

# FRESHERS' WEEK PROGRAMME

23rd September – 1st October 2023

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## A GUIDE TO KEY EVENTS





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Welcome everyone! This is your comprehensive guide to the events happening during your Freshers' Week. Make sure you follow our Instagram @castlefreshersweek23 as I'll be posting any updates or changes on there, and look out for an email about access to a freshers Facebook group.

## MY TOP TIP FOR YOU? GET THE FRESHERS' PACK!

Your Freshers' Pack contains your Freshers' Wristband, which gets you access to our most popular events, club nights, photographs, etc., and it comes with the 2023 Fresher tshirt, college waterbottle, and more! It's a no-brainer for having a once-in-a-lifetime Freshers Week...



[Buy yours here](#)



Read on for more information about the timetable and events. See you in September!

# TIMETABLE

Note: This is subject to some minor adjustments, so go follow our Instagram and join the Facebook group for updates!

	Saturday 23/09	Sunday 24/09	Monday 25/09	Tuesday 26/09	Wednesday 27/09	Thursday 28/09	Friday 29/09	Saturday 30/09	Sunday 01/10
All day	Collection of Freshers packs 0900-1700, Great Hall	Collection of Freshers packs 0900-1700, Great Hall	Collection of Freshers packs 0900-1700, Great Hall	Collection of Freshers packs 0900-1700, Great Hall	Collection of Freshers packs 0900-1200, Undie				
	Registration, Undie	Registration, Undie	Registration, Undie	Registration, Undie					
	Move in	Move in	Evening theme = Animal Kingdom	Evening theme= Roaring '20s	Evening theme = White T-Shirt Party	Evening theme = Spooky Season	Evening theme = All that Glitters	Evening theme = Festival	

0800	Breakfast 0800 - 10:00 unless specified																													
0900					Compulsory Welcome talks 9:30 starts Groups tbc		DSU Freshers Fair + UG Department Inductions		Compulsory College Workshops Group 1 9:30 Group 2 10:45 Room tbc		Matriculation 11:15 (meet 10:45 in courtyard)		Department Protected time until 1700		Castle Sports and Societies Fair 0900, Courtyard		College Family meet-up, Courtyard													
1000									Destress Dogs 11-14 Fellows Garden																					
1100																														
1200	Lunch 1200-1400										College Chants + Drinks reception 12:15-13:00		Lunch 1200-1400		Brunch 11:30-1400															
1300	Ice breakers, Castle Courtyard		Ice breakers, Castle Courtyard				DU Academic Sessions		DU Freshers' Fair + UG Department Inductions		Paint + Sip, Welfare Room (A1)		Destress Dogs Contd.		Matriculation Photo, Followed by BBQ lunch		Department Protected time until 1700		International welfare + Ethnic Minorities drop in		Castle Dresses Showcase, Undie		JCR meeting  1400-1530  Great Hall							
1400	Live music (stage, courtyard)		Petting Zoo, Fellows Garden + Live music (stage, courtyard)										Come Home to Castle workshop Great Hall 14:00 Surnames A-K 15:15 Surnames L-Z												CCA afternoon, Undie		Welfare teatime			
1500																														
1600	Ice Breakers, Castle Courtyard												Disabilities + LGBTQ+ officer drop in		Livers In +Livers Out officer drop in				Welfare teatime						Northern officer drop in					
1700	Dinner 1700-1900 Great Hall				Early Dinner 5-6pm		Mentor Reveal 1 (sign-up), Undie		Early Dinner 5-6pm		Mentor Reveal 2 (sign-up), Undie		Dinner 1700-1900 Great Hall		Early Dinner 5-6pm		Mentor Reveal 3 (sign-up), Undie		Early Dinner 16:30-18:30		Dinner 1700-1900 Great Hall									
1800					Welcome Dinner Group 1				Welcome Dinner Group 2						Welcome Dinner Group 3															
1900					Animal Kingdom Hound		Film, JCR		Castle-ino Royale		Film, JCR		White T-shirt Party		Freshers Lecture, then Film, Great Hall		Ghost Tour from Courtyard, then Hound in college		Film, JCR		Big College Bash		Film, JCR		JCR FRESHTIVAL, Babylon  7pm-2am		Cinema Night, Great Hall		Chape I Service 18:30, Tunsta II Chape I	
2000	Sunset picnic social, Courtyard		Bingo Night, Courtyard + Silent Disco, Undie		Film, JCR  Board Games, Tbc		Board Games, Tbc		Board Games, Tbc		Board Games, Tbc		Board Games, Tbc		Board Games, Tbc		Board Games, Tbc		Board Games, Tbc		Board Games, Tbc									
2100																														
2200-0200					Tea and toast Owengate kitchen		Tea and toast Owengate kitchen		Club = Babylon		Tea and toast, Owengate kitchen		Club = Loft		Tea and toast Owengate kitchen		Club = Jimmy's		Tea and toast Owengate kitchen		Club = Klute		Tea and toast Owengate kitchen		Early bar close pre-start of term					

