

Castle Without Borders

ALUMNI MAGAZINE / EASTER TERM

In this edition you will find updates on: Team Castle, Heritage, and upcoming Castle Society events.



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From the Master

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THE MASTER'S REPORT



The recent weeks have been overshadowed by the deaths of Olivia Burt, a first year student reading Natural Sciences, and of Alexandra Wilshaw, a third year student reading Maths. There has not been a death in Castle for a decade. Of course, to lose two students in an academic year is overwhelming. As I said in the vigils for them, we will take them with us, now and into the future. The hope their lives represents remains in each and every one of us. We need to seize this hope as we go forward. If this was not all enough, we have also had the death of a member of the kitchen staff, Julie Coats, who died aged 40 of an intractable illness. A huge loss.

There have been some positive developments. The University is working on plans to refurbish the whole colleges estate, and to fund new aspects of the wider student experience. At Castle we hope to benefit from this in the renovation of some of our dated accommodation. Meanwhile, we have redeveloped the Tunstall Gallery, which looks now most impressive. We also installed the West Courtyard Café which many of you will already know about, and is now attracting numbers as the weather has improved.

We have introduced a new Fellowship scheme, which will be important to Castle in the future. The College has appointed some 25 Fellows, 6 Emeritus Fellows, and begun the process of appointing Junior Research Fellows. We will launch this scheme on our website soon. It will take many years to raise the funds to fully support this bold initiative. But we have started, and will get there.

We are only a term away from taking control of New Kepier Court, our collaboration with a private developer. The provision adds some 215 rooms, and excellent social spaces. The quality overall is very good. I am delighted that Brackenbury will be phased out. There will be challenges to integrating the new students who will comprise a mix of undergraduates and postgraduates. But we are working on this and will extend the conversation to the JCR and MCR shortly.

All in all, the last few months have been challenging as you can only too easily imagine. But there are some terrific developments and hundreds of wonderful students here, whose talent never ceases to impress.

I hope to see many of you in London on the 3rd of July for the Castle Society drinks reception at The Old Bank of England. More information about this event is on page 20.

JCR Easter Report



Castle students have been flocking to the libraries in recent weeks as yet another exam period dawns on Durham. A cup of coffee and a bowl of cereal down, they frequently arrive to what is an already bustling Bill Bryson Library. Study spaces across campus are packed post-breakfast with laptops, paper and pens sprawled over desks wherever they look. That said, the recent wave of sunny Durham weather has proven a welcome distraction for all but the most steadfast. Lowe-goers are called to the fridges to feast on stress-less ice cream (organized through our lovely Welfare team) whilst the Freshers dust cobwebs off the boxed croquet set for an afternoon on the Courtyard Green.

Behold, the end is in sight! Soon we look forward to Castle Day 2018 and other Durham-wide events to round off the year. Post-exam periods of rest should involve making the most out of our new outdoor café space, gazing at the Fellow's Garden flowers or generally enjoying new Undercroft cocktails and early opening times. College sports sides, amateur athletes and make-shift mascots alike will spend the day of the 12th June playing sport and fundraising as part of our Castle Charities Summer Sports Sesh. The event is in its first year and will be hosted at Maiden Castle by Castle's new Outreach Charities Committee. Refreshments are certainly advised to endure the 12 hours back-to-back rugby, football and lacrosse matches planned.

One event we are all in anticipation for is the 2018 June Ball extravaganza. This year's guests can expect to be led on something of a journey, though the theme of course remains a secret so I shan't say any more. As ever, we put our evening in the hands of Jimmy Lee and all the College and JCR staff who run the show year on year. Though vehemently denied if asked, I just continue to hope that one or two pictures end up in Tatler again this year (don't we all, really?). I am currently writing the Senior Man June Ball speech for this year, so if you as alumni have any funny or nostalgic stories to share about your time at Castle, I urge you to send them across – I'd love to hear them! Overall, we here at Castle do hope to end the year off well and if the weather continues to pick up as many photographs of gorgeous Durham before we finally part ways.

