a.forshaw@durham.ac.uk, Neville Street, 07505390059

My role: I'm the main link between the college and the Student's Union, this involves representing and voting for the college at assembly meetings, publicising the activity of the student's union around college and managing the College's University Challenge team. If you're interested in getting involved in the student's union (and working with me) be sure to run for a Junior DSU rep role in the first JCR meeting!

About me: Hey all, my name is Ruby and I'm a second year BA Geography student. Alongside my degree and my admin, I also like to (try!) cox for the illustrious Chad's boat club and volunteer with the loveliest bunch of OAPs at Age UK. I know everyone will say 'feel free to contact me with questions' and you (like me) may feel too awks to email but please do!!

Top tip: Ask questions!! The best way to get to know everyone is by asking (sometimes dumb) questions! Chad's is so lovely in the sense all years get on very well, and we are all very excited to meet you!

NIKHIL MODEM, Sports Officer, nikhil.s.modem@durham.ac.uk, 9 Crossgate, 07930446571

My role: My role is the Sports Officer but here in Chad's, for reasons unknown, we call my role the Sports Monkey. My role is pretty simple, I help organise all of the sports teams in College including helping out captains and liaising with Team Durham to provide a enjoyable sporting experience to all students. St Chad's has the highest participation in college sports and I am here to help anyone and everyone to continue this. No matter what level of experience in the past, all individuals have the chance to try out and excel in whatever activity they want to, whether it be sports like Mixed Lacrosse or Rugby or just visiting the gym.

About me: I am a third year Computer Scientist from Greater London / Kingston-upon-Thames. Over my two years at uni I have dabbled in loads of sports including rugby and mlax which I never played before coming to Chad's, I also captained the College's men's badminton and ultimate frisbee teams last year and play for the university's ultimate frisbee 3rd team, so it's safe to say I love sports.

Top tip: Don't stress about roommates before you arrive and get involved in as many things as you can during freshers' week .



JASON DHORAY, JCR Chair (Non-Executive), Jason.dhoray@durham.ac.uk, 4a Church Street, 07415480825

My role: As your JCR Chair, my main responsibility is chairing all the JCR meetings and running election season, in a fair and impartial way. I also maintain the constitution of the JCR and I'm an independent liaison between the Executive Committee and JCR members. Finally, I'm in charge of providing you with the weekly college newsletter (the bogsheet), which will always be full of top notch chat and great memes.

About me: I'm a third year Natural Scientist, maths and physics, and I'm from Trinidad and Tobago, in the beautiful Caribbean. I'm into a lot of sports, but I mainly play football and cricket while dabbling in the rest that Chad's has to offer. I'm quite the charismatic and friendly guy and I'll always be around college, mainly in the JCR, if you're up a for a chat.

Top tip: Try to get involved in as many sports and societies as possible both in Chad's and the rest of uni. Even if you don't stick with it, it's a great way to meet new people.

People to know

Non– Executive Officers

As well as the Freps and Exec, the following people will be lurking around during Freshers' Week, so I'm giving them a chance to introduce themselves in advance. They all play a massive part in college and include members of the Social, Bar, Welfare and Wine Cellar Committees.

Bar Committee



WILL PATTERSON, Bar Manager

My role: I'm the Bar Manager which means I am in charge of the staff in the bar including the rota, the pool table and also the overall upkeep of the bar.

About me: Hi I'm Will, I'm the bar manager.

Top tip: Head to the bar every evening during freshers' week.

SEAN GALLAGHER GILL, Bar Treasurer

My role: As Bar Treasurer it is my responsibility to ensure that the bar is making a profit whilst keeping drinks incredibly cheap. I pay invoices sent to us from a myriad of different breweries and at the end of each term I compile a cashbook accounting for all of our monetary movements. Every day I come into college to count up the money in the tills from the previous night, so I will quickly become a familiar face.

About me: I'm a second year physicist from Greater Manchester who absolutely loves Chads. I love meeting new people so don't be afraid to come over and say hi. I am part of the legendary men's hockey team and I also (try to) row and play lacrosse.



