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Around Chad's

Chad's is small (but mighty, as we like to say), so it isn't too difficult to learn your way around college. Chad's is housed in a number of houses along North Bailey. Regardless of which house you live in, the address to get post sent to is here– make sure to give it to your mother, father, granny, friends – anyone who may want to send you something nice!

St Chad's College
18 North Bailey
DH1 3RH



College Houses: Accommodation for first years is split between several houses. Chad's rooms are very varied, and many have been recently refurbished. You'll quickly learn to love your room, and your roommate!

The Cassidy Quad: The Cassidy Quad lies in the centre of Main College. It's a multi-purpose meeting place – used for anything from social events, to debates, to a place to study during revision time. It has its own

recently refurbished bar, and acts as a sociable overflow area for the downstairs bar when it gets busy.



The Chapel: The building in the garden is the College's own chapel, and a vibrant part of college life. There is a Eucharist service every Sunday morning during term time- often with guest preachers- followed by coffee and cake in the Quad, as well as Choral Evensong in the week, sung by the college choir. The Chapel is also used for other events such as Holocaust Memorial Day, poetry readings, special lectures and regular informal concerts at lunchtime which all students are encouraged to come and perform in a relaxed setting. Given the College's Anglo-Catholic heritage, Chad's Chapel is fairly 'High Church' (or 'Modern Catholic') in terms of its use of liturgy, vestments, music and occasional use of incense, but is also down to earth and approachable if you fancy exploring faith or just want a space for some quiet reflection.



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The Bar: The bar is one area of Chad's we are rightly very proud of. In recent years, we've won the award for Best College Bar, presumably for our good prices and convivial atmosphere. In spite of student stereotypes, you are just as likely to find people having a quiet coke as a glass of wine after formal. There are plenty of non-alcoholic options, soft drinks are ludicrously cheap (Pint of juice or lemonade for 60p? Outrageous) and pints of lager start at a modest £1.60. The bar also has a darts board, jukebox and quiz machine. Another unique thing about Chad's bar is that it's run entirely by undergraduates of the college. If you fancy getting involved, look out for the chance to sign up to work the bar at the Chad's Freshers' Fair. The upstairs bar in the quad has been recently renovated, serving as a bar 3 nights a week and housing our charity toastie bar the rest of the time.

Bar Opening hours

Sunday –Tuesday, Thursday: 7.30 – 11.00 pm

Wednesday, Friday –Saturday: 8 – 11.30 pm



The JCR: Our common room, on the ground floor of Main College, is open for all to relax on its hallowed sofas. The JCR contains a TV with Sky and a pool table (20p a game). This makes it a great place to congregate for any major TV events, be it a sports game or the weekly episode of Bake Off. A water fountain has just been installed to keep you hydrated throughout the year. The JCR's vending machine may also become a trusted accomplice and if you make befriend the Dom Rep, Lorna, she may start stocking the chocolate you want.

The Computer Room: Computers in the Trounson Library are connected up to the university network and, not only is the computer room a lot closer than other PC rooms in the uni, it is also open 24/7. Although we recommend bringing your own computer to university, it can be a lifesaver when your laptop decides it's had enough sometime in the middle of the night before an essay is due. We also have a lovely colour printer for students to use their uni print credits with.

The Laundry Room: Found in the garden of Main College, there are washers (£2.00) and dryers (free) - this is the sort of scintillating information this handbook was made for.

Gardens: Behind Chad's there are a number of gardens, which are pretty resplendent in the summertime. The JCR owns a croquet set – in high demand in the garden after exams!



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The Libraries: Chad's are very proud to have an impressive 7 libraries. They can be useful to work in, as they never close. The Reserve Library can become your degree's best friend, as it has most of the core books for every subject.



The Wine Cellar: The college website describes this as a 'thriving symbol of the college's idiosyncrasy'. The Wine Cellar is open twice a week before formal for you to purchase good quality wine, sparkling wine, port and good quality non-alcoholic drinks at a reasonable price. The Cellar is accessed through a door in the foyer. Here, the Stewards will advise you on wine to complement the meal being served. They also play jazz records.



Pigeon Holes: The pigeon-holes are where you collect post, and are situated on the first floor - just go up the stairs next to the dining room and turn left. Post is distributed by surname, and if you get a parcel you'll be emailed and then you can go and collect your gifts from reception.

The Gym: Chad's has its very own subterranean gym, which can be accessed via Bow Lane, down the side of College. It has a reasonable amount of equipment for both cardio and weights, and we're constantly working to improve it. Membership of the gym is £15 for a term or £35 for the whole year, so definitely a bargain!



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Academics

The Science Site: For anyone reading a BSc, this will become a second home to you. The Science Site is the collective name for all the buildings, departments and lecture theatres on the hill, although it is still only a ten minute walk from Chad's.



Elvet Riverside: As if to confirm the lazy-arts-student stereotype, most lectures for students of arts and humanities happen even closer to college, at Elvet Riverside. They are the opposite side of the river, next to the Students' Union. Some academic departments can also be found in Elvet Riverside. Other departments in Humanities and Social Sciences, such as Philosophy and Sociology, are on Old Elvet. Departments for subjects including History, Music and Theology are situated on the Bailey.

Libraries: Libraries may not be the first place you rush off to in Freshers' Week, but you are unlikely to get very far in your degree without eventually visiting one. Aside from the Chad's libraries, you ought to be aware of the University's Main Library: a bastion of knowledge and learning, up at the Science Site. Main Library, also known as Bill Bryson (or more affectionately as the "Billy B") has just been extended and is well equipped with lots of study space and more resources than Chad's libraries.