Yours,

Pippa Prevost Jones Senior Student caslte.seniorstudent@durham.ac.uk

MCR Easter Report



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It is no secret that the MCR has seen unprecedented growth over the last few years; this has been accompanied by growing pains about its place within University College. In answer to this, the MCR now hosts two large scale annual events. The first is the Castle Charity Ball, which takes place annually in January and just went through its fifth, highly successful iteration. The second large scale event is the Castle Conference. Now in its second year, it will be taking place on July 3rd/4th.

Our Academic Officer, Melissa Jackson, has been working away on this to put on an excellent event which looks to be a great showcase event for the MCR and should solidify its case for future years. There is excitement over the possibilities presented by the Theme of "Order and Chaos". For more information the Conference website can be found at https://www.durhamcastleconference.co.uk/. If you would like to attend the conference itself please email castle.mcr@durham.ac.uk and we can try to make arrangements!

Otherwise the MCR has been enjoying an excellent year with increased representation and participation at all events within College. Alongside formal hall twice a week, our Social Chair, Joey Reiness, has held events at least once a week with impressive variety. In conjunction with this, as the exam season encompasses Durham University, our incredibly active Welfare Team, headed by Jessica Baggaley, has been running weekly walks (normally with dogs!) around the Durham countryside in addition to their usual drop in sessions and socials.

The MCR Treasurer, Robert Leigh, has had many ideas and suggestions as to how we can bolster our finances and at the forefront of this has been investments. New items of stash will soon be available to at any time to members of the MCR and the initiative of a "freshers pack" sold at a discounted rate is expected to increase the retention rate of students through what is one of the most event packed freshers weeks on offer at Durham University at postgraduate level. We are also investing in Silent Disco headsets which we plan to rent out to other common rooms and use within college. We predict anywhere between 8-20% return annually on their cost when taking into account maintenance and damage costs. The MCR finances are in a great place and we can conclude that he future also looks bright.

The extra participation of the MCR this year couldn't be exemplified better than selling out the all 200 spaces at the upcoming postgraduate end of year formal in under 10 minutes! Organised by the MCR Steward, Peter W. Donnelly, it looks to be a celebratory occasion which may see the first use of our own silent disco equipment!

A final piece of good news for the MCR is the end of Brackenbury! From next year, postgraduates who opt to live in will be housed in luxurious accommodation on Claypath. This also will see an increase in MCR accommodation within college by 50% in a time when other Middle Common Rooms across the university are seeing their accommodation provision shrinking.

Of course, all of this couldn't happen without considerable contributions behind the scenes from both Ordinary and Executive members of the Common Room as well as exemplary support from College staff. We are looking forward now to the events for the rest of term and the election of a new executive committee who we are sure will carry the interests of the MCR to greater places!

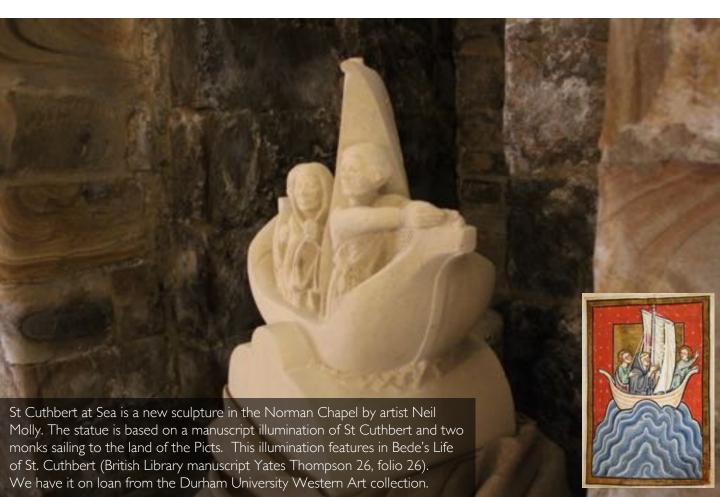
James Black MCR President castle.mcr@durham.ac.uk

From the Chaplain

THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



As I reach the end of my first academic year serving at Castle I'm glad to be able to greet so many of your via our alumni network. Thank you to those who have returned to visit Chapel in person this year and offered words of welcome, support and advice. I feel fortunate to have arrived at University College at a moment where so much thought is being given to the ethos and shape of university life, where nuanced conversations are being had with compassion in order that we might better form communities that flourish in difference and diversity. I hope to make a contribution during my tenure to this alloy of pastoral, intellectual and spiritual concerns: through music and arts, through offering the chaplaincy as a venue for holding difficult conversations, and through developing and renewing the long historical relationship of the College with church and academy. I look forward to seeing many of you in September at the alumni weekend, but hope if you are passing Durham between now and then you'll be in touch and visit.





