



Confidence
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DURHAM SCHOOL

Independent day & boarding school · Girls and boys · Age 3-18

INFORMATION PACK

for Prospective Applicants for the role of
TEACHER OF CHEMISTRY



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for the role of Teacher of Chemistry
at Durham School



Durham City and Durham School

Durham is an ancient market town with many historic features, predominant among which are the Cathedral and the Castle. Durham is home to a highly successful University with several colleges spread around the city, one of which occupies the former Castle. The city centre itself boasts a recently renovated shopping centre, together with a traditional indoor market, in which Durham School has a 10% share, a swimming pool and various sports grounds and clubs.

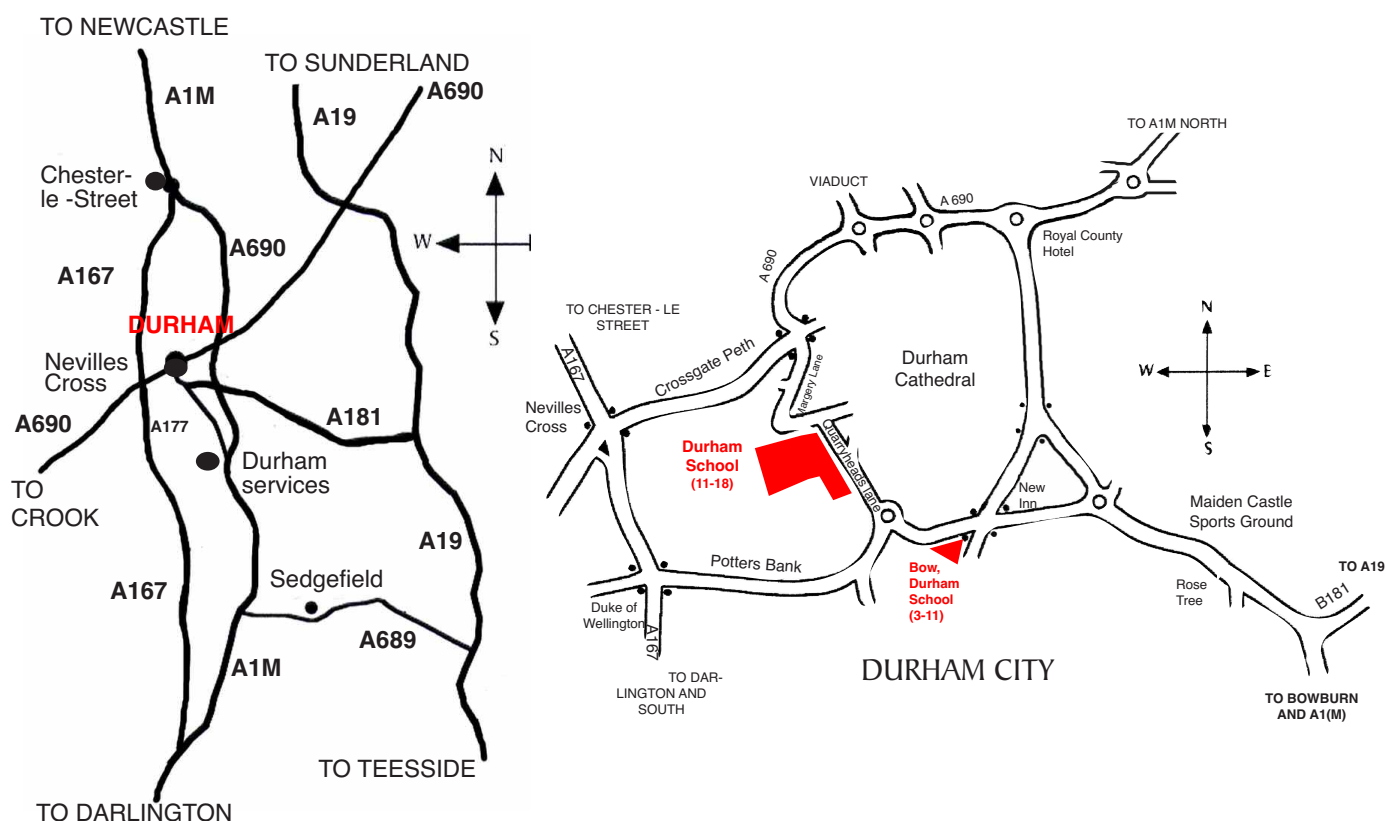
Durham School is an independent, co-educational HMC school of around 580 pupils, aged 3 to 18, situated in spacious and attractive grounds close to the University and the Cathedral. Approximately a third of the pupils are girls, whilst around a quarter of the Senior School board. Although a city school in that it is only 5 minutes' walk from the city centre, the site has a quiet, almost rural, atmosphere. Founded in 1414, the School was part of the Cathedral Foundation from 1541 to 1997.

