

# ST CHAD'S COLLEGE, DURHAM

## SENIOR COMMON ROOM



### INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

The Senior Common Room (SCR) of St Chad's College exists to further the aims and objectives of the College, namely:

- to advance education, learning, religion and research within the College in accordance with the principles of the Church of England, and
- to provide a College for persons who shall be members of the University of Durham wherein they may work for degrees and other qualifications of the University of Durham, (including, in particular, advancing the educational, spiritual and moral welfare of students enrolled at the College).

The SCR achieves this by enriching the academic and cultural life of the College through the organisation and facilitation of, and attendance at, a range of events and activities, by working closely with the other Common Rooms of the College, the College Officers and the Governing Body, and by acting as ambassadors and positive role models for the College and its members.

Members of the Senior Common Room are expected to support the aims of the College and to uphold its values. In conferring membership of the SCR, the College (acting in the person of the Principal) signifies its respect for those invited and extends to them the privilege of involvement with the life and community of the College. In accepting this honour members signify their willingness to support and encourage the College and its aims and values, and to respond to the College's invitation to contribute in specific ways to enriching its academic and cultural life.

#### **Membership of the Senior Common Room**

The following are members of the Senior Common Room *ex officio*: the Rector, the Chair of the Governing Body, the Principal and other College Officers, College Fellows, College Tutors, College staff of graduate status, Visiting Fellows and Postdoctoral Fellows, and University academic and academic-related staff resident in the College.

Members of the Governing Body and Honorary Fellows of the College are also *ex officio* honorary members of the SCR.

*Ex officio* membership lasts for as long as the person remains in the relevant post

Other individuals may be admitted to membership following election at a meeting of the SCR, or directly by the Principal.

Members other than *ex officio* and honorary members pay a subscription of £15 at the beginning of each academic year. Payment is due by 31st October, and membership is deemed to have lapsed if payment is not received by the end of the following March.

All members of the Senior Common Room are encouraged to contribute to the charitable fund administered by the SCR's Grants Committee, from which awards are made each term to undergraduate and post-graduate students registered at St Chad's College. Donations to the fund are eligible for Gift Aid.

The Data Protection Privacy Notice as applicable to members of the SCR can be found on the College's website at [www.stchads.ac.uk/about/documents](http://www.stchads.ac.uk/about/documents).

### **The Senior Common Room**

Members are welcome to make use of the Senior Common Room (situated just inside the College's main entrance) unless it has been booked for a college event or by an external user. Availability can be checked with the College Office, and a key can be obtained from Reception.

The College Bar is situated below the Junior Common Room, and the Quad Bar is also open on some occasions. The bars are administered by the JCR during term time and, by permission of the Principal, may be patronised by members of the SCR.

### **Formal Meals**

The College dines formally on Tuesdays and Thursdays during term time at 7:30 p.m. Members of the Senior Common Room dine on High Table, and may invite a maximum of two guests to accompany them. All members of the College are encouraged to wear an academic gown at formal meals.

Members, with their guests, meet for drinks in the Senior Common Room from 7.00 p.m. onwards. Wine and soft drinks are provided at table, and members and guests return to the Senior Common Room after the meal for port, cheese, and coffee.

Members may normally attend up to three formal meals per term, in addition to the termly Special and Combination formals. Booking is made online using the Signup facility at [www.stchads.ac.uk/college/common-rooms/scr/formal-sign-ups](http://www.stchads.ac.uk/college/common-rooms/scr/formal-sign-ups) where details of the current charges and other information can be found. The password to use is Chads18NorthBailey. Any queries may be addressed to [chads.formals@durham.ac.uk](mailto:chads.formals@durham.ac.uk).

Members are advised to book early for the Special Formals and for College Feasts (where both the main dining hall and the quad are used) in order to avoid disappointment.

### **Other College Meals**

SCR members may eat lunch or dinner in College on any other occasion during term time. Details of current meal times and charges are available from Reception.

## Social Events

Social and cultural events are organised throughout the academic year, and details are circulated by the Secretary during term time in the weekly SCR Newsletter.

## College Chapel

The College's principal act of worship is the Sung Eucharist on Sundays in term at 11.00 a.m. It is celebrated in the modern Catholic manner with music from the College Choir. Choral Evensong is also usually sung midweek.

Members of the SCR are welcome at all services, full details of which can be found in the termly Chapel Card.

## Governance

The Constitution of the Senior Common Room is published on the College's website at [www.stchads.ac.uk/college/common-rooms/scr/consitution](http://www.stchads.ac.uk/college/common-rooms/scr/consitution).

A meeting of the Senior Common Room is held each term at which business is discussed and social arrangements are made. The meeting in Michaelmas Term is also the Annual General Meeting.

The following members have been elected to serve as Officers for the current academic year:

President:	Colin Ferguson	<a href="mailto:c.p.ferguson87@gmail.com">c.p.ferguson87@gmail.com</a>
Secretary:	Jenny Parker	<a href="mailto:jenny.parker@durham.ac.uk">jenny.parker@durham.ac.uk</a>
Treasurer:	John Hanks	<a href="mailto:john.hanks@durham.ac.uk">john.hanks@durham.ac.uk</a>