Alexandra's Awareness Campaign



I am grateful for: The ability to love and how much I care about others.

Alexandra Scarlett Wilshaw was a young woman who experienced life with intensity, its highs and lows, and challenges. She tragically died by suicide.

Alexandra read Maths at Durham University and was a member of University College. She inspired many through her blog, volunteered with Castle Community Action, participated in the cheerleading squad, loved her family and friends, and reached out to many.

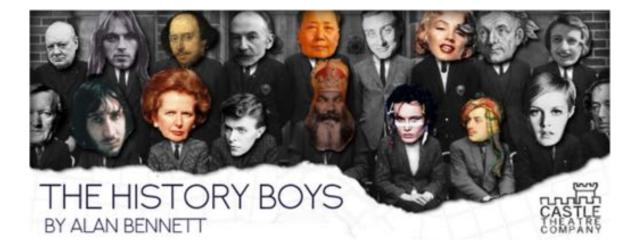
A fund has been established at University College in her name to help promote awareness of anxiety, depression and the risk of suicide, and better ways to cope with these issues.

Alexandra devoted much of her time to engaging with people, and we would like to honour her memory by creating an educational programme for greater mental health awareness, keeping her legacy alive through helping others.

With the increasing pressures on students today it is easy for most people to be completely unaware that their closest friends and those in their community can be struggling with everyday life. The programme will create a forum where mental health issues will be brought to attention.

If you would like to <u>donate to Alexandra's fund</u>, please follow the link. For more information please contact <u>castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk</u>. If you are able, please gift aid this donation. Cheques for this appeal can be made to Durham University (Alexandra Wilshaw Fund), and sent to Development and Alumni Relations Office The Palatine Centre, Stockton Road, Durham, DH1 3LE.

CASTLE CASTLE THEATRE COMPANY



Castle Theatre Company produced a hugely successful adaptation of Alan Bennett's The History Boys at the beginning of Easter Term. Performed in the Castle's Senate Suite to sell-out audiences every night, the story of a team of grammar school boys applying to study History at Oxbridge was extremely popular, and a great example of the successes of Castle Theatre Company.

CTC puts on around six shows a year, including an annual Shakespeare tour around the south of England and New York, and is a staple of the Durham University theatre scene. Run by Castle students and with actors from Castle, including Owen Sparkes' portrayal of the eponymous Hector in The History Boys, CTC continued this year to demonstrate the success and diversity of the College's members.





Christus Vincit

The Chapel Choir of University College is very excited to announce the launch of its latest CD Christus Vincit.

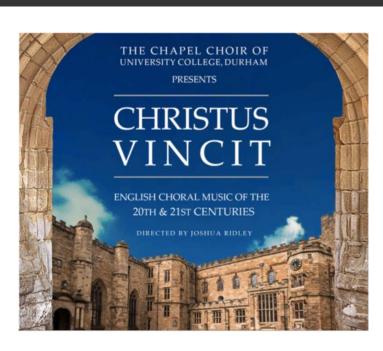
The CD was recorded in July 2017 during our week in residence at St Davids Cathedral, South West Wales. Directed by Joshua Ridley, we sang two evensongs during our visit with a sellout concert featuring ring the week and ended some of the repertoire included on the CD.

A great deal of demanding work and commitment went into the making of this recording, and we are all very proud of the finished CD.

To buy your copy online, please follow the

link, <u>https://www.castlealumni.uk/merch</u> <u>andise</u>.

- I Requiem: I Salvator Mundi
- 2 Requiem: II Psalm 23
- 3 Requiem: III Requiem Aeternam (1)
- 4 Requiem: IV Psalm 121
- 5 Requiem:V Requiem Aeternam (2)
- 6 Requiem:VI I Heard a Voice from Heaven
- 7 My Beloved Spake
- 8 Faire is the Heaven
- 9 Christus Vincit
- 10 Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
- II Bethlehem Down





The Misericord

In memory of alumnus Neville Pearson (1959-1962), founding member of the University College Durham Trust, the commissioning of a new memorial misericord for the Tunstall Chapel is underway. Rupert McBain will undertake the carving. Below is a clay mockup depicting the tale of the Lambton Worm.





