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Dear Student;

What have Andrew Strauss, Will Carling, Jonathan Edwards, Nasser Hussain and Josh Beaumont got in common? The answer is that they are all top class international sports stars who graduated from Durham University.

Student sport is one of Durham's enduring strengths. Since 1966 we have won over 220 national university sport championships and students from Durham have represented their country in athletics, basketball, climbing, cricket, equestrianism, fencing, hockey, lacrosse, rowing, rugby union, triathlon and water polo to name but a few! In 2018/19 we were **the number one ranked team sport university** out of 160 H.E. institutions, whilst over 40 of our students represented their country at age group or senior international level. To match this achievement the University has recently invested £32m in re-developing our sporting facilities which are now amongst the very best in the country.

Top class sportsmen and women are only one part of Durham's impressive sporting profile. Equally important is the fact that an overwhelming number of Durham students take part regularly in sport which helps to maintain a balanced lifestyle and create life-long friendships. **Over 75%** of our students took part in sporting activities last year. Our College Sport programme is the largest intra-mural competition in Britain with over **650** teams playing on a weekly basis across 20 different sports. In addition to this we run a recreational programme which is available for students, staff and members of the local community. We really do hope that you will find the right activity for yourself.

Target sports at Durham include American football, basketball, canoeing, cricket, fencing, football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, rowing, rugby union, tennis, volleyball and water polo. Durham enters University sides in a large number of sports and, as such, no matter what your sport, we really want to hear from you. We also have specific development initiatives in archery, badminton, Gaelic football, table tennis, sailing and squash. In total we have 50 University Clubs so we hope that we are providing something for everyone but if there is a different sport or physical activity that you would like to see being offered at Durham please do let us know.

As an undergraduate your annual tuition fee will give you free access to most sport facilities at Durham University. However, due to the high maintenance costs of some of our facilities the all-weather pitches and the indoor rowing tank do have additional charges associated with them although these are typically covered through club membership fees if you are part of a College or University Sport Club. The University Fitness Suite is a membership suite and therefore there is a cost of £140 per year for students – we always ensure that we provide a less expensive service for our students than other local providers. Further information about our fitness suite can be found at: <https://www.teamdurham.com/facilities/durham/fitnesssuite/>

It would be hoped that everyone attending Durham University will take part in sport and to this end we are committed to trying to ensure high levels of participation among our student population.

If you do have an interest in representing Durham University we really would like to hear from you so please do fill in Section A (overleaf).

Want more information about Durham University Sport including dates and times for club trials: Visit our website at: www.teamdurham.com

Yours sincerely;



Mark Brian
Head of Sport & Physical Activity

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College:

Main Sport:

Position (if relevant):.....

*Standard
(School/County/Regional/National/International):.....

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Students are reminded that it remains the University custom and practice for all sportsmen/women to represent the University when asked to do so. Variations to this policy must be agreed with the Head of Sport or his named representative.

Please return to Mark Brian Head of Sport & Physical Activity, as soon as possible.

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