



DURHAM SCHOOL
**PETER LEE
SCHOLARSHIP**

UP TO 100 % FUNDING FOR AN
ACADEMICALLY AND MUSICALLY ELITE
PUPIL OF CHINESE ANCESTRY



Durham School
Confidence for Life



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About the Peter Lee Scholarship

Through the generous bequest of a former pupil of Durham School Mr Peter Irton Lee (Old Dunelmian), the school is able to offer the prestigious Peter Lee Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded to one outstanding pupil every year and provides 100% funding for an academically and musically elite pupil of Chinese ancestry for Sixth Form A Level studies at Durham School. The first Peter Lee Scholarship was awarded for entry in September 2014.

Bursary awards, a percentage reduction in fees, may also be offered to top performing candidates achieving outstanding results in the examination.

Up to 100% funding is available for the top performing candidate. Bursary awards, up to the value of 30% reduction in fees, may also be offered to top performing candidates achieving outstanding results in the examination.

Vision

To provide a scholarship to support a pupil of Chinese ancestry who has displayed exceptional talent academically and musically.



History

The Peter Lee Scholarship is one of a wide variety of bursaries and scholarships, some of which date back nearly 500 years. These include The Burkitt Scholarships and the King's Scholarships.

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Mr. Ernest Irfon Lee (Peter Lee)

1916-2008

Mr. Ernest Irfon “Peter” Lee was born in 1916 in Durham, the United Kingdom and was educated at Durham School. In 1939, he was commissioned to join the Royal Air Force. He was captured by the Japanese, became a Prisoner of War (POW) and was held in a number of POW camps in South East Asia. He was released in Singapore at the end of the war in 1945.

After the war he spent four years studying economics at the London School of Economics and following graduation he served in the British Overseas Civil Service in East Africa and then Hong Kong.

During his stay in Hong Kong he devoted himself voluntarily to many government sponsored and non-sponsored organisations and served the HK Government as the Director of the Department of Commerce & Industry and the Commissioner of Narcotics. He

was twice mentioned in Dispatches for war services and was awarded the CBE in 1982 in recognition of his work and contribution to Hong Kong. He retired in 1985. Peter was ever the English gentleman, quiet, reflective, thoughtful, and courteous to others, and a person of the highest integrity. He was a well-loved Christian man who had lived his life in faithful service to others, and who will long be remembered.

Durham School Sixth Form



Our students are encouraged to be independent learners and think for themselves, vital skills if they are to make the best use of the freedom offered by life at university and beyond.

Mr Andrew Pearson. Deputy Head

Most of our students go on to study at university, with the majority attending a Russell Group or Oxbridge University. The Sixth Form is therefore designed to allow greater specialism and further opportunities for independent study. Most pupils study four subjects in Year 12 (Lower Sixth). In Year 13 (Upper Sixth) pupils usually choose to continue with three subjects to A level, though a few retain all four.

The subjects currently available are: Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, Design Technology, Economics, English Language & Literature, English Literature, French, Geography, German, History, Computer Science, Latin, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Music, Photography, Physical Education, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Philosophy & Ethics, Spanish, Theatre Studies. We also offer the Extended project Qualification to all Sixth Form pupils.

In addition, there are plenty of opportunities for further academic enrichment and study within the Sixth Form. PSHE is delivered through dedicated 'Life and Wellbeing Education (LWE)' lessons during the timetable and in tutor time

Additional support for elite course applications is also organised, such as subject-specific Oxbridge tuition, our Sixth Form lecture series and the Extended Project Qualification.





Our Academic Culture

Durham School is a thriving academic community with a highly-qualified and experienced staff.

All subjects are taught by specialists with genuine passion for their discipline. Many members of the academic staff have first or higher degrees from Oxford and Cambridge Universities and expertise in research is well represented with departments as diverse as Biology, Physics, Geography and Modern Foreign Languages featuring teachers with PhDs.

In addition to their teaching responsibilities staff at Durham School are involved in the devising, writing and setting of exam specifications. A good example of this is the new Head of Sixth Form, Ms Harriet Thompson, who is a senior examiner on the new Edexcel Economics A level and part of the team that wrote the course. Mr Hope, Head of Classics, is also the author of several books on classical civilisations, Latin and Ancient Greek.

Staff at Durham School are uniquely placed to help students to look beyond their A level studies. Using contacts with Durham University and institutions further afield the student led, but staff supervised, academic societies are able to get prestigious speakers to lecture on topics that relate to, but take the students beyond the boundaries of, their A level courses.

Students studying at Durham School have access to in house expertise, external support from university academics and, of course, access to the Durham University Library to support their academic journey to wherever they wish to aim.



Our Royal Charter, 1541

IELTS

For non-native English speakers to apply to an English-speaking university, an IELTS certificate is required. Pupils at Durham School receive two hours per week IELTS preparation from our highly experienced EAL Coordinator, and we have an excellent track record in helping our pupils score top grades.



Small Class Sizes

Durham has smaller class sizes than the sector average, meaning more contact time for pupils.



