



Welcome to New College Durham

Visits 2026/27

Welcome

Welcome to New College Durham! Whether you are a new student joining us for the first time or a returning student continuing your studies, we are delighted to have you with us.

To help you make the most of your time here, we have organised a wide range of activities and events throughout the year. These are great opportunities to meet new people, experience different aspects of student life, and create lasting memories.

Many of our students also enjoy exploring the UK, with London being a particularly popular destination. If you are thinking about planning

a visit, please speak to us. We may be able to offer advice on travel options, ticket bookings, and places of interest to help you get the best value from your visit.

We look forward to supporting you throughout your time at New College Durham and helping you enjoy an exciting and rewarding student experience. Please read on to find out what visits are planned for the academic year 2026-27, we would love you to join us!

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2026

Month	Date	Visit
September	Saturday 12th	Beamish
October	Saturday 10th	York
November	Saturday 21st	Edinburgh
December	Sunday 13th	Gala Pantomime

JANUARY – MAY 2027

Month	Date	Visit
January	Saturday 16th	Manchester
February	Saturday 13th	Liverpool
March	Saturday 13th	Lake District
April	Saturday 7th	Holy Island & Bamburgh
May	Saturday 8th	Whitby

More detailed information will be given on the international Teams site closer to the date of the visit, but if you have any specific questions please email us at international@newdur.ac.uk



VISIT TO BEAMISH

Saturday 12th September 2026

Things to do:

Hop aboard a historic tram and travel from the 1900s Pit Village to the 1940s Farm, or take a vintage double-decker bus to the bustling 1950s Town.

Explore an authentic colliery and step inside the old mine, or experience what school life was like by taking part in a lesson in a Victorian classroom.

Visit the old police station, discover the fashionable hairstyles of the 1950s, and wander along the cobbled streets filled with the sights and sounds of the past.

When all that exploring leaves you feeling peckish, relax in a traditional tea room or treat yourself to freshly cooked fish and chips prepared the old-fashioned way.

Step Back in Time at Beamish The Living Museum of the North

Beamish Museum is a truly unique living history experience where the past comes alive before your eyes. Journey through recreated streets, bustling towns, and working farms to discover what life was really like in North East England during the 1820s, 1900s, 1940s, and 1950s.

During your visit, explore historic shops, ride vintage trams and buses, watch traditional craftspeople at work, and even try your hand at activities from a bygone era. Every corner of Beamish offers an opportunity to see, touch, and experience history firsthand—from the sights, sounds, and smells of the streets to the fascinating stories of the people who lived and worked there.

Whether you're stepping into a miner's home, meeting costumed characters from the past, or enjoying traditional treats, Beamish promises an unforgettable journey through time for visitors of all ages.

DEPARTURE: 9.30am from New College Durham; return at college around 4pm.

PRICE: Approx. £10 (to be confirmed)



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VISIT TO YORK

Saturday 10th October 2026



Things to do:

- » York Minster
- » Clifford's Tower
- » Railway Museum
- » Jorvik Viking Centre
- » Yorkshire Museum
- » Castle Museum York
- » The York Dungeon
- » York's Chocolate Factory
- » Shambles
(Harry Potter shop)

On this visit, we will be visiting the City of York, which was founded nearly 2000 years ago by the Roman Empire. This walled city is the capital of Yorkshire and has a lot of heritage to offer as well as great shops and cafes.

Its huge 13th-century Gothic Cathedral, York Minster, has medieval stained glass and two functioning bell towers. The City Walls form a walkway on both sides of the River Ouse. One of the favourite streets in York is called Shambles. It is an old street with overhanging timber-framed buildings, some dating back as far as the fourteenth century. Nearby is Shambles Market, which is home to more than 85 stalls with pottery, artisan breads, crafts and vintage clothing.

DEPARTURE: 9am from New College Durham; return at college around 6pm.

PRICE: Approx. £20 depending on destination.



VISIT TO EDINBURGH

Saturday 15th November 2026

Recognised as the capital of Scotland since at least the 15th century, Edinburgh is the seat of the Scottish Government, the Scottish Parliament and the highest courts in Scotland. The city's Palace of Holyroodhouse is the official residence of the British monarchy in Scotland. The city has long been a centre of education, particularly in the fields of medicine, Scottish law, literature, philosophy, the sciences, and engineering.

Edinburgh's cultural attractions have made it the UK's second-most visited tourist destination attracting 4.9 million visits. Time Out magazine rated Edinburgh the best city in the world in 2022.



DEPARTURE: 9am from New College Durham; return at college around 8pm.

PRICE: Approx. £20 depending on destination.



VISIT TO GALA THEATRE

Saturday 13th December 2026

Come and join us on a visit to Durham's main theatre to experience the truly puzzling and wonderfully baffling - but absolutely hilarious laugh-out-loud spectacle that is English Christmas pantomime.

Oh yes it is!

In the dark, tangled forest of Hamsterley stands a mysterious tower, locals swear they can hear beautiful singing drifting through the trees, a voice so pure it stops even the bravest woodcutter in their tracks.