There are several large computer rooms and all the books you could ever hope to need - and if the book you want is not available then they will happily order you a copy. The people at the library are very friendly and helpful, and during exam periods these lovely people open the library 24 hours a day, so your nocturnal workers are catered for.



Palace Green Library also has space to work in, whatever your subject, and is close enough to Chad's to pop back for meal times. Cathedral Library can unsurprisingly be found in the Cathedral - complete with quiet lamp-lit niches to work in and an authentic creaky sound when you walk on the wooden floor. The Education Library is at the Education Department, next to Hild Bede, and is an even less mainstream option for library-based study.

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Durham/Newcastle

Durham is a beautiful city and small enough to get everywhere you need to on foot. Chad's is on the Bailey so we are handily situated for pretty much anywhere you'd want to go! Also, due to complicated parking permits and congestion charges, having a car is a lot more hassle than it is worth. People from the North East are notoriously friendly, so there is rarely any trouble with the locals. The most important thing to remember is that we are only passing through for three years, and so must be respectful to local residents.



Newcastle: It's definitely worth visiting Newcastle. Although dining out in Durham is always nice, it doesn't beat the myriad of restaurants and things to do in Newcastle, which is only 15 minutes away on the train! There's usually a trip to Newcastle during Freshers' week, which should give you a nice introduction to the city. You can also hop on the metro to the Metrocentre which has all the shops your heart desires.

Eating/Drinking/Dancing

Durham and its myriad of side streets and cobbled alleys has the best selection of coffee shops and places to eat, whether it is for a snack on the way to lectures or for a long lazy catch-up with friends! Below are a few well-known favourites but definitely explore Durham for other options too!

Cafes

Vennels: Down a little alleyway close to Market Square, Vennels is quaint and friendly, and a firm favourite. Cakes such as their vanilla-raspberry go down a treat – a great place to take relatives for afternoon tea.

Flat White Cafe: Allegedly the best coffee in Durham – often crowded but definitely worth a visit for its lovely interior and really tasty cakes. Found next to the infamous Klute.



9 Altars: Found at the bottom of Windy Gap, the sheer size of the cakes will make climbing up the hill at the end all worth it.

Chapters: A nice café with a big menu where you will always be able to find a seat. There is also an ice cream/ milkshake bar at the top called Split and Glory.

Be Tempted: This is the bright pink café on the Bailey which has lots of beautifully decorated cakes.

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Cafedral: A new café which is one of the closest to college and has a really lovely interior and cosy seats.

Jumping Bean Café: A café on Neville street (just off North Road) for all our vegetarian (or otherwise!) friends.

Nudo: Maybe not a café, but a cheap place to buy (not too bad) sushi!

Restaurants

La Spaghetтата: 'Spags' is a student favourite, selling big portions of cheap Italian food with a free salad bar – a go-to for socials and birthdays. They may tell you that you can't book, but they definitely take bookings – don't take no for an answer!

Cellar Door: Cellar Door can be found down some steps on Saddler Street. A little pricey for what you get, but they do some tasty Italian dishes– nice for a special occasion or when your parents come to visit.

Zen: Definitely a Chad's favourite – great Thai food and the lunch menu is a bargain!

Golden Pearl: A cheaper (but no less delicious!) option for authentic Asian cuisine on North road.

Tango: Zen's sister company is a *burger joint* – good sizes and thin fries, you really can't go wrong.

Fat Hippo: A burger restaurant on the Bailey which does a great lunch deal for £6 only!

Bella Italia, Bills, Pizza Express, Nandos, Zizzi's, Chiquitos, Slug and Lettuce, Ask, Wetherspoons etc.: Just the same as you'd expect anywhere, with great ever-changing deals. Get a Tesco Clubcard, and you can use the points on vouchers for Pizza Express!



Pubs and Bars

The Library: Food and drink isn't too pricey here; most popular for watching sport.

Jimmy Allens: Jimmy A's acts as a halfway house between Chad's Bar, and a night out, but can be a good end point in itself.

The Swan & Three Cygnets: Quite a student-y pub selling local cider that tastes particularly great outside in summer, when your exams are all over, and the weather is great.

Bishop Langley: A bar with a lovely terrace on Framwellgate Bridge, beautiful on a sunny evening!

The Boatclub: A scenic bar overlooking the river-make sure to go at happy hour to get 2-4-1 cocktails.



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Nightlife

Loft/Studio: Two separate clubs on North Road which occasionally merge for certain club nights, are becoming ever more popular for Chadsians.

Lloyds: Lloyds is one of Chad's most popular clubs in Durham. It's the place to be on a Wednesday night, so grab a pitcher, and we'll see you in Chad's Corner!

Fabios: Fabios, or FABIOOOOOOOOOS is probably technically a bar, but has become one of Chad's favourite. Above Spags, it is one of the closest clubs to college – probably a reason for its popularity.

Klute: Klute once came second in a poll of the worst nightclubs in Europe. Subsequently, the club that 'won' this prestigious accolade burnt down, bestowing this dubious honour of 'the worst nightclub in Europe' on our doorstep. However, and in spite of their tremendously cheesy musical offering, many a memorable night has been had in Klute.