Welfare events (in welfare room unless specified)	Club nights (Freshers Wristband required)	Daytime events (Some are Freshers Wristband Required)	Evening events (Freshers Wristband required)	University organised events
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Mealtimes	Compulsory events	Whole JCR events
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## A-Z

**HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS  
REQUIRE A FRESHERS'  
WRISTBAND!**

### **ANIMAL KINGDOM HOUND MONDAY 25TH**

‘Hound’ is the college term for a party in the Undie (our college bar), so dress up in your best animal fancy dress and come on down! There’ll be inflatables, face painting, a photographer, and a live band in the courtyard too!

### **BIG COLLEGE BASH FRIDAY 29TH**

Our fabulous college party before Freshtival on Saturday. We’ve got inflatables, bespoke mocktails and cocktails, a live band, the award-winning acapella group ‘Northern Lights’, a photographer, and that’s just the beginning...so bring your mates, dress up, and come along for an unforgettable night, it’s going to be big!

### **CCA AFTERNOON THURSDAY 28TH**

CCA stands for Castle Community Action, led by our Outreach Officer Olivia. This will be a great opportunity to meet people by trying out some of our volunteering, specifics and sign-ups will come closer to the time.

## CASTLE-INO ROYALE

### TUESDAY 26TH

Check out all the professional casino games we'll have around the castle, connect over drinks and music in the Undie (special mocktail and cocktail on the night!) and chill out to our live Jazz guitarist. Dress up theme is Roaring '20s!

## CINEMA NIGHT

### SUNDAY 1ST

The night before term starts we'll be having our yearly chilled movie night in the Great Hall. Vote on our socials for what movie you want to see, bring a blanket and hot drink, and unwind with friends in our 13th Century hall. Popcorn machine has been secured!

## CLUB NIGHTS

### EVERY NIGHT 25TH-28TH

A HUGE perk of the Freshers' Wristband is that it also covers your entry into the 4 biggest clubs in Durham! A great way to scope out the nightlife in your first week.

## DESTRESS DOGS

### WEDNESDAY 27TH

Meet in Fellows Garden (by the Courtyard) to play with super cute pups! The absolute perfect opportunity to meet new people and unwind midweek.

## FRESHTIVAL

### SATURDAY 30TH

Another college tradition, a big final   for everyone to come together and party the night away! A notice will be put out to buy your college-subsidised tickets which includes a free cup, 3 live bands and a DJ, not one to miss!

## GHOST TOUR

### THURSDAY 28TH

An annual college tradition, meet in the courtyard and be taken for a tour around the city with spooky surprises... be sure to wear appropriate footwear if it's wet weather.

## MATRICULATION

### THURSDAY 28TH

This marks your official entry into the University. Dress up in your gowns, attend the ceremony in the Cathedral, then the party begins! A Matriculation Photo (pre-order [here](#)) will be taken of your year-group, then head to the courtyard for a drinks reception, college chants, and a BBQ lunch.

## MENTOR REVEAL

### MONDAY 25TH, TUESDAY 26TH & FRIDAY 29TH

College Office will email you to sign up for slots to meet your College Mentor for the year. Come have a chat and ask any questions you may have!

## MOVE-IN DAYS

### SATURDAY 23RD & SUNDAY 24TH

Come and meet freps and freshers in the courtyard, and be sure to collect your keys, campus card, and Freshers Packs in the Undie and Great Hall. Our live music is from Ben Ellis, fresh from supporting Michael Aldag on tour and a regular on BBC Radio One and Spotify's New Music Friday.

## TEA AND TOAST

### EVERY NIGHT 24TH-29TH

Every evening we offer a quiet space with tea and/or toast in Owengate kitchen. Members of the Welfare team will always be on hand for a chat or some company.

# ***Your Freshers' Week Checklist***

- Buy your Freshers' Pack (which contains your Freshers Wristband) [here](#)
- Buy your JCR Membership [here](#) and gown (second-hand options available) [here](#)
- Pack costumes for the themes each evening if you plan on dressing up
- Check out the Castle JCR website to meet your freps and exec
- Follow @castlefreshersweek23 on Instagram and check your email information on how to join our College Facebook group!