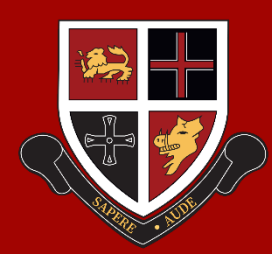


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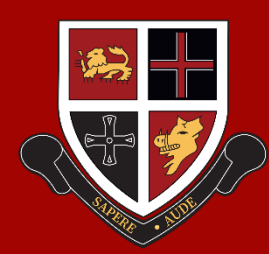
Welcome to our Sixth Form

**Mrs McFadden
Headteacher**



Choosing the right Sixth Form is hugely important.

It is one of the most important decisions that students make, as it will have a direct impact on the steps they take as fully fledged adults aged 18.



Impressions of our Sixth Form...

- Sunday Times North East State Secondary School of the Year (... 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- Sunday Times North East State Secondary School of the Year for Academic Excellence 2024
- Sunday Times National Comprehensive School of the Year 2019-2020
- Daily Mail Top 100 state schools (...2023, 2024)
- School Sports Magazine Top 100 Sporting Schools (...2022, 2023, 2024 - 59th nationally, 9th highest state school)
- Only state school to have our Christmas Carol Service in Durham Cathedral; the only state school to sing Evensong there

A-Level Results 2025

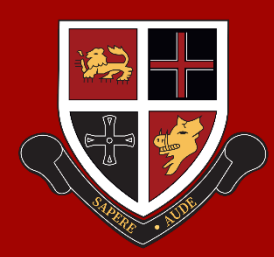
		DJCS 2025	DJCS 2015-24	North East 2025	National 2025
A2 Grades	A*	14%	16%	7%	9%
	A*/A	40%	44%	23%	28%
	A*/B	70%	74%	51%	55%

		DJCS 2025	National 2025
A2 Grades	Best 3 Points	40	35
	Average Grade	B=	C-
	Achieving 3+ A*/A	23%	15%
	AAB+ (including at least 2 facilitating subjects)	26%	17%



“A great education in a great comprehensive school.”

**John Dunford, Headteacher
At Durham Johnston 1982-98**



- 1. Academic Excellence;** a belief in progress for all.
- 2. Acquiring Knowledge;** the importance of being an educated person and knowing things.
- 3. Social Justice;** providing opportunities for all, regardless of background.
- 4. Public Service;** the importance of making a contribution to the school community and wider society.
- 5. Diverse Opportunities;** a rounded education that 'opens doors' regardless of location or specialism.



Why come to DJCS Sixth Form?

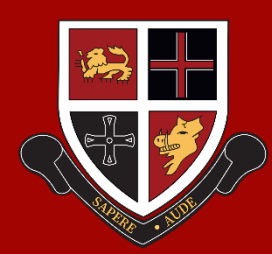
1. Warm, harmonious ethos of our school

“There are strong, caring relationships between staff and pupils and the school has a warm, harmonious ethos. Students demonstrate a strong moral compass and are proud to be part of the school community.” (Ofsted 2025)

“the sixth form students embodied the best of the best of the school... they spoke with pride about the school and they said they felt lucky to be here.” (comment from Ofsted inspector, 2025)

2. Exceptional Provision and Support

“The sixth-form provision is exceptional. A focus on academic reading supports students to develop their understanding beyond the norm for their age. This, coupled with expert support from teachers, allows students to achieve exceptionally highly in external examinations, preparing them well for future destinations. Support for students with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) in the sixth form is strong. The high proportion of students who join the sixth form at the start of year 12 receive a curriculum offer which meets their different starting points. This enables students to succeed.” (Ofsted, 2025)



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**Supporting progress to
competitive next steps**

**Mr Wilbraham
Head of Sixth Form**



2025 Destinations 1st September 2025

27	Newcastle	5	Cambridge	1	Bath
16	Durham	3	UCL	1	Warwick
15	York	3	St Andrew's	1	Queen's Belfast
12	Northumbria	3	Edinburgh	1	King's College, London
9	Sheffield	3	Leeds Beckett	1	Southampton
8	Manchester	2	LSE	1	Glasgow
7	Liverpool	2	Uni of London (Paris)	1	Aberdeen
6	Oxford	2	Bristol	1	Winchester
6	Leeds	1	Manchester Met	1	Reading
5	Sunderland	1	Kent	1	Swansea
5	Lancaster	1	Loughborough	1	Bangor
		1	Imperial	1	Heriot-Watt

87 STEM courses

77 Non-STEM courses

7 Medics

11 Oxbridge

21 Stoxbridge and London

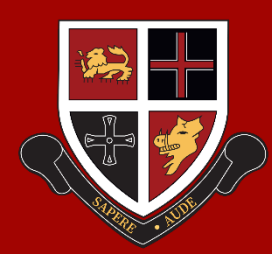
**164 at UK universities
01/09/25**

144 Firm

20 Insurance

15 gap years/D. Apps

c.73% Russell Group



PHE: From Next Steps to University and Beyond

Is university right for me?

Which subject is right for me?

Will I be interviewed?

Are there pre-admissions tests?

What type of university is right for me?

What career might this degree lead me to?

WP and Contextual offers

Scholarships

Which location is right for me?