Top Tip: Come to the bar and speak to EVERYONE instead of having pres/ prinks/ bevforehands in a dingy room. It's really cheap and it's the best way to make friends.

EMILIA HEPPLER, Head Cellarman



My role: I'm in charge of making sure the bar and cellar are stocked up every day before shift, taking deliveries and cleaning the beer lines. I also choose the bar's guest beers, so if you're interested in what we have on or have any recommendations feel free to ask!

About me: Hi I'm Emilia, a second year chemist from Sunderland and Head Cellarman of the bar. When I'm not down here, you can find me rowing, rock-climbing or volunteering at the toastie bar.

Top Tip: Working bar shifts is a great way of getting to know people! Also keep an eye on the middle tap and rotating fridge - they change regularly !

BEN WOLFENDEN, Bar Secretary

My role: I order stock, do stocktakes, design and order stash and organise socials.

About me: Hi I'm Ben, a 3rd year maths student and bar secretary. Aside from this, I play football, rugby, pool and darts and I'm in a band with a few of my housemates. Come and say hello during freshers' week, I'll be behind the bar!

Top tip: Get involved in as much as you can, you'll regret it otherwise!



People to know

Welfare Committee

ALEXANDER LEE and TALIA GILBEY, Assistant Welfare Officers



Our role: We work alongside other members of the Welfare Committee, to provide support to all JCR students. We can provide non-judgmental, non-advisory support to any JCR member, which will always be confidential where possible. I can also distribute emergency welfare supplies, signpost to other support services and of course, be relied on for a good cup of tea (biscuits included!!). The committee will organise awareness campaigns, self-care events and guest-speaker evenings so keep an eye out for those! Please don't hesitate to come and find us if you find yourself struggling with something, want to vent or just fancy a chat!

About us: I'm Alex, a second year natural scientist (chem/bio) from South London. I spend a lot of my time doing something musical so please do ask me any questions about getting involved in choirs and orchestras. I also really like food so if you need me i'll probably be hanging round the toastie bar.

Hi I'm Talia, a psychology student from Hertfordshire. This year I have loved being involved in mixed lacrosse (despite never actually catching the ball), Jewish Society and being a mini dec for Candlemas! Next year I am looking forward to joining the welfare team (I hear that lots of biscuits are involved), being JSOC social sec as well meeting lots of new faces!

Top tip: Make the most of formals in first year—they're free and a lot of fun!

JAKE GLOWIENKO and POPPY SIMPSON, Livers Out Welfare Officers

Our role: My primary role is to offer accessible non-judgemental, non-advisory, and confidential (where possible) listening support to all members of the JCR, with a particular focus on livers out. This may also include signposting to other services when appropriate. I also represent livers out in welfare meetings and campaigns to ensure these Chadsians have fair and equal access to support and wellbeing events. I also offer and distribute the full range of sexual health and sanitary supplies.



About us: I'm Jake, a third year psychology student from County Durham. When I haven't been boring others with my wolf fascination, I've also been involved in various activities within Chad's and the wider university, including a stint playing college hockey, serving on the Toastie Bar, volunteering as a research assistant, and serving on the Psychology Society exec.

Hi, I'm Poppy, a second year languages student. I've done a bunch of stuff this past year; climbing, Latin social dancing, freshers' play and playing croquet instead of revising. Next year I'll be doing welfare and Green Door (the college theatre company), but I will also be around college a lot for the tea in the dining hall so do come and say hi and ask me about anything.

Top tip: It's ok if things aren't going to plan. There's always people around who care, so make use of the college and wider support that's available to you.

ROBBIE BELL and ISABEL KEEFE, Welfare Campaigns Officers



Our role: We attend weekly meetings with the rest of the team to ensure the welfare of the College is the best it can be. Specifically, our role is organising welfare campaigns to help address common student issues. We're also responsible for updating the college welfare facebook page, so make sure to follow for campaign updates and doses of wholesome memes.

