

Elvebakken

2026/2027

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in Durham

Long Standing Partnership



- NCD and Elvebakken have had a very successful partnership for over 15 years.
- Excellent relationship between the two schools where we evaluate, reflect and enhance the experience each year to enhance the student's experience.
- September 2026 will be the 14th group of students to study at NCD.

Where are we?



- Durham is located in the North East of England.
- 30 minute coach journey from Newcastle airport or around 1 hour by public transport .
- University city with a multinational student body.
- 15 minutes by train from Newcastle upon Tyne
- Home of Durham Cathedral, a UNESCO world heritage site
- Very friendly atmosphere









About New College Durham

- A college of further and higher education
- Nationally we are consistently in the top 10% of colleges
- Ultra modern campus with onsite Costa and Starbucks Café
- 25 minute walk from city centre or 5 minutes by bus





Main Building





Campus Gym



Sixth Form Centre



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Programme Details

Students from Elvebakken will have the opportunity to select three or four* AS Levels from a choice of subjects

- In addition to the above subject's students will also complete:
 - One additional language lesson per week of their chosen language,
 - One additional maths lesson (if not completing AS Level Maths)
 - One weekly personal development session
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- Media students and Art will select Graphics as an Enrichment Subject but will not take an AS Level examination
 - Media and Art students need to follow compulsory Geography course.



Fordeling av fag**

<i>STUDIESPESIALISERING</i>	<i>KDA</i>	<i>MKS</i>
<i>AS Math/2P</i>	<i>AS Math/2P</i>	<i>AS Math/2P</i>
<i>AS Subject</i>	<i>AS Art and Design, Art</i>	<i>AS Film</i>
<i>AS Subject</i>	<i>AS Subject</i>	<i>AS Subject</i>
<i>Optional AS subject</i>	<i>Graphics course</i>	<i>Graphics course</i>
	<i>Optional/AS Subject</i>	<i>Optional/AS Subject</i>
	<i>Compulsory Geography course</i>	<i>Compulsory Geography course</i>
<i>Enrichment - voluntary</i>	<i>Enrichment - voluntary</i>	<i>Enrichment - voluntary</i>
<i>Spanish/French/German/Mandarin</i>	<i>Spanish/French/German/Mandarin</i>	<i>Spanish/French/German/Mandarin</i>
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**** Endringer kan forekomme**

NFL 10. november 2025

AS subjects – choose 3 (or 4) of the following:

Science and Maths	Humanities	English, Arts & Languages
Maths (similar to R1 maths)	Geography	English Language
Physics	History	English Literature
Chemistry	Law	Art and Design
Biology	Politics	Classical Civilisation
Psychology	Sociology	Film Studies
PE*	Religious Studies	
Further Mathematics*	Criminology	
Applied Science	Business Studies	*Depending on numbers

What qualifications will I achieve?

	Age	Qualification	Structure
21 subjects to choose from	16-17	AS levels – <i>this is the year group you will be in</i>	Final assessment is by exams after one year. Graded A-E (A is the highest)
	17-18	A levels	More substantial exams after 2 years. Graded A*-E. This is what you need to go to university in the UK.

Entry Requirements

- Successful completion of year one at Elvebakken high school and recommendation from Elvebakken
- Successful online interview with the Programme Leader at New College Durham
- Approved English language test certificate (Minimum B1 or above). Elvebakken will assist you in booking your English Language Test.



Homestay Family

As part of your experience, you will stay with one of our approved Homestay families.

Included:

- Your own room and space to study
- Breakfast each day
- Home cooked evening meal
- Laundry facilities
- Wi-Fi Internet-this is provided for the use of study and making contact with family.
- Moral support, local knowledge and the chance to experience life with a family from another culture.

What is NOT provided in a Host Family Package:

- Lunches
 - Personal items such as toiletries and clothes
 - Travel expenses – college will organise a bus pass for every student at an additional cost
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- You will receive a questionnaire to complete once you have been accepted onto the programme.



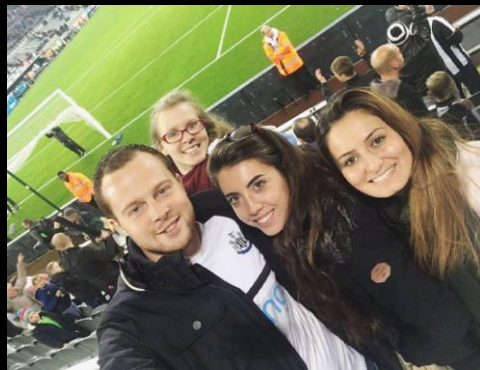
Fantastic social and cultural programme





International Experience

- Monthly cultural trips and excursions for international students.
- Approximately £20 per trip to see places such as:
 - Edinburgh
 - Manchester
 - Liverpool
 - The Lake District
- Fortnightly Culture Café.
- Dedicated international team to assist with any enquiries regarding visas, bus passes, local attractions etc.
- Pastoral & Academic support - academic mentor, pastoral tutors.
- Advice, Support, Careers (ASC): offers a wide range of free, confidential and impartial services for all students.



VISA Requirements

- Students travelling to study in the UK for 6 months or more will require a 'Student VISA'.
- The cost for the VISA is £490.00 - this is paid online at the time of the application.
- You must pay a Health Surcharge of £1,035.00 to gain access to all NHS healthcare whilst in the UK.
- A representative from New College Durham will visit Elevabakken to assist you your visa application (April 2025).
- Usually, you will receive a decision within 6 weeks.



Required Documents

- In addition to your online interview New College Durham will need to see the following documents in order to issue you with a CAS number to apply for your student visa:
- Parental Consent Form
- Copy of Passport
- English Language Test Certificate
- Previous grades and recommendation letter from Elvebakken
- Living Arrangements From
- Translated Birth Certificate

Please send these to international@newdur.ac.uk as soon as possible or by the latest by 7 March 2025.





Next Steps

- Send your application to Elvebakken by 11 January 2026
- Elvebakken will then recommend your application to New College Durham
- New College Durham will then organize an online call with student and programme leader/international team
- Collect relevant documents for the visa application and send to international@newdur.ac.uk
- New College Durham to visit Elvebakken in April to assist with visa application and discuss Homestay accommodation



Costs of the programme

- Tuition fees, Accommodation costs, Bus pass costs, return flights and transport to and from airports will be given to you by Elvebakken.
- Cultural activities and trips are paid separately direct to New College Durham for what you would like to participate in.
- Visa costs are paid online directly at the time of application and are not included in the above costs.
- Could be asked for proof of funds as part of visa application – international team will send you a letter regarding this.

THANK YOU

LET'S GET YOU THERE

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

For more information, please get in touch!

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