



Durham School  
Flexi Boarding

Confidence for life.

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# FLEXI-BOARDING

This option is available to all day pupils. Ideal for days when you're are taking part in co-curricular activities after normal school hours or when you may wish to reduce time spent travelling to and from school during the week.



Mrs Rochester  
Head of Boarding



# Meet The Heads of Boarding



**Mr M Younger**  
School House

Mr Younger is the Senior Housemaster of School House. He has an overview of all pupils and is responsible for your wellbeing. Mr Younger will liaise with tutors to ensure that boys are making progress and enjoying school. If you are finding aspects of school difficult, your teachers and Tutor will let Mr Younger know and he will help with your concerns. He will be a main point of contact with your parents: as it is vital your school and your parents are working together. Mr Younger lives in private side (separate from the pupils) with his wife Victoria, sons James, Jacob and Jack, and daughter Isla. Mrs Younger is a Year 2 teacher at Chorister School. Mr Younger is a keen golfer and enjoys following the much-improved fortunes of Newcastle United.



**Miss L Hinde**  
Pimlico

Miss Hinde is the Senior Housemistress of Pimlico House. She has an overview of all pupils in the House and is responsible for their wellbeing. She spends time getting to know the girls and encourages them in all aspects of their school life, including an involvement in the school's extra-curricular programme and any interests they may pursue outside of school. Miss Hinde also liaises with Tutors and academic leads to support girls in their academic progress and to ensure that they are happy in their studies. Miss Hinde is the main point of contact for teachers and Tutors and, as such, follows the successes and problems of pupils closely. She is often in touch with parents, with the aim of forming close co-operation between parents and school. Miss Hinde lives at 4 Pimlico with Dr. Wiese and Betty, the border collie. She is also to be found in the languages department as she spends a lot of her time teaching German and French. Otherwise, Miss Hinde is a keen outdoor enthusiast. In the holidays, she always heads to hills and has, over the past few years, led three World Challenge Expeditions to Costa Rica, Ethiopia and Madagascar.



**Mr J Jenkinson**  
Poole House

Mr Jenkinson is the Senior Housemaster in Poole House. Along with the House Staff, he is responsible for looking after your wellbeing and making sure you achieve your potential in all areas of school life during your time at Durham School. He is the main link between your teachers and your parents since communication is really important to ensure you are happy and making progress. Your teachers will let Mr Jenkinson and your Tutor know if there are any problems with your work, such as time management, organisation, attitude, or quality. They will also pass on how well you are doing, so we can celebrate your achievements. He will also be responsible for ensuring that all boys in Poole appropriately represent the House around the school and that the House is a great place to be. Mr Jenkinson and Mrs Jenkinson have both worked for the foundation for over 20 years in various roles, and now live on site in Poole House with their two boys, Jacob and Harry aged 9 and 4. They particularly love the beach and spend many a day at Seaham or further afield at their favourite places along the Northumbrian coastline. Mr Jenkinson is an avid golfer and loves to get out on the golf course with friends, trying to lower his handicap.

# Attaining Excellence

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The quality of the pupils' personal development is excellent.

Pupils are extremely self-confident and resilient: they are reflective and know how to improve their learning. Pupils demonstrate a highly developed moral sense, taking responsibility for their own behaviour and being sensitive to the needs of others. Pupils display a mature social awareness, working together with enjoyment and an excellent sense of purpose. Pupils of all ages are respectful of each other and understand the value of diversity in their community.

In the most recent ISI Inspection that took place in 2023, everything about DCSF boarding provision was rated “excellent” the highest rating that can be achieved.

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*As a full time working parent, I work long hours. Flexi boarding has given me peace of mind, knowing they were cared for and safe with friends and boarding staff. Plus the great social aspects.*



# Boarding that works for you

In today's busy world, many families find boarding a way of relieving pressure on family life by reducing time spent on endless commuting and ensuring that the time they spend together is quality time, with most of the school commitments having been met during the week. At Durham School, a variety of boarding options are available for Years 7 to 13, as well as full boarding.

