



GREY MCR

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Dear Postgraduates,

Congratulations on your offer to study at Durham, and a very warm welcome to Grey College!

My name is Parth, and I am the Middle Common Room (MCR) President for the academic year 25/26, having been in the role from last October. The MCR is the community for postgraduate students, as well as mature students, fourth-year undergraduates, and those on placements or years abroad. It is a welcoming, supportive and social space designed to help you settle into Durham, build meaningful connections, and make the most of college life.

Throughout the year, the MCR runs a wide range of social and community-focused events, including inter-MCR formals, bar crawls, game board nights and day trips outside Durham. These events are a great way to meet people across disciplines and colleges while enjoying a strong sense of community within Grey.

The MCR also forms part of the Grey Junior Common Room (JCR), an independent charity representing all Grey students. As an MCR member, you will have access to the full range of JCR activities and benefits, including college-wide events such as Freshers' Week, Winter Ball, Phoenix Ball, Grey Day and much more. Membership also provides free access to college sports and societies, discounted event tickets, and reduced gym membership rates. MCR members additionally have access to the Phoenix Room, our postgraduate common room located in North Elvet. It offers a more relaxed and cosy space to unwind, with a flat-screen TV, surround sound system, live TV, Xbox and DVD player.

Beyond social life, Grey College places a strong emphasis on development, leadership, and employability through Grey Opportunities. This initiative supports students in gaining practical experience, leadership exposure and transferable skills through college roles, committee positions, event management, welfare support and paid or voluntary opportunities within Grey. Whether you are interested in leadership, events, finance, welfare, marketing or community building, Grey Opportunities allows you to develop skills alongside your academic journey.

I recommend following our Instagram page (@greycollegemcr), where we will be sharing key updates and activities during your first week. I would also encourage you to create a

Facebook profile if you do not already have one, as much of Durham's student life including sports, societies and events; is organised through Facebook. For broader college updates, please also follow the official JCR Instagram pages @greycollegejcr and @grey_sabbs on Instagram.

If you have any questions at all, feel free to email me at greymcr.president@durham.ac.uk or send us a direct message on Instagram; I am always happy to help. Please also ensure you activate and regularly check your Durham University email account, as important information regarding enrolment and modules will be sent there.

We look forward to welcoming you to Grey and hope you have an incredible year ahead.

Yours sincerely,
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