Princey B: This is not actually a nightclub, but a boat with a disco inside. Chad's has many a great night on the Princey B, made infinitesimally better by the free burgers! You'll enjoy your first cruise' in Freshers' Week – definitely something to look forward to!



Despite Durham's reputation, there is actually a nightlife at Durham! But if clubbing isn't your thing, please remember that there is no pressure to go out! The Bar has free soft drinks during Freshers' Week and is a really relaxed and friendly environment to hang out in the evenings. There's also always someone in the JCR – watching TV, eating pizza or playing pool so don't worry about going in!



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St Chad's

The college can trace its history back to 1902, although it was not properly founded as 'St. Chad's Hall' until 1904. In 1919, we became a full college, the second after University College, and the first independent college. The original purpose of Chad's was to train men who intended to be ordained in the Church of England. From the beginning, students studied a wide range of subjects, not just theology. The majority then went onto theological college. Chad's itself trained men for priesthood until 1971. It started accepting women in the late 80's.



As you can see from its history, Chad's has a strong Anglo-Catholic heritage and retains this ethos, as can be seen in the Senior Officers and Governing Body. Whilst respecting many traditions, such as saying grace at formal, the atmosphere of the College is very relaxed and open, accepting people of all faiths and none. Chad's has also fought to retain its status as an independent yet fully integrated college of the University. Today, Chad's and John's are the only two independent colleges of the

University. What's more, the emphasis on the people in Chad's is clear, as Chad's has always spent its money on bursaries for those who can't afford to study. *Non vestra sed vos* is the college motto, and translates as 'not yours but you'.

Common Rooms: The people of Chad's are split into the JCR (Junior Common Room), MCR (Middle Common Room) and SCR (Senior Common Room). As an undergraduate, you will automatically be a member of the JCR. The MCR are postgraduate students, so are probably pretty wise and knowledgeable. However, they are also normal people to be found in the bar and other less academically oriented venues. Coming in at around 150 students, the MCR are an integral part of college. Finally, the SCR are the people we see sitting on high table at formal (although there are a lot more of them behind the scenes). They are the staff, Fellows and senior friends of the college; some of them have beards.

The JCR

To clear any confusion, before any is had: the JCR refers to two different things. Firstly, the JCR is the undergraduate body of students, which exists to promote the social, pastoral, academic, and welfare aspirations of its members. It works much like a mini Students' Union, organising and funding the bar, social, cultural events, and sports teams. The JCR is here to represent you to the college, the Students' Union, and other external bodies. Secondly, 'JCR' refers to the physical room.



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Battels: This is a small charge of £30 that you pay as a subscription to the JCR. The amount is set by the JCR Treasurer. Liaising with others on the Exec, and relevant committee members this money is allocated to many different areas of college life, including sports equipment and pitch hire, music for college bands, subsidising events such as the amazing Candlemas Ball, and anything else that people feel the College would benefit from.



The JCR Constitution: The Constitution is the Chair's baby, and a document that governs how the JCR is run. Although it may sound dull (our Chair Jason may disagree), it tells you about all the aspects of college life, such as the Executive officers, the bar, balls social events, and sports teams. The constitution is by no means set in stone, but can be amended by a vote at JCR meetings.

JCR Meetings: Attended by the entire JCR, these meetings take place once or twice a term to discuss all aspects of how we organize ourselves, and decide where to allocate JCR money. JCR meetings are compulsory, as we recognize the importance of everyone knowing what's going on in our college. If you can't attend a JCR meeting, you must inform the JCR Secretary. Meetings are chaired by the Chair (no brainer, really...), who will allow anyone who wishes to contribute to do so. Chad's also has a wealth of college positions, which are allocated during these meetings. As Chad's is a small college, it is very easy to get involved, from being a Junior Durham Students Union Rep, to Keeper of the College Sweeper.

Fines & Discipline: Without meaning to sound too heavy or authoritarian, the constitution gives the JCR Exec the right to fine anyone for various offences, without having to get college authorities involved. The constitution eloquently describes this as 'bringing the JCR into disrepute', and can include crimes such as vomiting in a public area, which carries a £15 fine. Other offences include damaging JCR property, or failing to pay battels.

Dining and Formal

Moulsdale Hall is the Dining Hall in which you'll have all your delicious college meals, from your three meals a day to formals.



Kitchens: Whilst living in College, you are fully catered for three meals per day. There is, however, a basically equipped kitchen in each house if you want to whip up some late-night pasta, or bake a cake for your long-suffering roommate. You are allowed to keep a kettle, but please don't bring a toaster for your room!

Dining: All meals are taken in the dining room. If you've got a busy day of lectures and won't be able to get back for lunch, you can request a packed lunch the day before, and pick it up at breakfast. Also, if you are going to be late for a meal, let the kitchen staff know, and they will happily hold some food back for you. The catering staff are also able to work around all dietary requirements and make great veggie food.