About us: Hi, I'm Issy, a second year law student from Hertfordshire! In my spare time I will be playing netball for both Chads and DU, on a social with the girls or

frantically prepping the college for the Candlemas ball as Head of Decs. As a Welfare officer I will always be around for a chat so feel free to ask me any questions no matter how silly...I can probably relate!

I'm Robbie, a second year Devonian switching to my third degree in as many years (Philosophy this time around, with Maths and Physics left by the wayside). If you're interested in getting involved in Welfare, FemSoc, Mixed Lacrosse, the Uni Radio, Chad's Allotment or the local Extinction Rebellion group, do come up and ask.

Top tip: Don't stress about sharing a room, they'll probably end up being your best friend!

People to know

Social Committee

ANNA HAMBLIN, SocComm Publicity and Sponsorship Officer



My role: I'm Publicity Officer for SocComm. That means I'll be around snapping pictures of you all (good ones hopefully!) for Vos Media and arranging Facebook events. Watch out for updates!

About me: Hi, I'm a second year chemistry student from Suffolk. Chad's is truly a wonderful place to be; I enjoyed getting involved in many things during my first year in Chad's, from sports and SocComm to the college fashion show (best night of the year!) and would encourage everyone to do the same - now is the time to try anything you want to! I am also co-vice captain for our college hockey team, so please come along in fresher's week and join the best (and most successful...!) team in college!

Favourite thing about Chad's: After megaformals, when all of Chad's flock down the Bailey to have a jolly good boogie in Fabs

JESS LLOYD, SocComm Decorations Officer

My role: I'm in charge of decorating themed formals and other social events, and I work with the rest of SocComm to make these events as fun as possible.

About me: I'm a second year biologist from Wolverhampton. This year I have been involved in a production of a Green Door play, aerial arts, latin social dancing and costume making for a university show. You can probably spot me around college hanging bizarre bop decorations from the quad windows, or sprinting across Durham to get the bus to Chad's climbing.

Top tip: Grab as many freebies as you can at the freshers' fair, you won't need to buy any pens for the rest of the year, if not your entire time at uni!



CHARLOTTE MATHER, SocComm Secretary



My role: As SocComm Sec I do various bits of admin for SocComm but mostly means I help organise and set up social events throughout the year along with the rest of SocComm.

About me: I'm a second year engineer from Hampshire. When I'm successfully procrastinating from doing anything degree related you might find me around college perhaps making toasties, either side of the bar or making my 5th cup of tea so at least it looks like I'm working.

Favourite thing about Chad's: Because Chad's is small you can get to know lots of different people across all the different years.

OWAIN ROBERTS, SocComm Treasurer

My role: I manage the accounts for the social committee. This involves creating a cashbook for each quarter and a budget for formals and social events.

About me: I'm a second year engineer from Wales. Mainly seen practicing the 180s for Monday Night Darts.

Favourite thing about Chad's: The bar



People to know

JULIA LANDSTEDT, SocComm Technical Officer



My role: My role is to set up the technical equipment before events. I'm also in charge of the playlist (which is collaborative so no hate at me for bad music thanks) at the bops.

About me: I'm second year Natural Sciences student from Sweden and South Africa (hence the wildly confusing accent). My main subject is psychology but I do a bit of anthropology and business too! I enjoy film photography, playing the bass guitar and traveling.

Favourite thing about Chad's: The endless amount of fun events means you're never be bored (Candlemas, megaformals, Chad's Day, Summer Ball, etc!!!).

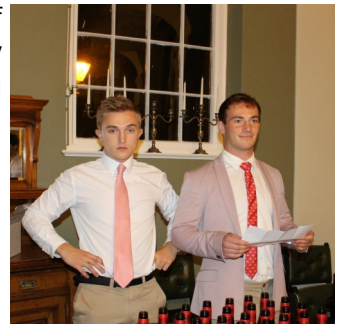
Wine Cellar Committee

ALI ALBAROSA and JAMES WALLACE, Wine Cellar Keepers

My role: As keepers we order wine stocking the cellar, and provide wine for events. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me anything although wine is completely personal and what some people love you may hate. Don't drink it because you 'should' enjoy it. Drink it because you enjoy it.

