



Durham
School



Durham School Sixth Form
Burkitt Scholarships

The Governing Body of Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation is committed to widening access to the benefits of a Durham School education through the provision of financial assistance in the form of scholarships and/or bursaries.

The Burkitt Scholarships are awarded to candidates at 16+ entering Year 12.

They are worth £1,000 per year and can be supplemented by means-tested bursaries up to 95% of the School tuition fees.

The Burkitt Scholarship Examination for September 2025 entry into Durham School will be held on 23rd November 2024. The deadline for applications is Friday 8th November 2024.

- Burkitt Scholars are eligible for support worth up to £1,000 per annum if successful in gaining entry to either Oxford or Cambridge University.
- Burkitt Scholarships are available to both external entrants and current Durham School Year 11 pupils. King's Scholars need not apply.

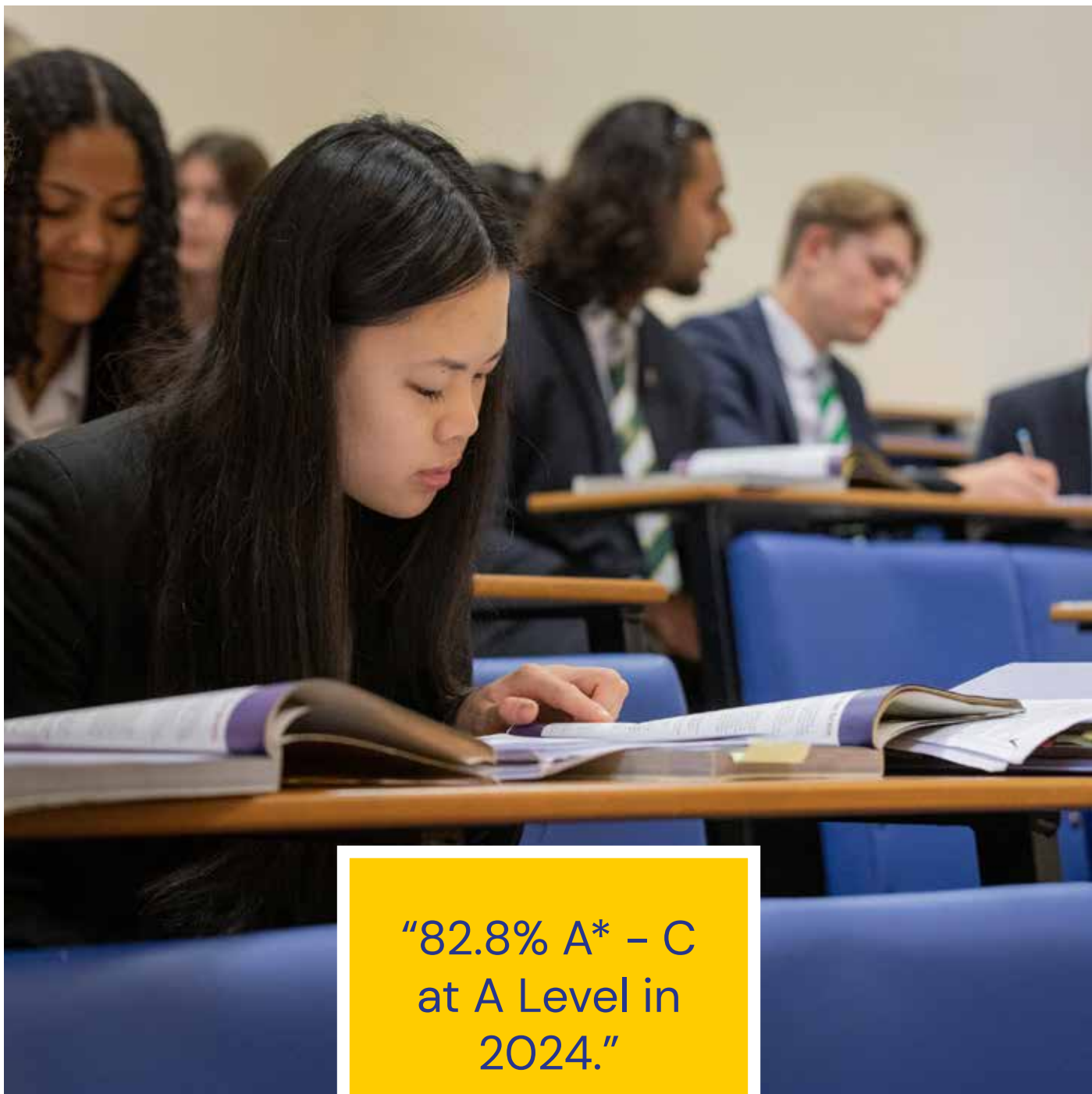
Scholarships Process

Burkitt candidates must take assessments in English, Mathematics, and online reasoning tests. Applicants also attend an interview with the Headmaster or Head of Sixth Form.

Entry Requirements

Burkitt Scholarships are awarded provisionally in December, based on performance in the tests taken. Burkitt Scholarships are confirmed in August, subject to satisfactory achievement at GCSE. The threshold for provisional awards is benchmarked against standards in previous years.





"82.8% A – C
at A Level in
2024."*

Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation's bursaries and scholarships change the lives of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds by giving them the opportunity to come to our excellent school and access a truly transformative education.

Candidates apply from a wide variety of local schools, particularly those in Sunderland and County Durham. Further funds are attached to each bursary to ensure every pupil can fully participate in all aspects of life at Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation.

History

Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation comprises the Preparatory School Chorister School and the Senior School Durham School. These two institutions merged in September 2021 to offer a co-educational education to pupils aged 3-18.

Thank You

The Burkitt Scholarships are some of a number supported by donations from ODs, Parents and other supporters.

Lt Colonel Henry Burkitt



A magnificent bequest was made towards bursaries at Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Gale Stewart Burkitt. He was a pupil at Durham School between 1926 to 1932.