Conserving the Memorial Clock



Thanks to the enthusiasm and practical help of alumnus and SCR member, Timothy Sykes, law undergraduate 1973 – 76, the restoration of the War Memorial Clock in the Courtyard is complete. Keith Scobie-Youngs, the proprietor of The Cumbria Clock Company, has had his team complete the repairs. We are very pleased to have it working!

New Displays on the Tunstall Gallery



Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

The Wolfson* Foundation







May 2018 saw the successful relaunch of the displays in the Tunstall Gallery. The Gallery was built in the 1540s by Bishop Cuthbert Tunstall as a Tudor gallery designed as a place to promenade, entertain, exercise and display objects in order to show the wealth and connections of the occupant. After over 450 years it still maintains these original functions – but how many people have looked at the interesting objects in the cases, noticed the medieval chests, and then also understood their significance in the history of the Castle?

In 2016 we applied for funding from DCMS/Wolfson Museums and Galleries Improvement Fund to make improvements to the Gallery, and in particular to the cases which had become outdated over time and were becoming a risk to the objects within them. The Museums and Galleries Improvement Fund was established in partnership with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in 2000 to improve the quality of displays, exhibition spaces, collection interpretation and disabled access in museums and galleries across England, and we were fortunate enough to be awarded \pounds 67,000 for a set of new display cases.

Having the cases wasn't quite enough though, and there was still substantial work needed to transform the space, protect the collections, highlight significant stories and improve the overall environmental conditions in the Gallery. We have been very busy over the last few months. Six special high quality cases were designed and installed. The old cases were emptied and found new homes. Listed Building consent was acquired. All the windows were individually condition checked and cleaned. Special acrylic panels with UV filters were attached to the inside of the windows (using historically accurate methods) to protect the paintings and tapestries. Electrics were added in some areas to allow case lights and 24 hour fans to run. Forty bags were sewn in order to hold a special material designed to stabilise the environment inside the cases, and many objects were sent for conservation to allow them to then go on display. We even brought in a conservator to help treat and clean the floor:

There was also much work to be done with the collection itself. Research was carried out into the objects to bring them to life and to highlight the wealth of history that the Castle still holds. We were even able to use this as a teaching and development opportunity with Laura Littlefair (Durham Castle Trust Scholarship) and Tak Kwok (History of Art Placement) working to develop their own cases, narratives and labels.

On our opening evening, we celebrated all the work that University College and the wider University community had put into making the new displays a reality. New objects have been put out for the first time - ranging from photographs of the Great Hall in the Second World War to an oil on ivory painting of the last of the Prince-Bishops, Van Mildert. It is also hoped that as a result of the infrastructure now in place we will be able to change the displays more readily in the future, as our research highlighted many more objects and stories that we would like to one day put on display in the Tunstall Gallery.



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Team Castle

This year has marked a change in the JCR's publicity structure, with the introduction of the Team Castle brand for sports and societies. The intention is to create an easily identifiable and name and social media presence for the JCR's sports teams and music/drama groups. The focal point of this has been the <u>Team</u> <u>Castle Facebook page</u>, which is frequently updated. Uploads include picture albums, interviews with participants, frequent fixture roundups, match reports and many other posts promoting anything and everything to do with JCR extra-curricular activities. Something which we've found extremely effective this year is to create Facebook events through the account for important fixtures, such as Floodlit Cup rounds, in order to encourage Castle students to come down and support their teams. There has been a noticeable increase in pitch-side support, with hundreds coming down to watch the Floodlit rugby fixture against Cuths (despite the freezing weather and the eventual loss). Highlights from this year's coverage include match reports from Castle victories in York at the College Varsity and documenting the Mixed Lacrosse team's fantastic run to winning the Floodlit Cup.