About us: We are Jamali, guardians of the treasured bastion of Chad's: the Wine Cellar. James, a very spirited warrior, grew up in the barren wastelands of Meppershall, near Milton Keynes, his favourite thing to do before battle is to sip on a tannin-filled glass of red. Ali, a descendant of the once great Roman Empire, may be less fortuitous in battle, but is no less an asset, especially in pondering over war strategy with a glass of dry white. We hope you feel compelled to join us with a glass of wine as we continue to uphold this fortress of Chad's.

Top tip: Come to the wine cellar



JOE WATSON, Wine Cellar Steward



My role: The job of the Steward is to make sure that the cellar is always clean, tidy and kept under the right temperature and humidity. On top of this I also have to make sure there is enough wine in stock for you to buy before formal.

About us: I'm a Third Year Ancient Historian from Geneva. Aside from the Wine Cellar I'm also part of Chad's Rugby and Pool teams and was on last years Candlemas Ball Committee. If I'm not cleaning the cellar I can normally be found playing pool or croquet in an attempt to avoid my degree.

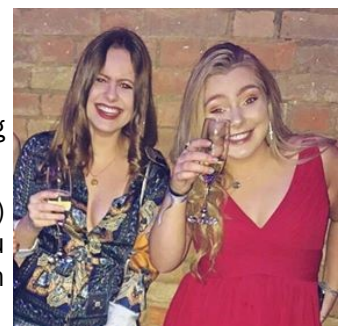
Top tip: Don't buy your wine from Tesco, that will make me sad.

ELOUISE CRITCHLEY and INÈS OSTHEIM-DZEROWYCZ, Assistant Stewards

Our role: We assist Joe in looking after the cellar, tidying it every so often and making sure it is good to go whenever needed.

About us: Hi we're Elouise (studies geophysics) and Inès (studies politics and history) good pals that are now living together this year, but we don't really matter all you need to know is that we are here to provide you with as much wine as your hearts can wish for and help out with the favourite freshers' event!

Top tip: Make sure you try every wine at the tasting or you'll miss out!



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ALFIE BRASH, Wine Cellar Treasurer

My role: As Wine Cellar Treasurer I deal with all things financial - this includes making cash-books, depositing money, paying invoices and chasing tabs. I also do shifts serving customers before formals, and generally help around with the cellar.

About me: Hi, I'm a third year engineer, I dabble in sports and I play drums for this insanely good band called Halcyon. I also live with Jamali, which can be vexing at times.

Top tip: Sign up for Palatinalps - it is a spectacular shindig!

Freshers' Reps

These are your Freshers' Reps, known as 'Freps'. Each year, they are carefully chosen to help guide you through your first steps into Chad's life. They will be on hand from the moment you arrive; ready to help lug boxes to your room, and will then be around for the whole of Freshers' Week to assist you in (almost) any way you need – for example, showing you where to go for registration, or the first on the dance floor later in the evening. Most of the Freps are second years; walking advertisements for how quickly you end up part of the furniture here at Chad's, but I will let them tell you more...



BEE ELLIOTT, International Frep

About me: Hey I'm Bee and I'm a Politics student here at Chad's. I spend most of my time in the dining hall drinking copious amounts of tea or in the bar drinking other things. I'm a bit of a clown and a lover of movies and music. Come and find me and say hi!

Top tip: Take COMPLETE advantage of your formative year - take the time to invest in the new friendships you make and don't feel too overwhelmed by the work... this year (and freshers' week in particular) is all about having fun and making the most of your new-found independence.