In the Senior School (Years 7 to 13); there are approximately 450 pupils with 115 boarders. Most

pupils enter the Senior School at Year 7, having taken an entrance examination, but there is also a significant entry at Year 9 and into the Sixth Form. Girls were first admitted into the Sixth Form in 1985 and then into other year groups in 1998, the School is now fully co-educational, and girls make up about 40% of the intake to the School.

Bow is the junior part of Durham School and is situated in spacious grounds some 800 metres from the Senior School. It has approximately 133 pupils ranging from aged 3 to 11. Bow has been co-educational only for the last seven years. There are currently 50 girls, with each class now being co-educational. The Head of Bow reports directly to the Head of Durham School: the two work closely together to ensure continuity of educational provision from age 3 to age 18.

Both schools are well supported by administration, technician, welfare staff and coaches.



Senior School Structure

The Senior School is run very much on boarding school lines, with three boys' Houses (two with boarders, and one day only) and two girls' Houses, one of which has both boarders and day pupils. The School day ends at 4.30 p.m. Many day boys and day girls are involved in evening activities or do their prep at School up to 6.00pm or beyond. On most evenings of the week there are lectures and meetings beyond 6.00pm. There are no Saturday lessons but a wide range of activities and sport fixtures take place during the weekend.

Management Structure of Senior School

The Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) consists of the Headmaster, Deputy Head (Academic), Deputy Head (Pastoral), Senior Master, Head of Sixth Form and Bursar. The Senior Management Team consists of the SLT, Head of Bow, Head of Co-Curricular, Marketing Director and Director of International Development.

Governing Body

The Chairman of Governors is Alasdair MacConachie, a former parent and Managing Director of a major car dealership. He is supported by a Vice-Chairman and a team of other Governors who provide a wide range of experience and expertise.



More about the Senior School

A wide range of subjects is offered at GCSE, AS, and A2 levels.

At GCSE most pupils take 9-10 subjects. Results at GCSE over the last 4 years have averaged 42% A*-A grades and the A*-C rate has averaged well over 90%

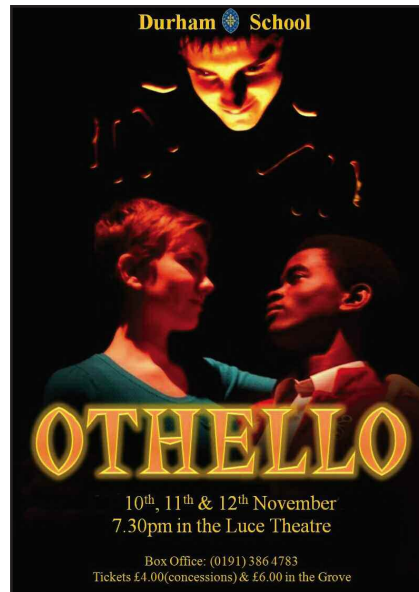
In the Sixth Form, Year 12 pupils have hitherto taken 4 AS levels, followed by 3 A2 courses in Year 13. Some students take General Studies to A2 and the EPQ is also offered. At A level the percentage of A*-B grades was last year 67%, while the overall pass rate has averaged 98%. Typically over 95% of our sixth formers go on to university, and in most years we send pupils to Oxford or Cambridge. There is a strong commitment to further academic growth and to pursue excellence in all fields.

