

Information booklet

Durham Sixth form Centre , Bishop Auckland college And East Durham College (EDC)



DURHAM SIXTH FORM CENTRE

- **Huge range of courses** – Over 30 A-Levels and nearly 20 vocational qualifications, giving students flexibility to tailor their study program.
- **Large, diverse student community** – Around 1,800 students from 60+ different secondary schools, creating a vibrant and inclusive environment.
- **Outstanding Ofsted rating** – Inspectors graded the centre 'Outstanding' in all areas, reflecting excellent teaching, support, and outcomes.
- **Strong progression routes** – Students regularly move on to top universities, apprenticeships, and careers in fields like medicine, law, engineering, and accountancy.
- **Specialist staff and excellent results** – Teachers are experts in 16–19 education, and the centre has a proven track record of high achievement.

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Bishop Auckland College

- **Wide range of pathways** – Offers vocational courses, T Levels, apprenticeships, and adult learning, making it suitable for students aiming for university, skilled trades, or direct employment.
- **Modern campus facilities** – Includes specialist spaces for **engineering, health & social care, catering, digital media, and construction**, supporting hands-on learning.
- **Strong local reputation** – Serves County Durham and Darlington with a long history dating back to **1958**, originally a technical college supporting local industry.
- **Clear progression routes** – Students move into **employment, apprenticeships, or higher education**, supported by careers guidance and employer partnerships.
- **Positive Ofsted performance** – Recently achieved a **'Good' Ofsted rating**, reflecting strong teaching quality and student support.

Bishop Auckland College



East
Durham
College.
Houghall
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East Durham College Houghall Campus

- **Expert Career Matching:** If you "don't have the foggiest" what you want to do, you can use the [Careers Pathways Explorer](#). This online tool recommends courses based on your interests and personality.
- **Personalised One-to-One Support:** You don't have to be a student yet to get help. You can book a [one-to-one careers session](#) with an advisor who will help you weigh up your options, from apprenticeships to university routes.
- **Specialist Campuses:** Your education happens in environments tailored to different industries. The [Peterlee Campus](#)
 - houses digital suites, hair salons, and a 220-seat theatre, while the [Houghall Campus](#)
 - is a 478-acre estate for animal care, agriculture, and equine studies.
- **Hands-on "Real World" Learning:** Many courses include [industry placements](#) where you spend 20% of your time working with local employers. This is a great way to "try out" a career and see if it actually suits you.
- **Flexible Entry for All Ages:** Whether you're 16 or an adult looking to retrain, there are hundreds of options. This includes [Access to Higher Education](#) for

