



One Year GCSE

Why Durham School

We strive to add value to every one of our pupils. For value added, Durham School is in the top 5% of all schools nationally and top 10% of all Independent Schools.

2022 Results

A-Level: A* – A 50%
GCSE: 9 – 7 52%

Leavers Destinations

85% to Russell Group Universities

Durham University Links

Our links with Durham University enables us to offer students a variety of ways to deepen their knowledge in their chosen subjects and to broaden their understanding in other areas.

- **Durham University Library** – all of our Sixth Form students are registered at the Bill Bryson library where they can access one of the best collections of books, texts and online resources in the country.
- **Elite Universities Interview Support** – Professors at the university conduct mock interviews with our students applying to top universities in England and Scotland to help with their preparation.
- **Lecture Series** – our students attend the Durham University lecture series on a weekend, including expert speakers on key subjects such as Physics.
- **Visiting Speakers** – our student-led academic societies regularly invite visiting Professors to talk in-depth about their research work.
- **Mathematics** – Our Head of Mathematics, himself a Tutor at St Chad's College, arranges intensive maths clinics on Saturdays.
- **Sports** – Durham School has the use of Durham University's excellent Maiden Castle sporting facilities.

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Durham School's One-year GCSE programme offers a fantastic opportunity for international students, for whom English is an additional language, to study core qualifications that will enable them to progress on to A Levels and prepare them for university.

Enrolled pupils are welcomed as full members of the Durham School community and will be expected to participate in all aspects of boarding school life including the School's extensive sporting and co-curricular activities.

By providing a core curriculum of GCSEs alongside intensive English Language lessons, the course places pupils in a strong position to gain full entry to Durham School's A Level programme.

The one-year programme enables students to study for up to 7 GCSEs. It focuses on the subjects of Mathematics (including Further Mathematics), English as a second language, Chemistry and Physics.

We also offer Art as a contrasting subject to study, as it offers a different dimension to the academic rigours of the other subjects.

Those who choose to return to their home country after the course do so with much improved spoken and written English skills as well as a minimum of 4, and up to 7, internationally respected GCSE qualifications

