

FRESHERS' WEEK PROGRAMME

23rd September – 1st October 2023

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, Bar	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	Chapel Service 18:30, Tunstall Chapel
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					
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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**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!