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Weekdays

Breakfast:	8.00am – 9.00am (cooked breakfast), 8.00am-10.00am (cereal, toast, yogurt)
Lunch:	12.00pm – 1.30pm (hot options – meat/vegetarian – baked potatoes, salad, soup)
Dinner	5:45pm – 7.00pm (soup, hot options – meat/vegetarian, and dessert)

Weekends

Breakfast:	8.00am – 9.00am (continental), 8.00am-10.00am (cereal, toast, yoghurt)
Brunch:	11.00am – 1.00pm (mixture of hot/cold options)
Dinner:	5.30pm – 7.00pm (Saturday: Themed eg. Spanish cuisine, Sunday: Roast Dinner)

Formal: Formal dinner takes place every Tuesday and Thursday evening. Sign-up opens on Saturdays at 10am for both formals, and close at 2pm the day before each. On formal days, dinner is served as usual at 5:45pm, before the dining room is cleared and set up for formal. Livers-in can go to formal at no extra cost, so we recommend you make the most of it and go as much as possible. Formal is great for celebrating a birthday, entertaining guests from outside of college or just catching up with friends. You may have already been to a formal dinner at the open day, but if it still seems a bit daunting, here's a rough guide to how it all works:

6.45pm: The Wine Cellar opens for you to head down and select a bottle to accompany your meal

7.00pm - 7.25pm: The dining room opens somewhere between these times. Having signed in at the door, you select a seat and stand behind it.

7.30pm: A bell is rung and we remain standing and stay silent as high table enter. Then, the silence is broken by the JCR President saying grace – “benedictus, benedicat, per Jesum Christum Dominum nostrum” (meaning “May the blessed one be blessed through Jesus Christ Our Lord”). We all respond “Amen”. Following grace, we all sit down and relax as the food is served and the wine flows. Formal consists of a starter, which is very often soup, a main – meat, potato, veg - and a dessert, which on the very best days is Daim Bar cheesecake.

8.30pm (approx): Once the High table have finished their meal, the JCR President will ring the bell and we all stand. He then says the closing grace of “Benedicto, benedicatur” (meaning “let praise be given to the blessed one”) to which everyone responds “Deo gratias”. The High Table then process out. At this point, you are free to leave, but people often sit around for a while finishing their drinks.



Welfare

Whilst your time at Chad's will undoubtedly be incredible, it would be unfair to expect the whole three years to happen without a hitch. People can face many difficulties whilst they are at university but don't ever feel alone, there are a host of welfare services constantly there for you.

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College JCR Welfare: Our College Welfare Team is there to offer a non-judgemental, listening ear any time you might need it. Although they are non-advisory, they can point you in the direction of where to get any help and advice you may need, for example from other university support services. The Welfare Officers are trusted with providing the College's sexual health supplies such as condoms, lubricants, and a stock of pregnancy tests and Chlamydia tests for emergency use. You will be kept up to date with all the welfare goings-on through emails, Facebook and the notice board outside the dining room. As well as the student Welfare Officers,

don't forget that our Senior Tutor, Dr. Eleanor Spencer Regan is available for any urgent academic or pastoral matters. Our chaplain David is also always around College and is also there to talk to if need be. College tutors are also around to provide welfare and feel free to approach or contact them if you have any issues. The Welfare Team organises several events, for example talks on welfare issues, and stress-busting dog rooms at exam time which have been very popular for those needing a break!

Welfare Campaigns: The Welfare Committee also promotes the Durham SU's Welfare Campaigns which run throughout the year. These include Sexual Health Awareness, Alcohol Awareness Week, Mental Health Awareness Week and Stress Less.

Durham Students Union Welfare: The Durham SU also has its own Education and Welfare Officer (EWO). They are in charge of organising welfare across the university, and are available to be contacts on dsu.ewo@durham.ac.uk. The EWO can give you advice on many aspects of university life, including supporting you in any academic appeals or disciplinary matters.

Active Bystander and Consent Training: During Freshers' week, you will attend these sessions. Bystander training is about how to react/act (ie. be an active bystander) in a situation in which your friend, or someone you don't know is being made to feel uncomfortable. Consent training is about understanding the concept and definitions of consent.



Durham Students Union Advice Centre: The Durham SU's Advice Centre is staffed with professional, experienced advisors in providing confidential and independent advice on a range of issues students may face. These include, but aren't limited to, academic, financial, debt, legal and housing issues. To speak to them, you can make an appointment by calling 0191 334 1775, or visit them in person; the Advice Centre can be found

on the top floor of the Durham SU and they are open every weekday.

Durham Students Union Accommodation Office: The Accommodation Office provide a range of services when you are looking for houses; they list properties, can check contracts, and will even take a landlord to court if you have any serious problems. The JCR Livers-out Rep (Oliver) will be organising a talk about this.

Counselling Service: There is a professional counselling service offered free to students by the university, offering confidential advice for a whole range of difficulties you might be facing. Our college Welfare Reps will be able to give you more information about this service, or contact counselling.service@durham.ac.uk.

Nightbus: The Nightbus runs every night of term, and is there to ensure that students always have a safe way of getting home. It costs only £1 to use the Nightbus, and priority is given to students on their own. To use it, phone the driver on 07854 838890, and they will pick you up from one of the pick-up points.

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Nightline: Nightline is a confidential, non-advisory and non-judgemental listening service, run by students, for students. They're open 9pm-7am every night of term and are contactable by phone (the number is on DUO and on the back of your campus card) and by instant messaging (which you can access through our website). You can call them about absolutely anything at all. They're there when you're feeling joyful, lonely, anxious, tired, excited or stressed. They're there when you're after a taxi or pizza number, want to talk through something that's been on your mind, or want to debrief on your night in Lloyds whilst walking home. They're there when nothing seems to be going right, and when everything seems to be going right. All night, all term, all ears.

The University Health Centre: You will be able to register with a doctor in Freshers' Week. The University Health Centre is probably the most popular as it runs open surgeries every weekday. For up-to-date opening hours, see www.durhamstudenthealth.co.uk.