Lecture programme

Our regular lecture programme offers pupils the opportunity to learn from a wide range of specialist guest speakers from the worlds of industry and education.

University Access

All our pupils have access to Durham University Library and regularly attend lectures and seminars at this world top 100 institution.

Examination Insight

Many of our teaching staff are involved in setting and marking A level examinations, giving them unrivalled insight into syllabuses.

Elite Applications

Carl Hope, Elite Applications Coordinator, and Harriet Thompson, Head of Sixth Form, provide tailored information to pupils aiming to study at G5 universities throughout Sixth Form, including:

- Arranging for visiting speakers and Admissions Tutors from the G5 universities to visit the school or present virtually to pupils.
- Annual trips to Oxford and Cambridge Universities to attend their open days. This includes spending a night in a College to experience what life is like as an Oxbridge undergraduate.
- Preparation classes for all pre-interview tests used by UK universities (including the UCAT, BMAT, LNAT, TMUA, and Oxbridge tests).
- Extensive interview preparation for pupils applying to Oxbridge, including mock interviews with current pupils and recent graduates of these universities.
- Extensive interview preparation for pupils applying to read Medicine, Dentistry, or Veterinary Medicine, including all interview formats used by UK universities.
- Individual guidance to advise pupils through each step of the application process.
- Specialist advice on applying to study in the USA and other countries.

Extended Project Qualification

An EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) is a sixth-form qualification that sits alongside traditional A level subjects. They are highly sought-after qualifications by UK and international universities as they demonstrate research skills, creativity, communication and critical thinking.

What do they involve?

A research-based project involves writing a dissertation (usually 5,000 words). The final stage is a 10-15 minute presentation to a group of non-specialists about your topic. Pupils are expected to spend around 120 hours on their EPQ, which can be worth up to 28 UCAS points which support their university application.

What are the benefits?

- Many universities and employers look favourably at EPQs when assessing applications.
- EPQs help develop skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, presentation and creativity.
- EPQs help prepares pupils for managing independent research and project management, which are common features of university study and the world of work.
- Pupils choose the subject, so it helps them delve deep and become an expert into topics they feel passionately about.
- An EPQ can give pupils something unique to talk about in interviews. If it's related to their university course or career plans, even better.
- It could widen a pupil's options for funding – some university's scholarships require students to hold a research project qualification.

Music At Durham School



We enjoy the benefits of being an All Steinway School, with pupils being able to access top quality pianos both in School and in the Houses.

Mr Roger Muttitt, Director of Music

Music is taught as an academic subject across all year groups, with consistent success at GCSE and A Level.

There are wide-ranging extra-curricular opportunities, with a variety of choirs, orchestras, bands and chamber groups performing an eclectic repertoire of all styles and genres.

Regular concerts are held both in school and in venues such as Durham Cathedral and Sage, Gateshead.

Pupils benefit from an excellent team of visiting music teachers, providing one-to-one lessons throughout the week.

We are an All-Steinway School, and other excellent resources include a music technology room, large rehearsal spaces, 9 teaching/practice rooms, a three manual Harrison & Harrison organ in the school chapel and a harpsichord.

Masterclasses are held by renowned musicians and use is made of close contacts with Durham University.

Pupils are entered regularly for ABRSM and other exams.

Music scholarships are available for entry at 11+, 13+ and 16+

A large-scale musical, with professional band and set, is performed every other year in the Gala Theatre, Durham City.

Many pupils go on to music college or to read music at university, several to Oxbridge.

Notable musical alumni include Alexander Armstrong, Will Todd, Robert Ainsley, Miriam Davies and Ralph Woodward.

The Director of Music is pleased to answer questions or meet prospective music scholars at any time.





Our Former Scholars

Our former Peter Lee scholars have all gone on to achieve great things, with many of them attending “golden triangle” universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College London and University College London.

All our alumni, or Old Dunelmians as we call them, are part of a worldwide network of former pupils who share a common heritage and values from Durham School.

Old Dunelmians regularly come back to Durham School to support current pupils and their old school. There are also a series of reunions which take place both in the UK and around the world, including in Hong Kong and China.



Lu Yipeng

**First Peter Lee Scholarship winner:
(Durham School, Sept 2014 -2016)**

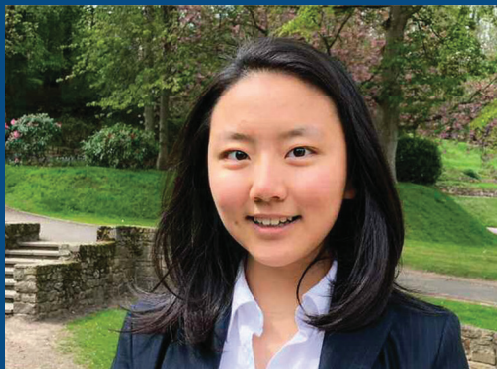
Destination: Cambridge University

“I completed my Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics at Cambridge last year and I am now pursuing my Masters of Systems Biology degree.