There is a vibrant community life with strong traditions in games and music. Particular sporting strengths are in rugby, rowing, cricket and hockey: each year a number of pupils gain regional or national representative honours in one sport or another. In addition athletics, swimming, cross-country, squash, waterpolo, biathlon, tennis, golf, sailing, basketball and badminton are pursued by both boys and girls. The three sections of the CCF use the excellent facilities in the locality for training and run annual military and adventure training camps. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is very popular with, each year, over 100 pupils being involved at one level or another. The school has a long tradition of overseas expeditions; with recent destinations including Borneo, Tanzania, Vietnam, India, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. There are many clubs and non-sporting activities which operate each week, mainly between 4.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Music is of a very high standard. There is a variety of vocal and instrumental groups and ensembles, and all have regular opportunities to perform. The school performs regularly at prestigious venues such as The Sage, Gateshead, Durham Cathedral and York Minster. In 2012 the school was appointed as an All Steinway School, one of a very small number in the UK, in recognition of the excellence of music throughout the school. There are also many oppor-

tunities for drama at various levels and the School has a small but well equipped theatre. Recent major productions have included "Les Miserables", "The Crucible", "The Comedy of Errors", "Bouncers and Shakers" and "Godspell". In 2014 the school returns to the Gala Theatre in Durham for a performance of "Les Miserables", part of our 600 year anniversary celebrations.





More about the Junior School

Bow, Durham School, is situated some 800 metres from the Senior School in its own spacious and attractive grounds. Bow has developed from a boys 3-13 boarding and day prep school into a co-educational 3-11 day school. Typically, all Bow Year 6 pupils will transfer into the Senior School. Bow provides outstanding pastoral care, is strong academically and particularly noted for the strength of its sport and music.

Developments

Recent years have seen major improvements and additions to facilities. Major refurbishments have been completed in all Houses and, in ICT, computer labs have been upgraded to provide 50 new terminals. IT development is a capital priority, with new infrastructure providing a 100Mbps broadband speed. Full wireless provision across the entire 3-18 campus, backed by a major server upgrade will take place over the next 12 months.

In 2013 the school appointed a Head of Digital Strategy to lead on the development of an innovative digital learning environment and also in 2013 the School opened a Costa Coffee café which has been a significant addition to the catering provision.

Sporting development has seen the equipping of new fitness facilities, boat club development and facilities link ups with Durham University. Curriculum investment has seen the addition of several new A Level subjects, including Photography, Politics and Psychology. A Sixth Form Centre was opened in 2012. The Governors have also completed a major development at Bow in the last 3 years, including a new outdoor adventure playground and IT upgrades. Across the whole site future plans include digital signage, boarding development, a new sports pavilion, new science laboratories and library development.



The Chemistry Department

The Chemistry Department consists of three specialist teachers and is located centrally on the Durham School site. It consists of three teaching rooms, an equipment store, and a technician's office.

In Years 7 and 8 all pupils study General Science and from Year 9 they are taught Biology, Chemistry and Physics separately.

There are usually three or four classes at GCSE and these are set according to ability. At A-level there are currently two sets in Year 12 and two sets in Year 13.

At GCSE we follow the AQA certificates (iGCSE) course. At A-level we follow the OCR A Chemistry specification.

Topics include atoms, moles, bonding, Organic chemistry, energy and practical aspects. Last year the A-level pass rate was 100% with 89% gaining A*-C.

The classrooms are large with space for displays and storage. Each room has seating for 24 pupils centrally with additional work space around the side benches.

Owing to a change of roles for the current post holder, Durham School seeks to appoint a suitably qualified Teacher of Chemistry for September 2016.



Application Process

The closing date is Wednesday 4th May 2016 and the interviews will be week commencing Monday 9th May 2016.

Application forms are obtainable from our website: www.durhamschool.co.uk or by contact Mrs Susan Spence, Headmaster's PA on 0191 386 4783.

Durham School is committed to promoting the safeguarding of children and expects all employees to share this commitment. Any job offer will be made subject to satisfactory checks, including an enhanced DBS disclosure. Durham School is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications regardless of age, gender, race, religion, disability or sexual orientation.





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