LGBT+a: This is open to all members of the Students' Union, and provides a wide range of support services. It also holds weekly socials on a Monday in the Durham SU Riverside Cafe.

Durham University Service for Students with Disabilities: DUSSD provides a wide range of support for students with disabilities, so everyone gets the most out of their time at university. The term 'disability' is used to cover physical disabilities, learning difficulties (such as dyslexia), medical and mental health conditions. They provide both advice and practical help; if you believe this is relevant to you please get in touch with our Senior Tutor, or our Disabilities Rep, Sam Hewitt (Samuel.n.hewitt@durham.ac.uk).

The Durham Student's Union

As a member of Durham University, like the JCR, you are automatically a member of the Durham Students' Union and entitled to reap all of the benefits this entails. The Durham Students' Union refers to the body of students (and the physical building across the river from Chad's) and is there to represent us, and campaign on the issues that matter. Chad's has a Senior Union Rep (look no further than Ruby Forshaw) and several Junior Union Reps. They attend Union Assembly meetings and are our voice at the Union. If you think you might be interested in the dynamic world of student politics, you can talk to the Ruby when you meet her.



There's a lot more that can be found out about the Durham Students' Union on its website www.durhamsu.org.uk. Also, don't miss out on the University Freshers' Fair in the first week. You can find out about everything there is to offer and pick up bags full of free stuff on route to your new hobby!

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Sport

Sport is one of the easiest ways to get involved in Chad's (as you have been repeatedly advised by your Freps above!). It is a fantastic way to meet new people, especially in the first few weeks of term and helps you to get to know Chad's people in other years. It plays a real role in bonding college; you will find this out especially during big matches such as the Football Floodlit Cup, where literally half of the College will raid Durham of its green face paint and pretty much paint the town... green.



One of the main advantages of Durham's college system (and this is multiplied by Chad's small size) is that it is very easy to get involved in a large number of sports, whether or not you have ever played them before. Sports teams are very sociable and worrying about talent should never put you off getting stuck in. Try your hand at everything in Freshers' Week, including as many sports as you can; it will help you make friends, it'll keep you fit and it'll be fun! You can sign up to all of the sports your hearts desire at the two freshers' fairs during your first week – the SU fair for university wide sport, and the Chad's fair for college sport.

The Boathouse: By the river, Chad's has its own Boathouse filled with wooden fours, as well as various plastic fours. In addition to that, we have a double that scullers can use, as well as a newly restored punt! All very exciting stuff.

Music and Drama

For anyone who's more comfortable on a stage or in an orchestra pit than on a sports field, Chad's has plenty to offer. As if everything that's going on at a university level isn't enough, here are few ways of making a name for yourself closer to home.

St. Chad's College Choir: The attitude in the choir is that singing is for everyone, and although there is an audition process this is very relaxed. So, if you haven't sung much before or are looking for somewhere to continue your singing, Chad's Choir is for you! For one thing, they get to perform in some incredible locations, not least the beautiful Durham Cathedral (described by internationally renowned author and ex-Chancellor of Durham University, Bill Bryson as the 'best cathedral on planet earth'). The choir also goes on exotic tours; including New York, Prague and Paris! The choir's main purpose is to lead the worship in Chapel. The choir normally leads an Evensong or Compline service before Formal every Thursday as well as the Sung Eucharist on a Sunday morning. Choral and Organ Scholarships are also available each year.



Green Door Productions: Green Door is Chad's theatre company. They will be putting on a Freshers' play at the end of November, for which they will be looking for budding actors, directors, stage managers, set and costume designers, and people to work backstage (auditions taking place during the first week of term – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday). They encourage anyone with any experience or ability. Each year, an end of Michaelmas Term Panto is put on too, so keep your eyes peeled for more on those!

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Other Societies and Organisations

As well as the plethora of societies you can join at the student union, there are plenty of opportunities at college level.

As you will know, Chad's has a very active student body. Over the last couple of years students have created college groups from Rock Climbing Society, to Feminist Society to Cheese Tasting Society! If you haven't found anything that takes your fancy– create it! For example, the College Charity Fashion Show, is a relatively recent event having started three years ago, with last years show raising £6,500 for MS Society.



Charities

Whether in St Chad's or in the wider university, there are many ways to get involved with charity work you have always wanted to try, or contribute to a cause you may already be passionate about.



St. Chad's College Charities Committee: This Committee organises a number of fundraising events throughout the year. Each year they host the 'Hope Ball', as well as an Auction of Promises, where in the past we've bid on 'being JCR President for the day', hair and nails for the next Ball, or someone to drive you to the train station at the end of term. An important role of the Charities Committee is to sponsor and support students who are involved in raising money for various charitable organisations. It also aims to raise the profile of charities through its 'Charity of the Month'. By having our own Committee, Chad's has the opportunity to support charities that are close to the hearts of its students. This year's Chairs, Beccy Ager and Emily Rafferty, will be very happy to talk to you about getting involved.

DUCK: DUCK stands for Durham University Charities Komittee (very witty, as always). They will send you weekly, neon yellow emails informing you of the vast hoard of activities you can get involved with for a charitable cause. These include, but are most certainly not limited to, abseiling off the library, hitchhiking to Amsterdam, international treks, and expeditions. DUCK is a university organisation, raising a huge amount of money for charity each year.