Having been educated at Cambridge, he joined the Indian Army and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He retired from the Army in 1948 and then went to Oxford where he read Law.

He was always a strong supporter of Durham School and had indicated some time ago that he intended to leave the residue of his

estate to Durham School, now the Foundation, in order to provide opportunities for young people to study at Durham.

The Burkitt Bequest, made in 1985, was over £400,000. Since 1986, hundreds of young people have been given a chance to study for A Levels at Durham School thanks to his generosity.

Picture: 1932 School House Cricket Team including Henry Burkitt (highlighted).

Most of our pupils go on to study at university, with the majority attending a Russell Group University, including Oxford and Cambridge.

Pupils can choose to study three or four subjects to A Level/BTEC, and may also complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), worth half an A Level. It is possible to study four A Levels, but we recommend 3 unless taking Further Mathematics. Universities want the three **best** grades

“Our students are encouraged to be independent learners and think for themselves, vital skills if they are to make the best use of the freedom offered by life at university and beyond.”

- Mr Andrew Pearson, Deputy Head



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MARK Values

A thread of core values, known by the acronym MARK, is stitched through our heritage: Moral Integrity, Ambition, Responsibility and Kindness continue to underpin every aspect of School life. These values help shape our pupils' lives so they can positively impact the lives of others.

The staff at Durham School know the pupils they teach very well; that is one of the significant strengths of the Foundation. This – along with a sense of history, bond of community, friendships and becoming part of the “Old Dunelmians” when you leave – all add up to the mark of a great education.

You will be made most welcome

At Durham School we are committed to giving every pupil Confidence for Life. Pupils thrive at Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation because of the three strong pillars that we provide: Academic Challenge, Pastoral Care, and Co-curricular opportunity. Durham City is one of the most historic and majestic in the UK. At the centre are the twin UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Durham Castle and Cathedral.

"The Foundation is a traditional British boarding school with a modern international community in which the individual flourishes."