## Flexi-boarding Options

### Extended Day

This gives you the option of arriving in time for breakfast at 07:30 and leaving after a hearty supper, homework completed and activities at 18.30.

### Occasional Boarding

This option is helpful when parents are away dealing with business or family matters, or when children have particularly time consuming commitments at school.

### Flexi Boarding

Many of our boarders commit to a regular boarding night, or nights, each week. Children prefer the regularity of this option as it ensures they are boarding with their friends on the same night or nights each week.



### Weekly & Full Boarding

Our weekly boarders enjoy the best of both worlds – the array of social activities on offer with their friends Monday to Friday and quality time with their families at the weekend. For those who board on a full time basis, the weekends are a great mix of downtime and fun, engaging activities. Sunday's usually involve time away from the school making fond memories with friends in the local and surrounding areas. It is excellent preparation prior to moving away to University!

### Accommodation

There are three boarding Houses situated on or within easy reach of the main campus, with separate Houses allocated for boys and girls. The Houses are at the heart of pupils' lives, and all boarders will experience a warm and supportive atmosphere in their House, each run by an experienced and dedicated team of Housemasters/mistresses, Tutors and Matrons.

# Pimlico House



# Poole House



# School House





# Hear from our Flexi Boarding Parents

As a single parent, Flexi Boarding has been a game-changer for us. The flexibility it offers, especially when last-minute issues arise, has been a huge relief. My child started in September 2024, and the balance between study and leisure is perfect. The supervised prep time is invaluable - something that would be hard to achieve at home. On top of that, the social aspect is fantastic; my child enjoys swimming and going to the gym in the evenings. It's been a brilliant experience that provides both academic focus and fun, all while giving me peace of mind.





# The Benefits of Boarding

Social skills develop to allow self motivation, ability to organise own time and to make lifelong friendships

Homework supervised with staff guidance

Independent learning encouraged but with additional support through to A-Levels & GCSE

Healthy and varied meals

Children nurtured by caring boarding staff in a family environment

Increasing independence with strong support from boarding staff

Personal choice and responsibility encouraged with advice provided by boarding staff

Close communication between teaching staff, boarding staff and parents

Family feel accommodation

Time and opportunities to build social skills and strong friendships

Social opportunities develop confidence, security, tolerance and respect for others

Strong mixed boarding community across age groups and mixed with day pupils

Range of sports and activities to suit all interests

Range of co-curricular activities available to develop lifelong enthusiasms

Involvement in a range of school activities fosters leadership and responsibility

A thriving community offering support, guidance and amazing opportunities

A valued partnership with supportive parents allows family life to be enhanced

Positive relationships between boarders and their parents maintained during adolescent years

Mature relationships between boarders and their parents form the foundation for future years

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~ Current parent

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# Hear from our Boarding Parents

Flexi Boarding has been an invaluable option for our family since joining the school in 2023. Living in Northumberland, we were initially drawn to the flexibility it offered, particularly with our son's interest in sports.

With the option to stay on Wednesday or Thursday night, we no longer have to endure the long trips to and from school, allowing him to rest and be more energized over the weekend. He enjoys the social aspect, having time to relax with friends in Durham before dinner, and the structured prep time ensures he completes most of his homework during the week, leaving him with more free time at the weekend. This is especially helpful as he enters his first GCSE year and begins to develop stronger study habits.

In addition to the academic benefits, Flexi Boarding gives the opportunity to engage with boys from different year groups, fostering connections and a deeper sense of community within the school. It's the perfect balance for our family – providing flexibility without the commitment of full-time boarding



# Flexible Boarding Open Evening

## 7th March 2025

We invite you and your children to see the boarding houses in action and discover what the boarders get up to after they finish their school day.

It will be a great opportunity to meet the boarding house staff and ask questions. For more information and to reserve your place, please contact [k.rochester@dcscf.org.uk](mailto:k.rochester@dcscf.org.uk).

The format of the Flexible Boarding Open Evening will be as follows:

4.30pm - 5.00pm Arrival and Introduction with Mrs Rochester, (Head of Boarding), in the Orangery

5:15pm - 7.00pm Boarding Tours  
Questions and Answers with Heads of Houses



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~ Current parent