SCA: SCA stands for Student Community Action, and is all about students volunteering in the local community. The SCA runs over 50 different projects with children, young people and adults, such as dog walking, prison visitors' centre, youth groups, one-to-one tutoring and befriending an elderly person. These are enriching opportunities, and a chance to meet people, other than students, in Durham! You can meet your college SCA Reps at the Freshers' Fair, who will keep you updated with news of volunteering opportunities throughout the year.

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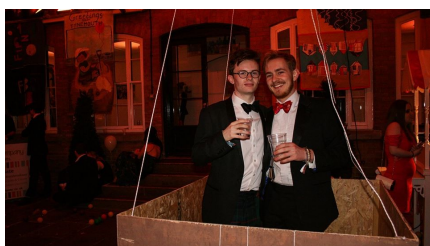
One of the amazing things about being part of Chad's is that we're a small college, and therefore can all get together regularly and socialise. The Social Committee organise a massive number of events during the year, from bops, to formals, to cinema trips. Here's an idea of what's in store for you this year, just to whet your appetite...

Themed Formals: On top of regular formals twice a week, every term, there will be several themed formals where we dress up, eat themed food...and did I mention we dress up? Themes include the likes of Halloween, Under the Sea, Safari...

Bops: How to describe a bop... It's basically like a school disco (don't be turned off just yet!) in the quad, giving you the chance to crack out all your greatest moves without even having to leave the comfort of these four walls.



Winter Ball: The first official ball of the year, and the perfect occasion to dress to impress. Starting with a champagne reception in the quad, the evening progresses with a three-course meal, accompanied by entertainment; a great way to create some fantastic memories of your first term at Chad's. This fabulous event is hosted by the Boat Club, but open to everyone!

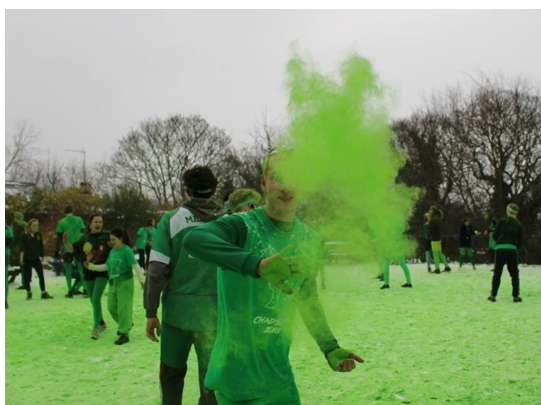


Hope Ball: Hope Ball is run by the Charities Committee, and each year, they pick a cause for us to have fun in aid of. This is less formal than other balls, but a great chance to dress up, and have some cocktails mid-term, before the heavy work sets in.

Christmas Megaformal: A Megaformal is like a formal but mega - tables are extended to fill the Quad and the whole college gets together for a feast.

Christmas Megaformal is the perfect chance to sit back and reflect on a hectic term before the holidays.

Candlemas: The Candlemas ball is so big that it has its own committee, dedicating months to organising it. Every year, Candlemas has a secret theme, revealed only a week prior the Ball at the launch party, and then everyone uses their creative skills to transform the college according to the theme. The big night itself is a bizarre hedonistic whirl starting with a reception at around 6pm and ending with a survivors' photo and breakfast at 3.45am. In between, you will enjoy a sumptuous dinner and numerous ents. Last year's theme was A World of Pure Imagination, an amazing night including a games room, lots of food, a photobooth and a special themed midnight drink!



Chad's Day: This is the ultimate day of celebrating all things Chad's. Everything around college goes green - even the milk. Chad's Day always starts with an early morning drinks reception followed by a service of celebration and thanksgiving in the Cathedral. Activities run throughout the whole day into the night, usually ending with a silent disco and outdoor laser quest! You have no choice but to be excited about what might be in store for you on Chad's Day!

Principal's Feast: This is the second of the Megaformals held by the Principal each year. It is held towards the end of Epiphany term, and is a chance to hear the last speech of the Senior Man/Woman before s/he hands over the role.

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Beach Trip: In the last three weeks of Easter (3rd) Term, when exams have finished, endless bliss ensues. One of the first social events of this truly magical period is the beach trip. The past few years has seen a vast number of Chadsians descend on Tynemouth to crack out the disposable BBQ (but often not enough sun cream – believe me when I say: *the Northern sun can burn*), brave the sea, play ball games, and relax.

Garden Party: The Garden Party is another very popular event at the end of the year. This is a relaxed affair where you can sit in the Durham sunshine (hopefully), listen to some cracking musical acts, and enjoy copious amounts of Pimms and a BBQ. Bar Committee also have a stall offering a unique range of drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

Rector's Feast: This is the 3rd Megaformal of the year and is held after exams - a lovely way to celebrate not having anything to do!

Chad's Oscars: For the final formal of the year, an awards ceremony is held after the meal. Tremendous accolades are up for grabs, such as, best couple, best quote and best fancy dress.

Summer Ball: This is the final ball of the year, and for many also the best! Set at a stunning hotel (Beamish Hall) just outside Durham, this is a pretty splendid chance to get emotional about the end of exams, the end of the year, end of an era and the start of summer...

Sed Vos: Sed Vos is the Collegiate Studies Programme, which is run by staff of the college with the intention of broadening our skills and experiences during university. They hold regular talks on useful topics such as how to get a first and skills for revision and how to compile the perfect CV. They also run free trips so you can explore the North East properly, as there are some absolutely beautiful places in this area. Your first Sed Vos trip will be to Newcastle in Freshers' Week



Finances: A lot of these events are covered by the SocComm budget and so there is no fee to attend them (formals, bops, Chad's day among others). Balls do require payment for a ticket but prices are kept as low as possible and financial assistance can be made available if required.