BEN RAINBOW, International Frep

About me: Hi I'm Ben a third year computer scientist from Yorkshire. Though this is my third year in chads it only feels like yesterday I was driving into Durham for Freshers' week as a quiet boy from a small town, in that time I've tried so many things I never thought I would and gained skills and confidence I never thought I could. Over the past two years I have been heavily involved in rowing, from being last year's men's captain to this year's boatman and it's a lovely group of people to get to know and a great sport which you can do competitively or just for fun on a sunny day. Volunteering is also a great thing I've been involved in during my time here and I've also tried my hand at ultimate frisbee, fencing, bar work and so much more. I guess what I'm trying to say is that there is so much to try and explore here in Durham, there will be something for you, you've simply got to find it.

Top tip: Don't be afraid to try something that doesn't currently fit in with how you see yourself, you will change and adapt over the coming years so maybe that one thing you tried in Freshers' week becomes part of the new you!



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CAPUCINE HALLOWAY (CAPS), International Frep



About me: Hello! I'm Caps, a second year modern languages student studying Spanish and Arabic. So a bit about me... I am a half French, half English gal from Surrey who loves travelling and volunteering (I'm currently writing this 2 days before I leave for a conservation project in Costa Rica with DUCK - Durham University Charities Kommittee !!) I also row for St Chad's, and am currently a boat club social secretary. I had a brilliant, fun-filled first year and made solid friends and memories, and I hope you all do too! I try to balance my time pretty equally between Chad's and non-Chad's activities so don't hesitate to ask me any questions about not only the Chad's community but also any questions about the wider Durham Community.

Favourite thing about Chad's: All the different balls throughout the year - they're so much fun!

LIBERTY ROWE

About me: I'm a 4th year Liberal Arts student from Berkshire and love getting involved in everything I can, during my time at Durham I've done a mix of things including volunteering with the elderly, belly dancing, working the bar, playing football and making ball decorations! Over the past year, I've been in Colombia on my Year Abroad. I'm looking forward to being in Durham again and can't wait to welcome you to Chad's!

Top tip: Try something new! Between Chad's and the DSU there are so many societies offering pretty much everything so go for it and have fun.



TARA TYLER



About me: I'm a second year BA Geographer from Hertfordshire. I am the mixed lacrosse captain for St Chads, a sport I would highly recommend you try as it is very inclusive and one of the most successful sports within the college. My love of the sport means I also play for the university, which is also a great way to meet people from other colleges. I am also on the exec for the boat club. Before coming to Durham, I had never tried rowing but after the short 'learn to row course' I love the sport and row regularly. Alongside sport I am also a toastie chef for the charity toastie bar, which is both rewarding and a great way to get involved in the college. I look forward to meeting you all!

Favourite thing about Chad's: I love the community and that all the activities allow you to mix with students from other years as well as staff.

ALICE WATTERS

About me: Hi, I'm a second year English Literature student from a market town just outside of the Lake District (a northerner!). I have a passion for art, having taken Fine Art and Textiles for A-Level, and will be helping decorate college for Candlemas (a Chad's ball in second term that I'm sure you will hear lots more about). In my first year, I took to the river and learnt how to row. As your Health and Safety Officer this year, I will make sure all of Boat Club are healthy and safe! Also, I have voluntarily tutored English outside of Chad's, so do let me know if you are interested in getting involved in Boat Club or the wider community in Durham. Feel free to have a chat with me about your favourite books and paintings!



Top Tip: Chad's is a great environment to grow in confidence and safely step outside of your comfort zone. Try not to feel restricted, by where you have come from or what experience you have, in trying something new. Like rowing for me, something that seems initially daunting could become one of your favourite hobbies!

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EMMA GALLAGHER

About me: Hi, I'm Emma, and like all other Durham students, I come from Surrey. I'm a second year philosopher, captain Chad's Women's Basketball Team, and play on the Ultimate Frisbee team- in Chad's there's plenty to keep you busy! I'm also part of the university's Catholic Society, so if you're a fan of Jesus, or if you dabble in existential conversations and enjoy philosophising about life, I'm your gal. Finally, I love country music- yee haw, as the country folk say.

Top tip: Tesco's sells custard creams for 36p. I should probably say something inspirational though with this tip, but nothing is more inspiring than a good biscuit bargain.