“The Peter Lee Scholarship offered me the great opportunity to study in Durham School, which allowed me to not only focus on my academics but also gain enriching experiences in music and sports. Being a Peter Lee Scholar has been a great honour. The support is more than financial assistance; it motivated me to make the most of my time in Durham. It has also taught me to always give back to the community by supporting and encouraging students with a similar background as me.”



Li Yifei
Peter Lee Scholar
(Durham School 2015-2017)
Destination: Cambridge University



Lin Wanshu
Peter Lee Scholar
(Durham School 2017-2019)
Destination: Cambridge University



Cindy Shang
Peter Lee Scholar
(Durham School 2018-2020)
Destination: Imperial College London



Li Yitong
Peter Lee Scholar
(Durham School 2015-2017)
Destination: University College London



Yan Shurui
Peter Lee Scholar
(Durham School 2016-2018)
Destination: Melbourne University



Maggie Qian
Peter Lee Scholar
(Durham School 2020-2022)
Planned Destination: Cambridge

About Durham School

At Durham School we are committed to giving every pupil Confidence for Life. Pupils thrive at School and beyond because of the three strong pillars we provide: Academic Challenge, which creates a lifelong appetite for learning; Pastoral Care, which provides emotional, moral and spiritual strength; and Co-curricular opportunities.



Durham City

Durham City is one of the most ancient and majestic in the UK. At its centre are the twin UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Durham Castle and Cathedral.

Getting here is easy, with Durham being less than three hours from London by direct train. Newcastle and Durham Tees Valley International Airports are close by, as is the Port of Tyne. However you get here, you are sure of a warm welcome.

"A traditional British boarding school with a modern international community in which the individual flourishes."

Director Of International Operations Nick Millen, OBE

Our Values

A thread of core values, known by the acronym MARK, is stitched through our heritage; Moral Integrity, Ambition, Responsibility and Kindness continue to underpin every aspect of School life. These values help shape our pupils' lives so they can positively impact the lives of others.

Although no one could have prepared for the current COVID-19 situation, schools like Durham have strong foundations and clear value systems that ensure resilience and confidence to succeed after adversity.

The staff at Durham School know the pupils they teach very well; that is one of the significant strengths of the school. This - along with a sense of history, bond of community, friendships and becoming part of the "Old Dunelmians" (a worldwide network of success) when you leave - all add up to the mark of a great education.



Our History

Durham School is one of the oldest schools in England with a rich and proud history. It stretches back centuries, certainly to Cardinal Langley's re-founding of Durham Cathedral in 1414, and some would claim even further to the monastic settlement on Lindisfarne which came to Durham 900 years ago.



Further Information

01 Entry Criteria

The Peter Lee Scholarship is only open to academically and musically elite students of Chinese ancestry.

A GCSE/iGCSE tariff of six 7-9 (A-A*) grades is set as a condition of the award. Candidates NOT following this curriculum must be able to offer an equivalent qualification(s).

Elite musical talent must be demonstrated with a minimum of Grade 7 on their principal instrument with preferably a Merit or Distinction level. Ability on a second instrument is desirable but not essential.

02 Registration

Contact our Admissions Office at admissions@durhamschool.co.uk by the deadline of Friday 9th November 2020.

Complete a registration form and return this together with the registration fee of £100 to the Admissions Office at Durham School.

03 Required Documentation

Music certificates (preferably ABRSM) and mark forms.

A video recording of the student playing their principle instrument - max10 minutes long.

Complete application form.

Passport of applicant and parents

04 Examination Day

Saturday 21st November 2020

The examination will consist of three papers, each of one hour long, in English, Mathematics and a General paper.

Online music auditions will be scheduled with the Director of Music, Mr Roger Muttitt.

05 Venues

China: Shenyang, Beijing, Zhengzhou.
Hong Kong, Shanghai and Durham

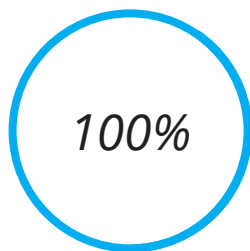
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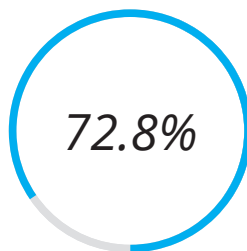
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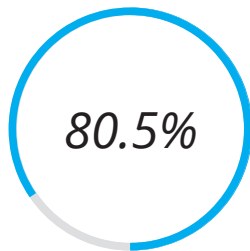
Durham School In Numbers



**G5
UNIVERSITY
OR INTERNATIONAL
EQUIVALENT FOR
PETER LEE SCHOLARS**



**GCSE
A* - B (6-9)
IN 2020**



**A*-B AT
A LEVEL
IN 2020**



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FOR VALUE
ADDED**



DURHAM SCHOOL HEAD OF A FAMILY OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

Inspired by a vision to deliver outstanding education to young people around the world.

Durham International Schools Limited has been created to work with investing partners in different countries to establish schools that will closely follow Durham School's educational ethos and structure.

Currently, Durham School International has opened schools in Doha and Nairobi.



"Durham School is a caring, supportive community where we aim to unlock and fulfil each pupil's full potential."

- Headmaster, Kieran McLaughlin



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