The reason for the change was the realisation that students simply prefer to get involved with the College's clubs over social media than older methods of communication, mostly emails. We stopped writing and distributing the Grandstand circular once it became obvious that no one particularly read it. On the other hand, posting photos and reports mentioning individuals on Facebook and other similar social media platforms is guaranteed to get them interested and engaging with the College's teams. Putting it simply, students like getting tagged on Facebook in match albums taken by a good photographer.

It's not just on Facebook where we're putting together an online presence – our Instagram account @castle_sportsandsocs has been more active than ever before, and has frequently broken record numbers of views and likes (and copycat accounts from the likes of Hatfield). We've also set up a TeamCastle 1832 Snapchat account to document the lighter side of college sports and societies, with captains and social secs logging in pitch-side or on socials. Team Castle is looking to branch out a bit as well – water bottles have already been sold with our logo in partnership with the Environment Committee, we're helping run the Summer Charity Sports Sesh with Charities Comm, and stash is in the pipeline – stay tuned for continuing coverage of everything Castle on pitch and stage!

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Kate McLeod Scott (2), Laura Peacock (2), George Billinge (2), Isabel Locke (2), Alex Stuckey (2), Will Bedigan (3), Eddie Vita (PG), Annabel Woolley (3), Kate Scarborough (1), Imogen Carr (1), Madeleine Reed (1), Richard Waller (4), Sadie Hodgson (3), Hayley Burke (PG), Sam Thomas (2), George Dury (PG), Tara Gene (PG), Lucas McCollum (2)

> **Team Castle** Waterbottles are still available for purchase. If you would like to support our students, please follow the <u>link</u>.

TEAM CASTLE WATERBOTTLES

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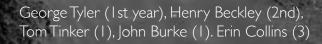
ON AVERAGE, ONLY 10% OF PLASTIC WATERBOTTLES ARE RECYCLED

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THE UK SPENDS £1.34 BIL-LION A YEAR ON BOTTLED WATER

MORE THAN 8 MILLION TONS OF PLASTIC ARE DUMPED IN OUR OCEANS VERY YEAR

REFILLS NOT LANDFILLS





Sam Thomas pushes forwards against John Snow A-team.

Castle Mixed Lacrosse season roundup - Triumphs, Tribulations and Club Ties

Castle As began the season with an unprecedented nine game unbeaten streak lasting until mid-February. It was seven games in as the As geared up for a clash with Collingwood A, who had replicated our unbeaten streak so far, that we thought our luck might end. On an icy Saturday afternoon on the 9th December the two teams faced off underneath the floodlights. With all our freshers ill and many of the second and third years bogged down in summative essays, we knew that we didn't have our strongest outfit before the match even began. But to see only eight Castlemen and women turn up in various states of illness and extra layers must have looked appealing to a Collingwood side of 25. They had been training long before any of us arrived and seemed to have three captains and two student coaches. Nevertheless, we knew we had some seriously classy lacrosse players on our team and coupled with the doggedness of those of us who lack such class (myself included), we thought we stood a chance of at least keeping them out of our goal. Frantic messages were sent out minutes before the face-off for at least two extra players to run up to Maiden Castle, but Collingwood were understandably keen to start on time and so the match began. Two goals early on from Castle's Eddie Vita boosted our confidence and some strong defending meant we finished the first half ahead 5-4. Just before the second half began, our frantic call was answered in the shape of freshers, Madeline Reed and Kate Scarborough who helped us finish off the match 8-4; keeping our winning streak and seeing a disheartened army of Collingwood players march back up the hill.

Our A-team captain, Durham second team attack-woman, and Wales international, Laura Peacock has lead us valiantly throughout the season, with some masterful wins against Grey A (9-4) and Hatfield A (13-3) as well as Collingwood. However, our streak was finally broken two months after our glorious Collingwood win when an underpowered, 7-man Castle team came up against John Snow A and were defeated 7-5. Still, Castle As have a chance to de-throne Collingwood (who have now played all their matches) early on in term three. All that's needed is a mere 33 Castle goals against St John's A-team to claw back the points difference. Other than that mammoth task, there is still some hope of some well-deserved silverware as Castle A have reached the final of this year's inaugural Mixed Lacrosse Friday Floodlit Cup, and only need to defeat Grey A in early May to win.



Isabel Locke evades a Stephenson A-team midfielder.



Lucas McCollum looks for a gap against three Collingwood A-team defenders.