SAM SHACKLETON

About me: Hi, I'm Sam, a second year physicist from Wolverhampton. In Chad's last year I got stuck into a few sports: rowing, ultimate frisbee, lacrosse, badminton and the mighty darts B team. If the bar's not open, you'll find me out running, or flying with the University Air Squadron. I also volunteer with Durham Scouts. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone this year, come and ask me any questions you might have!

Favourite thing about Chad's: College events (balls, bops and megaformals), and being able to make friends with everyone in any year



RICHARD PENNEY

About me: I'm a fourth-year Natural Sciences student from Herefordshire (next to Wales), doing an integrated masters in Biology and Chemistry. I'm involved with DST (Durham Student Theatre) but when I'm not on a stage you might find me playing mixed lacrosse (despite my total lack of coordination). Ask me about whatever you want, whenever you want!

Top tip: Leave your door ajar and offer people biscuits - it's a great way of getting to know everyone in your house

CHRISTIAN DA SILVA

About me: I'm an archaeology and ancient history student from London. I play University Rugby as well as college. However as a self-professed nerd I'm always open for a chat about video games or history.

Favourite thing about Chad's: The real B-team vibe around all of Chad's sports teams, there's really no pressure and you just enjoy playing a sport for the enjoyment of it.



ELLA-RAE COLEBY

About me: Hello! I'm Ella-Rae a second year philosophy student from Felsted, Essex. I have absolutely loved my time at Chad's so far and am slightly envious that you are only just starting your first year - mine went far too quickly! Be sure to get involved in as much as you can both in and outside of Chad's - I have loved being part of the Netball team and attending classes with the yoga and pilates society. I'm captaining the Chad's netball team this year so please come along to training sessions, we'd love to have you! Feel free to come and ask me any questions you may have or just for a chat! I look forward to welcoming you to Chad's - see you all soon!

Top tip: Make sure to try as many new things as you can!

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NIA KILE

About me: Hey, I'm Nia, a second year modern languages student from Bath. Besides loving all things Italian and Spanish, I enjoy playing the piano and clarinet, and going on the odd run. Here in Chad's I sing in the college choir, which takes up a fair amount of time but is really enjoyable! Looking forward to meeting you all!

Top tip: It might sound cliché but the welcoming, family feeling that is all around college- it really helps to make Chad's feel like a second home.

ELOUISE CRITCHLEY



About me: Hi, I'm Elouise. I'm in second year studying Geosciences and come from South West Wales right on the sea. A little fun fact about me is that at home I live in an off-grid ecohouse with my family.

Favourite thing about Chad's: Chad's Day!

EDWARD WENBORN



About me: Hey, I'm a second year Classics student from a startlingly tiny village called Reach. I can usually be found singing in everything I can or doing college sport (give Chad's hockey a go, your happiness will increase). This year I will be music rep, organising open mics and the like, as well as hockey and mixed badminton captain, so please do feel free to ask me about those things or anything else you want to know. I am always up for a chat and look forward to meeting you all in September!

Top tip: Try everything you have even the slightest interest in.

GEORGE GRASSLY



About me: I'm a second-year student studying Engineering from Surrey. I am heavily involved with sports in the college, where I represent Chads in 8 different sports, from Football and Mixed Lacrosse to Darts and Pool. Chads sport is a great way to meet new people and have some great nights out on socials. As well as representing the college I also compete for the university in athletics. Next year I am Junior Sports Officer as well as Keeper of the College Punishment Chamber (gym) so I will be encouraging you all to stay active, become a member and get involved in something new!

Favourite thing about Chad's: The Bar

OSCAR BROWN



About me: I'm a second year Natural Sciences (Physics and Biology) student from South West London. I love giving anything new a go, be it a sport such as rowing or lacrosse, an activity such as dancing or acting or a new food. I've also become Chad's men's rowing captain for this year so would love it if you guys wanted to give that a go. If you ever want to chat please do, I'm a chatty bloke and love to meet new people so don't feel uncomfortable about coming up and saying hi.

Favourite thing about Chad's: There's a strong family atmosphere and you can quite happily sit with anyone from college and have a chat.