Environment

The Chad's Environment Team is composed of students – both undergrads and postgrads – College Fellows and staff. They meet twice a term to discuss ongoing projects and future plans to improve Chad's contribution to the University Environmental Policy. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Recycling is important at Chad's and currently consists of the all-in-one powerful green recycling bag. Paper, cardboard clean plastic bottles, glass and tins can all be stored in these. When this lovely little bag is full, you then empty the contents into the relevant recycling bin in the Main College garage. If you're unsure, please email/approach your college Environment Rep, Su Nahmias or consult the Environment board opposite the pigeonholes for post.



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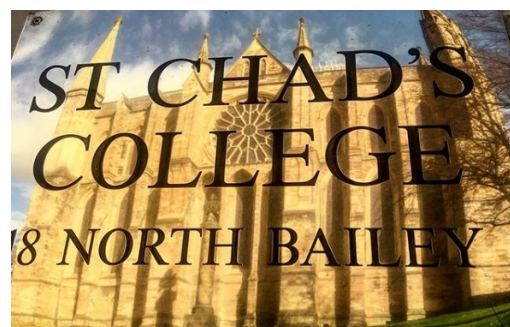
Strictly speaking this is an A-W, but it should cover a lot of the terms you will here mentioned around college once you arrive. Many of these topics are covered in slightly more detail elsewhere in the handbook but these few pages should provide a small, handy guide of some key things to know.

Academic advisor: Assigned by your department, they are there and in contact for all of your academic queries and concerns.

Bailey: The oldest street in Durham. It is home to Chad's, John's, Cuths' and the Cathedral!

Balls: These are big black-tie events (boys – black tie, girls – long dresses). At Chad's the main balls are Winter ball (in Michaelmas), Candlemas (in Epiphany) and Summer Ball.

Boat Club: Each college and the University have a Boat Club. They coordinate boats and rowing outings, races and regattas. You'll have a chance to join St Chad's Boat Club, and all other college sports, at the college freshers' fair during Freshers' Week



Chad's Day: Our college day. Its normally the first Saturday in March. Chadsians all dress up in green, parade the Bailey and celebrate all things Chad's.

Charcomm: The charities committee that runs within college. They raise money for the charity of the term, through events and the Toastie Bar.

Choir: Chad's has an excellent choir who sing in the services held in our college chapel, each term there is an opportunity for the Chad's choir to sing in the cathedral at least once, with a highlight being the Advent procession.



Dsu: The Durham Student's Union. Both a building and a student-led forum which discusses University policies and represent the student body in the wider University administration.

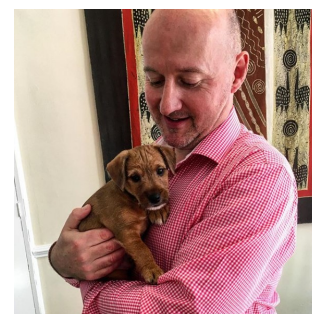
Durham Grant: The Durham Grant provides extra financial support for those whose household income is below £25,000. It is a non-repayable grant of up to £2,000. One does not have to apply for the grant but is automatically allocated, if you are living in college this will be deducted from your accommodation costs. If you are living outside of college such as in rented accommodation this will be paid into your bank account.

DU Sport: Sport played at University Level. You will be able to sign-up for try outs and beginners' sessions for all sports at the University Freshers' fair.



Eddie: A Chad's celebrity. Eddie is our Chaplain David Rushton's puppy

Ents: Entertainment at college events. Last year, at Candlemas, there was a ro-deo bull and at Chad's day, a laser tag arena.



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Fashion Show: Known as SCCCFS. A great event held at the end of the Easter term in order to raise money for a chosen charity. It has its own committee.

Formal: Held at Chad's every Tuesday and Thursday evening. They happen in Mouldsdale Hall. It's a three-course meal; everyone wears smart clothes and gowns and it's a good excuse to chat and have a good meal with friends.

Frep: Freshers' Week Representative. A voluntary role of 20 individuals who will help with any needs or issues you may come across over Freshers' Week. These individuals' range across years, subjects and personalities but are all Chadsians. Feel free to ask them anything and use them as your port of call.



Gardens: Chad's has some beautiful Gardens. The main garden has the laundry room. Make sure to make the most of them – especially in the Summer for Croquet!

Gowns: Worn for formals and matriculation.

High Table: The table on the raised platform in the Mouldsdale hall, where the principal and her guests are seated for formals.

Hill: The Hill colleges, namely Mary's, Collingwood, Grey, Van Mildert, Josephine Butler, Stevenson, St Aidan's, Trevelyan.

Houses: Chad's has 7 houses where students in all years live – Epiphany, Grads, Langford, Lightfoot, Main College, Queens and Ramsey.



Inclusivity: Chad's is small and therefore is very close-knit. It is inclusive, there is something for everyone and it is a place that allows everyone to be themselves.

Internationals: International students, of which Chads have many! There is an international students rep who organises many events for international to get to know each other throughout the year.



John's: As the two smallest colleges, Chad's and John's have a good friendship. We have many joint events and formals throughout the year.