A triumphant B-team celebrate after beating Collingwood B-team 6-2 and being told by the referee that they were "actually quite good".

The B-team too deserves a lot of credit. Under the charge of Kate McLeod-Scott, the team consisting of first time lacrosse players and freshers faced tough competition having been promoted into division I after success last year. They had a rough start to the season with the nadir coming after four games in the form of a 17-2 loss against a very strong John Snow A side. But that proved to be a formative experience for this young team and they have built from that point with an impressive three wins out of the last four matches to secure joint third in the Division I league table. Their season didn't pass without some classic teething problems though and Richard Waters' effort was voted the best moment of the season. Magnificently storming down the length of the pitch, he dodged oncoming opposition players with newfound ease only to realise that what he was hearing was not cheering but the sound of his own team telling he was going the wrong way.

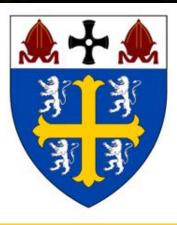
As president, I am somewhat bias but looking back on the results of past seasons, this year has been our most successful since records began; even if records did only begin four years ago on the Team Durham website. Once again, Mixed Lacrosse has maintained its position as one of the most active and successful clubs in Castle for sports and social members alike. We started off the year with a massive social to get the Fresher's involved. Around 100 people from all years turned up, filling the Moatside kitchens for a Beyoncé themed event. The night progressed to a Bailey bar-crawl and of course came to its finale in Klute. Our two social secs, Lucas McCollum and Isabel Locke have done a great job organising socials big and small throughout the year and they have one more in store for after exams before we hand over to the next exec. The final success of the season has been the revival of the Castle Mixed Lacrosse club tie.

When an alumni messaged me asking if I had a spare I could send him I asked Dr Lawrie if he had any idea where I could find one. He told me that the last batch was ordered around five years ago but he had one left in the SCR. I had occasionally seen some fourth years wearing the tie and it seemed like it was about to be lost to the past. The club was able to find the original supplier who still had the design on their system. They made a great new batch, which have been very popular. They are very well made, 100% silk and the club still has enough remaining to supply them to alumni. We are hoping this would be a great way to raise some money for the club whilst providing alumni with a tie in memory of their time, whether on the field or in the Undie, with the glorious UCMXL. The ties are $\pounds 25$ (+ $\pounds 3$ delivery), please purchase through the alumni website https://www.castlealumni.uk/merchandise.

Samuel Thomas UCMXL President 2017/18



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Castle Sports Fund

Aims

The aim of the Castle Sports Fund is to enable you to give back to Castle Sports and allow current students to enjoy the fantastic sporting experience that only Colleges can provide.

A regular or one off donation would help us to ensure the long term sustainability and success of sport at Castle. Remember how much you enjoyed sports while at Castle: your support will enable a new generation of students to participate in sport at all levels.

Support Your Old Team

If there was one sport, club, or society in particular that was very important in shaping your time at Castle, it is now possible to give back to that club directly;

•When filling out the donation form on paper or online please indicate if you would like your donation to go to a particular society

•e.g. UCRFC, Castle AFC, The Tennis Club etc.

In this way you can support the society you most fondly remember.

How to Support

Join online

You can <u>donate directly to the Sports Fund</u> online.There is no minimum donation.

If you wish your donation to be designated to a particular sports team or society please tick "I would like to leave the charity a message" and type in the name of the club to which you would like to donate.

By Post

Please print off and complete the <u>donation</u> form and return it to:

Alumni Relations and Development University College Durham Castle Durham DHI 3RW

*** For donations to the boat club please see the <u>Floreat Castellum Boat Club</u> page***

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The Fellows



New Fellowship Scheme Launched

University College has recently launched a new Fellowship Scheme. Alumni with longer memories will recall that various academic members of staff were once attached to Castle as Fellows or 'resident dons', many of whom lived in. That practice largely died out some time ago, although we continue to have various temporary visiting fellowships, including the Solway, Slater, and Pemberton Fellowships, which were established by donations made to the College. Over the past few months, we have been working on a new Fellowship Scheme which we hope will provide a foundation for the College's academic endeavours for many years to come. Such established fellowships are, of course, a staple of Colleges at Oxford and Cambridge. They have had many centuries to accumulate the funds to provide fellowships: we are just getting started! But this programme is an excellent start.