People to know



DANIEL MAHAL-WHITE

About me: Hey I'm Dan, a second year Geographer from Rutland. I'm one of this year's social secretaries for Boat Club, which means I am helping organise Winter Ball. I both row and cox for Boat Club, and thoroughly recommend giving it a go. I am involved in Chad's FemSoc which is a great way to meet people! First year in Chad's is a great experience, and you'll get to know most people in college pretty quickly and make good friends.

Top tip: Get involved as much as you can, don't be afraid of signing up for anything.

ELLIE PREBBLE

About me: Hey! I'm Ellie, a second year Geography student from Buckinghamshire. You'll probably find me playing lacrosse, badminton or pouring syrup over my head (just wait 'til Chad's day). I also have the most important and prestigious position in Chads as Keeper of the College Clocks, which shows there is a role for everyone in college no matter your level of competence. If you ever find yourself completely stressing out, I have definitely been there (ask my previous roommate) and am always here for a chat!

Top tip: Don't compare yourself to other people; we've all come from different places and have different experiences!



BEN TANNER



About me: Hi, I'm Ben, a second year Law student from Bath. Since arriving in Durham, and at Chads, I have taken the opportunity to be involved in one of the many college sports, turning out for the football team whenever I get the chance. Outside of this, and my degree, I've also found time to take part in some weekly volunteering programmes in the local community and have written a few articles for one of the university's blogs. Whatever's left of my time is likely to be spent having a quiet drink with mates in the college bar.

Top tip: Give it a go – making an effort to get involved with lots of different people, groups and events (College or University based) will let you get the most out of the Durham experience.

MORVEN HOGG

About me: Hey, I'm Morven! A second year psychologist from the sunny and tropical Scotland. Since starting at Chads, I have become immersed in life here and absolutely loved it. I have taken part in sports such as Football and Badminton while also being in the Welfare team and Bar staff. Make sure you take advantage of everything going on in college and get involved! I can't wait to meet you all and help you get started with your amazing experience here.

Favourite thing about Chad's: How college is never empty and there are always people to speak to.



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College Parents

In the first week at Chad's you will meet your College 'Parents'. These are students in years above; often at least one will be reading your subject so that they can give you advice on modules, books etc... Unfortunately it's not always possible to match people up exactly, but you'll definitely find helpful Chadsians reading your subject if you ask around, plus college will provide you with a list of subject liaison officers. You should receive a letter from your parents before you get here (although if you don't, please don't think that they don't love you - some students go travelling in the holidays. Please also note that your parents may be of the same gender - we're modern like that!) College parents are basically tasked with providing a friendly face as you start here, and if you're lucky they may ask you round for a home-cooked dinner. Your whole college family may include parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, second cousins... In fact, the whole of college is probably related to one another. The 'Keeper of the College Family Tree' has produced a really impressive family tree, so check that out and see who your ancestors are!



Staff

Unlike other colleges, Chad's is small enough for you to get to know the staff. It adds to that community atmosphere you're hearing so much about in this handbook.



DR MARGARET MASSON, Principal

As Principal, Dr. Masson has overall responsibility for the day-to-day running of the College and all the really big decisions. A Scot brought up in Zambia who lectured in English in the USA for a number of years, Dr. Masson is known throughout college as the world's most helpful woman and is very involved in college life, so you will definitely get to know her!

DR ELEANOR SPENCER-REGAN, Vice Principal & Senior Tutor

As our Senior Tutor, Eleanor is responsible for student welfare and the tutorial system, and is available should you have any problems - be it pastoral or work-related. She also teaches in the English Department, has published in the field of American and British Poetry and was Knox Memorial Fellow at Harvard. Eleanor is currently on parental leave until the end of Michaelmas term (2nd term) 2020 when she will return to college.



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JEANNA SPENCER, Assistant Senior Tutor

While Eleanor is off on parental leave, Jeanna is covering as Assistant Senior Tutor, and carrying out the main responsibilities of the Senior Tutor role so that everything can function as normal until Eleanor is back with us.