JCR: The Junior Common room. This comprises all undergraduate students. We all meet twice a term to discuss JCR affairs. It is also a physical space in college to hang out. You can opt-out of the JCR if you wish not to attend meetings, vote or have access to the JCR facilities.

Keeper of the College Family Tree: At Chad's, you will be assigned college parents and will have the opportunity to get 'Married' and have children yourself. This carries on and family's build with Grand-parents and great-grandparents. One person in the JCR is assigned to build the 'Family Tree', a huge web of everyone in the JCR.

Keeper of the College Clocks: A student representative who reminds you to turn back your clocks when the time comes.



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Laundry: The laundry room is out in the garden. Tokens are £2 and bought from reception and driers are free to use!

Late dinner: If you can't attend dinner you can call the Kitchen or request a late dinner at an earlier meal time and collect it before the kitchen closes.

LGBTQ+ and Friends: A Chad's group who celebrate LGBTQ+ pride and liaise with the wider university LGBTQ+ society.

Libraries: We have the most libraries in any college in the University and there's something for everyone. They are the Brewis, Fenton, Williams, Wetherall, Reserve and Bettenson. Everyone can study in any library all year round. You can ask the librarian, Jenny, to order any book in for you.

Maiden Castle: The main sports site in Durham. DU sports train here and college sports play matches here. It's about a 20-minute walk from college.

Meal Card: Something given to all livers in, employed at meal times. Make sure not to lose yours!

Megaformal: Like a normal formal, but huge. Black tie is worn and it is extended into the quad. It happens at Christmas, Rector's Feast and Principal's Feast.

Mug: For free tea and Coffee in the dining room, make sure to bring your own mug. Also, bring a reusable mug so you can take a coffee to early 9 am lectures!

Non Vestra Sed Vos: Not what you have, but who you are. Our college motto.

Observatory Hill: One of the best views in Durham. A short 10-minute walk from college, up the hill, and you have a full view of the Cathedral and all of Durham.

Outreach: Chad's Outreach is HUGE. We have many volunteering projects all over Durham. We attend an AGE UK coffee morning, have clean-up days around Durham, eat with local refugees and much much more. Emil and Nina run the programmes so make sure to look out for them.

Personal Tutor: Assigned to each chad's student before their arrival. A go-to for pastoral support, you'll meet your personal tutor in Freshers' week and will be invited to maintain contact throughout the year; whether it's tutor formal, coffee or dinner at their house.

Porters: Members of the college staff who are on college reception. They can help you out with college issues such as being locked out your room or noise complaints. Night porters are on reception all through the night if you have late night issues.

Princey B: The Prince Bishop Boat. It famously turns into a floating club and serves burgers. You will head here during Freshers' week. One of the best nights in Durham.

Quad: The beautiful Cassidy Quad. The centre of college. It is a great place to hang out with friends, play piano or to have a pint in during the night



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Reception: As you enter college you will see the reception, where you will always find someone on hand, be that the receptionists by day and porters by night. Importantly this is also where you can collect your post.

Roommate: Most freshers will be placed in a shared room, whilst this may seem extremely daunting to some it should be seen as a positive thing - your roommate becomes an instant friend and is someone you can attend events with in freshers' week. Most people go on to be great friends with their roommates! Having said that, do not worry that you won't make friends if you do not have a shared room.

Socials: Chad's societies will run socials: events that will bring the group closer together. This could be anything from a meal to a bar crawl!

Stash: The beautiful Chad's branded clothing that you can sport around Durham and at home.

Summative: An assessed piece of work that contributes to your final grade.



Toastie Bar: The charity toastie bar is open Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. It is in the Quad and serves cheap toasties for everyone. Good for a late night summative or a catch-up with friends.

Trinity: A Chad's house up on Pimlico road. You will hear about this, but likely never see it as it is home to most of Chad's postgrads.

Ultimate Frisbee: It was hard to come up with something for U. But this is a good example of the many wide and wonderful sports Chad's has to offer. The team have the best kit in college.

Vending Machine: Located in the JCR. Crisps, Chocolate, amazing flapjacks for amazing prices 24 hours a day!

Vos Media: The Chad's media page on Facebook. Pictures from social events will be posted on here. Make sure to get in some snaps.

Welfare: Chad's JCR has a welfare committee who are available for confidential chats in a private setting whenever you feel like you need a chat. They also run wellbeing events and discussions throughout the year.

Wine Cellar: Hidden in the depths of college. It is home to amazing quality and value wine that you can buy before formals.



Things to know

A Final Farewell...

Dearest Chadsians-to-be,

Well done for making it to the end of this handbook!

Although this is intended to be relatively short and sweet, I am aware it is fairly far from this, but I hope it has provided a solid introduction into life at Chad's. I'm sure there are plenty of questions left unanswered so for any of those please feel free to check out our website, or get in contact via email with any of us. Also, join the creatively-named Facebook page 'St Chad's College Freshers 2019/20' as a way to ask questions, keep updated, browse the questions of other incoming freshers and see first hand the build up to Freshers' Week. If you don't have facebook you can email our Vice President Celine Kart at celine.d.kart@durham.ac.uk with any questions you may have.

You've made an excellent choice in coming to Chad's, and we really hope that you love it as much as we do. I hope you're getting excited; it may take a bit of time, but once you get here, you'll realise that there's nothing to worry about!

See you soon,

Oliver J.A.D. Higgins

JCR Secretary & Livers' Out Representative/loving author of this handbook