What entry grades are needed (GCSEs and A-Level predictions)

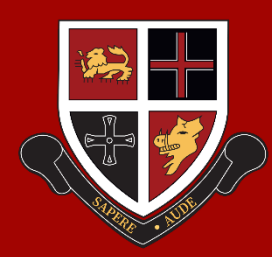
Financial support

Student demographics

Accommodation

Student wellbeing

Careers support



Private study and home study

- Students will have **private study sessions** around their core lessons.
- These lessons are part of their full-time learning programme.
- Students can work in the silent study area, collaboratively in the café or the atrium.
- Students will sign in and be supervised by Mr Howells.
- Students will also be granted **one afternoon a week in which they can study from home**. This will be added to their timetables once students have settled into their study programmes.



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Courses and Opportunities



Miss Simpson
Deputy Head of Sixth Form



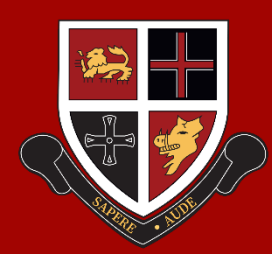
Subject choice at A Level

When choosing a subject you need to consider:

1. What are you good at? What are your strengths?
2. What do you enjoy studying?
3. What subjects do you need to study if you have a particular course or career in mind?

Above all else, you need to consider what is right for you.





Why 4 A-Levels?

- Start on 4 to get all students onto the best 3
- Opportunities to try courses before full commitment
- Allow students the opportunity to sit additional courses dependent on their interests
- Allow students to keep options open for future destinations
- AS Level additional qualification for the most competitive applications and courses
- Flexibility for building tariff points



AS Levels are not available in PE, media, English literature and art.

Three 'drop windows' in Year 12:
October, January, June.

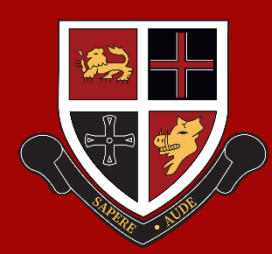
Progression – Subjects Offered at A Level

Students choose four subjects to study in Year 12

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| • Art | • English Literature | • Maths |
| • Biology | • Ethics and Philosophy | • Media |
| • Business | • French | • Music |
| • Chemistry | • Further Maths | • PE |
| • Classical Civilisation | • Geography | • Physics |
| • Computing | • German | • Psychology |
| • Economics | • Gov and Politics | • Sociology |
| • English Language | • History | • Spanish |

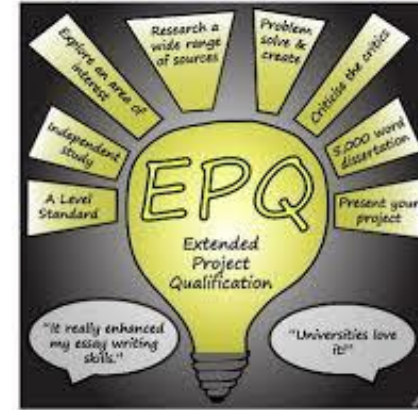


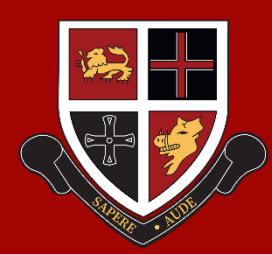
Potential to offer Criminology and Environmental Science, dependent on student interest



Super-curricular opportunities

- Sixth Form Library
- Super curricular magazine
- EPQ
- Brilliant Club
- MOOCs
- University talks and sessions
- Apprenticeship talks and sessions
- Academic competitions and awards
- Work experience

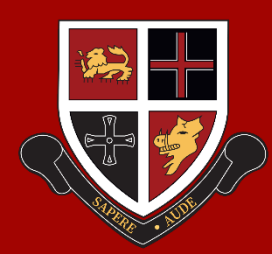




Extra-curricular opportunities

- World Challenge
- Mental health ambassadors
- Music lessons, choir
- Sports, as well as sports leadership
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Cultural and subject specific visits within the UK and abroad
- Residentials
- Societies





Public service opportunities

- Support for local and national charities e.g. foodbank
- Mentoring and support for younger students
- KS3 library and paired reading
- Subject ambassador
- House rep
- Form rep
- Head student
- Sixth form committee





CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

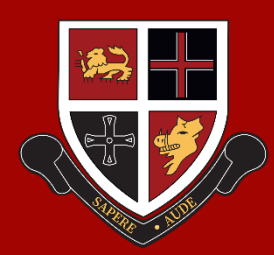


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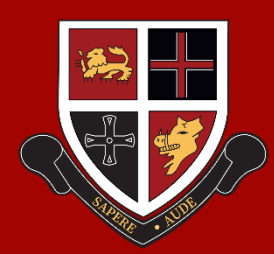
Apply online: **Deadline 5th November 2025**

Offer letters: all offers are **conditional**

Interviews:

Pre-Christmas (20 mins): Internal applicants

Post-Christmas (45 mins): External applicants



Entry criteria

A minimum of **5 good passes 9-4** including a minimum of **3 grade 6s**.

No external application will be processed without a Summer Y10/Autumn Y11 report.

Please email reports to:

sixthformadmissions@durhamjohnston.org.uk



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