What the villagers don't know is that the tower hides a single, sorrowful resident: the kindhearted Rapunzel, whose only regular company is a plucky little red squirrel.

But the good folk of Hamsterley whisper of other things too. They dare not speak the name of Mistress Gothel, the enchantress who haunts the forest paths.

With the help of her new friends, can Rapunzel travel to the distant city of Durham and discover her true identity and solve the mystery of the floating lanterns?



DEPARTURE: To be confirmed

PRICE: Approx. £20 depending on destination.

VISIT TO MANCHESTER

Saturday 16th January 2027

Manchester is a city and metropolitan borough of Greater Manchester, England. Manchester was given city status in 1853. Manchester is also famous for the Trafford Centre, which is a large indoor shopping centre and leisure complex. In the Metropolitan Borough of Trafford, the centre is within the Trafford Park industrial estate, five miles west of Manchester city centre. Well-known for its world-famous football teams, Manchester has much more to offer in the sporting world.

Manchester is home to two world-famous and iconic football teams; Manchester City and Manchester United.



DEPARTURE: 8:30 am from the College and we will return around 9 pm.

PRICE: Approx. £20 depending on destination.

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VISIT TO LIVERPOOL

Saturday 13th February 2027



Things to do:

- » Visit the Museum of Liverpool
- » Stroll down the river to the Liver Building
- » Discover the Beatles Story
(like the Cavern Club, Penny Lane)
- » Jump on a boat down the Mersey
- » See some masterpieces at Tate Liverpool
- » Have a coffee in the Casbah
- » Visit Anfield

You might know Liverpool as the home of the famous, The Beatles. However, did you know it is also UNESCO World Heritage Site? The city has one of the largest collections of Grade 1 listed buildings in the UK and Britain's largest cathedral. There's lots to do there, like a visit to Anfield, one of the most iconic football stadiums in the world, or delving into the past of Britain's most iconic band!

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VISIT TO THE LAKE DISTRICT

Saturday 13th March 2027

Things to do:

- » Visit Keswick
- » Visit Castlerigg stone circle
- » Boat tour on Derwent Water
- » Visit the pencil museum



The Lake District is incredibly beautiful and one of England's largest National Parks. Keswick is a market town, surrounded by mountains and on a hilltop east of the town, Castlerigg Stone Circle dates back to the Neolithic era. Derwent Water is a lake south of town, where you can book a boat tour. Keswick has quirky shops, cafe's and a market on Saturday.

DEPARTURE: 9 am from the College and return around 6 pm.

PRICE: Approx. £20 depending on destination.

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VISIT TO HOLY ISLAND & BAMBURGH

Saturday 17th April 2027

Holy Island:

THINGS TO DO

- » Visit Lindisfarne Priory
- » Visit Lindisfarne Castle and spot seals
- » Walk over the island
- » Visit the village

Skim over the sands and causeway to Holy Island and prepare to enter another world. Lying just a few miles off the Northumberland coast, Holy Island is cut off twice daily from the rest of the world by fast-moving tides. Both an island and a picturesque village, Holy Island carries a wealth of history within its tidal walls.

See one of the region's most revered treasures Lindisfarne Priory. The epicenter of Christianity in Anglo Saxon times, Lindisfarne Priory was once the home of St Oswald. This serene setting was the birthplace of the Lindisfarne Gospels, one of the world's most precious books.

Vikings invaded in the 8th century and the evocative ruins of Lindisfarne Priory includes the famous "rainbow bridge" which spirals skywards with the ghost of a long-vanished tower.

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PRICE: Approx. £20 depending on destination.

Bamburgh:

THINGS TO DO

- » View the magnificent Bamburgh castle
- » Walk along the sand dunes and the beach
- » Visit the Grace Darling museum
- » Grab a coffee or ice cream at one of the many cafes

Bamburgh is home to a pristine beach, drifting sand dunes, little cafes and restaurants tucked away on street corners and a magnificent view of the castle everywhere you turn. As the royal capital of the ancient kingdom of Northumbria, spell-binding Bamburgh holds a history worth discovering. You can wander down the main street, past the cosy Copper Kettle Cafe and towards the village's landmark red phone box for an especially beautiful view.

VISIT TO WHITBY

Saturday 8th May 2027



Things to do:

- » Town Open-Top Tour
- » Pannett Park
- » Farsyde Riding Centre
Bark Endeavour
- » The Bazaar
- » Whitby Musicport Shop
- » Ruins of Whitby Abbey
- » Captain Cook
Memorial Museum
- » Whitby Museum &
Pannett Art Gallery

Whitby is a seaside town with some of the best fish and chips around! The town is divided in two by the harbour and the River Esk Estuary. The older part of the town, located on the East bank, there is a lot of narrow medieval streets, while the newer town is found on the opposite bank.

If ever a town was associated with a literary character, it is Whitby and Count Dracula. Author Bram Stoker stayed in Whitby in the late 1800s, and was so inspired by its ruined abbey and clifftop church he created his most famous character. Dracula arrives in this country after his ship runs aground off Whitby, and runs up the famous 199 steps in the guise of a black dog.

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