Fellowships have been awarded to members of Durham University Staff working in academic positions (including those on the Research or Teaching tracks) in all three Faculties, and are nominated by a panel of three senior professors (Corrine Saunders, English Studies; Anoush Ehteshami, Government and International Affairs; Martin Ward, Physics). All appointments are then confirmed by College Council.

Alongside our Fellows, who are all senior academics currently working at the University, we have appointed a number of Junior and Emeritus Fellows. In all categories, recipients have contributed both to the College and their discipline in an outstanding way. Fellowships are awarded for an initial period of 3 years and are non-stipendiary. Fellows will be invited to become full members of the Senior Common Room of University College, if they are not current members, and are awarded a dining allowance

Fellows may also apply to the University College research fund, which provides grants of up to ± 1000 per award for academic activities undertaken as part of the holder's work at the University (grants are awarded on a competitive basis). This can include travel, fieldwork, or conference attendance.

Fellows are expected to play a full part in the life of the College, and will be invited to take up a role as Pastoral Mentor to a group of undergraduate students. Fellows will also be asked to give a lecture at the College during their Fellowship. The number of Fellows at any one time it a maximum of twentyfive, alongside a maximum of five Junior Fellows and ten Senior Fellows.

We are also excited to launch a number of residential Fellowships in partnership with academic departments and institutes within the University. The Solway-IMEMs Fellowship is a nine-month position in partnership with the Institute of Medieval and Early Modern Studies, focussing on the history of Christianity. The Pemberton Fellowship is a two-year postdoctoral position in conjunction with the new Zurbarán Centre for Latin American Art. Finally, the Slater Fellowship is a two-year position in partnership with the School of Government and International Affairs. Each Fellowship comes with accommodation in College attached, as well as funds for research.

We had a launch party to celebrate the inauguration of the new scheme in May, which was well attended by the new Fellowship. Further Junior Fellowships will be advertised in due course, and we very much look forward to growing this scheme in the years to come.

Alumni News

You never fully leave Castle. When you graduate you join the vibrant and exciting Castle Alumni Body.We offer many fantastic events and ways for you to always feel a part of the College.



Castle Society Events

Drinks in London

Date:Tuesday 3 July Location:The Old Bank of England 194 Fleet Street, London, EC4A 2LT Time: 6:30 pm

Join us on Tuesday 3 July at the Old Bank of England for a drink and a catch-up with staff and friends of University College.

We will be meeting at 6:30 pm at the former Law Courts Branch of the Bank of England, and hope to see many of you there. Friends are also welcome.

We look forward to catching up with you to share news of Castle and hearing your thoughts on better furthering the College and alumni relations.

Please register your attendance by following the <u>link</u>.

DCS Annual Reunion

Friday 14th September 2018 Location: Durham University

The Seventy Second Annual Reunion of the Society will be held on Saturday 15 September 2018. The Reunion gives members of the Society the opportunity to revisit Durham and renew acquaintances with student contemporaries, members of staff and re-imbibe (albeit briefly) the atmosphere of the College. A special invitation to attend the Reunion this year is extended to those who came up in 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1998 and 2008, but all Castle graduates are welcome to attend.

Please follow the link for more details, https://www.castlealumni.uk/events/reunion.

Supporting Castle

We now have a wide range of ways that you can support Castle. The 1072 Club is proving ever more popular and have now expanded to include a 1072 USA extension. We also recently launched a Sports Fund and an <u>Academic Fund</u>. For more information please click on the links.









Castle Alumni Cards

Any former student of University College can register to receive an exclusive Castle alumni card.

This allows you to visit Castle, drink in the Undercroft during term time, and receive discounts at local pubs and cafes in Durham listed on the website.

Click here to order your card.



<u>Castellum</u>, the Durham Castle Society's official magazine, has been produced by the Society since 1948. The current Editor is Alex Nelson, who would be pleased to receive submissions for the next edition

at <u>alexnelson@dunelm.org.uk</u>.

Leaving a Legacy

Legacies are essential to Castle's development and they place dedicated alumni at the forefront of the Trust's project to continually enhance the life of the College and our students.

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