– Simon Dobson,
Chairman of Governors

The subjects currently available are:

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Economics
- English Language & Literature
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- German

- History
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Music
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Spanish
- Theatre Studies

We also offer the Extended Project Qualification to all Sixth Form pupils.



Our Former Scholars

Jennifer, Class of 2019



On first visiting the school I was completely captivated. Not only did it have incredible teaching and studying facilities, the house system and school spirit was instantly welcoming and created a sense of community and belonging, to which I immediately felt part of. As an alumni now, I still feel part of that community.

On receiving the Burkitt Scholarship and being accepted into Durham School, I found the standard of teaching to be at the highest levels, far beyond that which I'd experienced at secondary school and at every juncture, I was encouraged to push myself to achieve my personal best. An incredible variety of opportunities were made available to students to achieve both personal and academic growth and new career paths opened up to me.

In particular, the support with the university application process was phenomenal, especially with regard to medicine applications. There were multiple opportunities provided for me to practice my interviewing skills, both in a traditional interview style and in the widely used Multiple Mini Interview system. With this practice, and subsequent feedback on how to improve, I received offers to study at every university I interviewed at. This would not have been possible without the help provided by Durham School and the Burkitt Scholarship.

Durham School's generous scholarship enabled me to study for my A Levels at this wonderful school. I particularly enjoyed the opportunities to engage in the many clubs and societies within the School.

The small class sizes were beneficial in maximising the support from my teachers and increasing my passion for my subjects. I was able to help as a peer mentor for younger pupils. The Sixth Form Lecture Series, which I regularly attend, broadened my knowledge base and allowed me to gain an insight into a variety of subjects which I would not have thought to explore.

The friendly atmosphere of Durham School enabled my academic and social progression. I had the room to grow and develop crucial skills such as communication, leadership and teamwork throughout my time there.

As I now look to my next steps in life at University, I am confident that my academic abilities and social skills which I have developed both in House, and across the School, will get me far in life. Without the financial aid from the School, this would not have been possible for me and many others in similar positions. I am very grateful for my experiences I have had as a Dunelmian.



Aydin, Class of 2017



Benjamin
(DCSF 2015 – 2017)
Destination:
Cambridge University

Elise
(DCSF 2017 – 2019)
Destination:
Cambridge University



Laura
(DCSF 2018 – 2020)
Destination:
Cambridge University

Jake
(DCSF 2017 – 2019)
Destination:
University of York



Millie
(DCSF 2020 – 2022)
Destination:
University of York

Jamie
(DCSF 2020 – 2022)
Destination:
Newcastle University



Former Scholars' Destinations 2023/24

Class of 2023

Destination	Subject of Study
Lancaster University	History and International Relations
York St John University	Law
University of Liverpool	Law
Heriot-Watt University	Biology
Degree Apprenticeship (Manchester Met)	Biomedical Science

Class of 2024

Destination	Subject of Study
University of Reading - Flying Start Degree Programme	Accounting and Business
Northumbria University	Law/M Law
University of Glasgow	International Relations



At Durham School,
we are ambitious
for our pupils, staff
and wider school.

How to Apply

If you would like to sit our entrance assessments or the Burkitt Scholarship exams, we ask that you complete our formal application process. Our application process can be found on our website – www.dcsf.org.uk.

If you are interested in finding out more about our Burkitt Scholarships, please feel free to get in touch with our Admissions Team

- 0191 731 9270
- admissions@dcsf.org.uk
- www.dcsf.org.uk

The closing date for the Burkitt Scholarship applications is 8th November. The Admissions team will send you sample examination papers after you apply.





“Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation is a caring, supportive community where we aim to unlock and fulfil each pupil’s full potential.”

– Kieran McLaughlin,
Principal



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A BROAD
CURRICULUM
OF 26 A LEVEL
SUBJECTS

TOP 5%

UK SCHOOLS
FOR VALUE
ADDED

Please note that this case for support is illustrated by photos of Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation pupils and not specifically pupils on bursaries unless otherwise stated



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