**DR ASHLEY WILSON, Vice Principal
& Postgraduate Director**



As Vice-Principal, Ashley is primarily responsible for "compliance" (safeguarding, Prevent, data protection, Health & Safety - and anything else with an external reporting function) as well as College policies and procedures. As Postgraduate Director, Ashley oversees the College's provision for postgraduate students and their relationship with the College. He is responsible for Postgraduate Admissions, helps to coordinate the tutorial system for postgraduates, and is the point of contact for all postgraduate matters. Ashley is available to advise any student in financial difficulties (or who have any financial queries or concerns).



ALISTAIR JENKINS, Vice Principal and Bursar

Alistair deals with the day to day operation of the College. He has overall responsibility for finance, housekeeping, catering and maintenance within College and is often in contact with various members of the Exec, Bar Committee, and the Candelmas Committee to ensure everything is running as smoothly as possible.

CATHERINE THEOBALD, Financial Controller

Catherine deals with College finances and works closely with Alistair to ensure the efficient management of our accounts. She works closely with various common room treasurers and can provide assistance.

MARJORIE BROUGH, Accountant

Marjorie is the first point of contact with any queries relating to your accommodation fees and administers the day to day finances within College.

DAVID RUSHTON, Chaplain and Outreach Officer

As Chaplain, David is available to all students and staff (regardless of religious or belief commitment) to discuss personal, spiritual and other matters in confidence. He is responsible for worship in the Chapel and is part of the pastoral support network in College. As Outreach Officer, David works closely with Eleanor Spencer-Regan in developing partnerships with schools and to enable student volunteering opportunities, across the North East region and beyond.



JENNY PARKER, Librarian

Our librarian, Jenny Parker, is approachable and friendly and oversees more college libraries than any other college librarian in Durham - seven at the last count. They not only house books, but DVDs too, and are fantastic study spaces.

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THE KITCHEN STAFF

Debbie, Carolann, Darren and the catering team do a fantastic job of providing you with your three square meals a day. Make sure you're nice to the kitchen staff and they will look after you well; this is important for seconds of gravy at formal.

VICKI & THE HOUSEKEEPING TEAM

Vicki is in charge of the cleaners who make their attack in pairs every morning at about 9am, and make no concessions if it's the morning after a heavy night (TIP: Put your bin outside your room and they won't disturb you). The cleaners are not there to tidy your room or make your bed, but do basic things such as vacuuming, cleaning the sink and emptying the bin. They also provide an excellent line in college gossip.



THE ESTATES AND BUILDINGS TEAM

The Estates and Buildings Team oversee all building, electrical and mechanical works in the College, from the smallest repair job to the largest refurbishment projects. You will always see Ian, Lee and Chrissie around college fixing things and keeping all the buildings in tip-top shape.

THE PORTERS

Your survival in college basically rests on keeping on the right side of the reception porters, who manage to remain friendly the millionth time you lose your room key and need letting in. They can usually be found by going to reception, and their mobile numbers will be available if they're not physically there. If you have a problem out of hours, night porters will be on duty every night.



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



Susan Mather is our Academic Administrative Officer. She acts as Personal Assistant to the Principal and Admissions Secretary. As the brains behind the admissions process, handling everything from initial admissions queries to final room assignments – and virtually everything in-between, you are likely to have talked/received/contacted Susan at some point!

Linda Hyde, college Secretary, manages Reception and the College Office so you will likely see her about in college a lot. She plays a key, front-of-house role with Chad's students and guests and organises communications between the college and others.



COLLEGE TUTORS

You will meet your College Tutor (also known as mentor) during your first week at Chad's and they will keep in touch throughout the rest of your time here. Meetings with your tutor can take a variety of forms, from private chats to events with your whole tutor group. There are also the popular Tutors' Formals once a term. Tutors take an interest in your academic progress, and also take a pastoral role. It is hoped that through regular contact you will develop a friendly relationship, and feel that are someone you can talk to confidentially about any problems you may have, both personal and academic.

