

# Our Vision 2025-2035



St John's  
College





*At the heart of this strategy for St John's College are the people: the students, the staff, the alumni, the fellows, the SCR: everyone who engages with the College.*

What inspires me most about this strategy is that we aim to care for the individual, so that each person who is linked with the College will go from strength to strength, will be nurtured, encouraged, developed so we can contribute in positive ways to this fragile world, making it more sustainable and peaceable.

**Jolyon Mitchell, Principal**

## Who we are

St John's College is a community of learning, formation, and research, rooted in Christian faith and open to all. We are interdisciplinary, intergenerational, and hospitable, with over a hundred years of history and over seven thousand alumni across the world.

We are situated in the historic heart of Durham city in the North-East of England, beside a beautiful medieval Cathedral on a World Heritage Site, within the globally recognised Durham University. As a college within the University, we recognise both our independence and interdependence.



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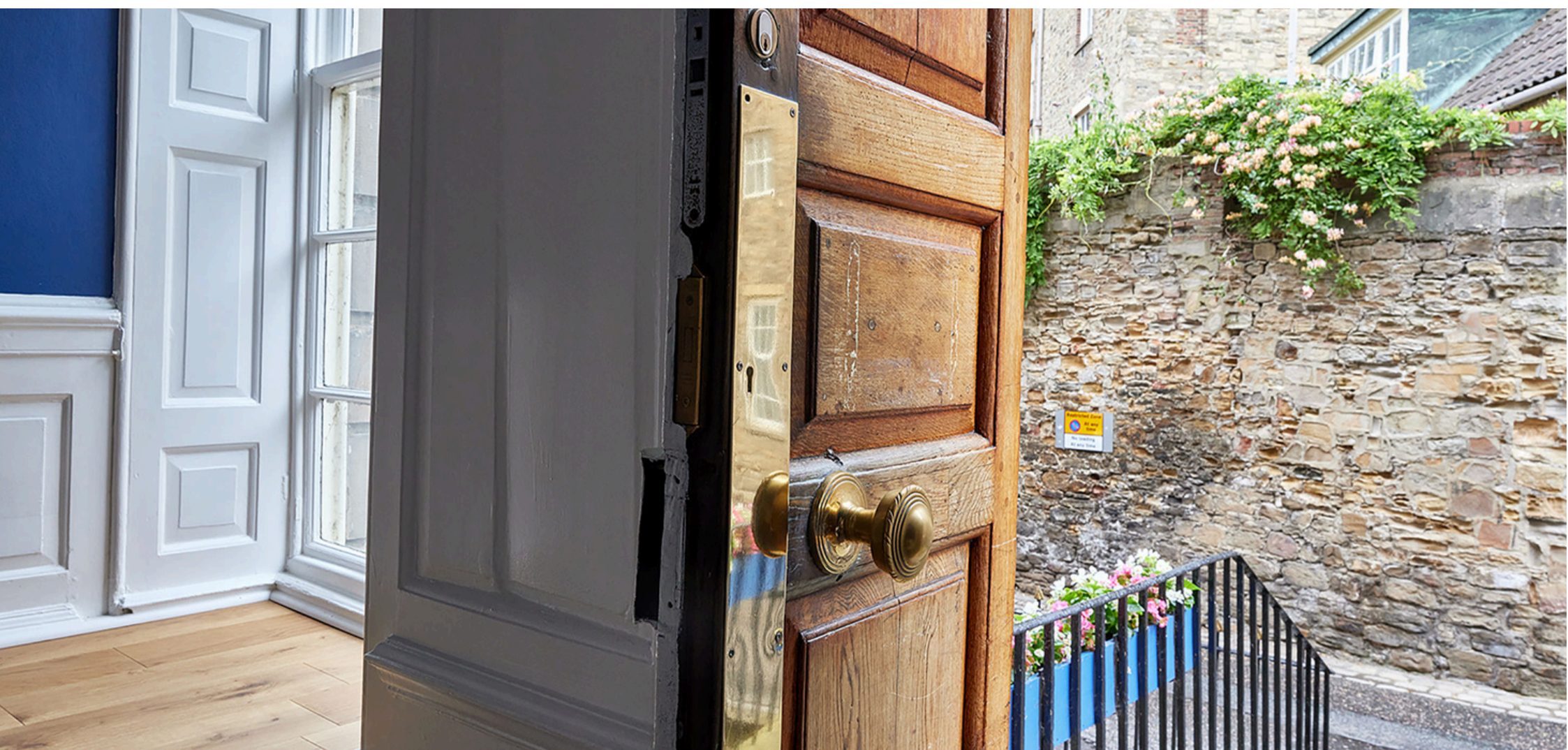
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## What we do

We foster a vibrant intellectual, social and cultural environment, where every member can flourish, in order to become wise and compassionate citizens. As one college of over eight hundred students and one hundred staff, we find strength in the dynamic complexity of undergraduate and postgraduate education, ministerial formation and research initiatives.



# Our values



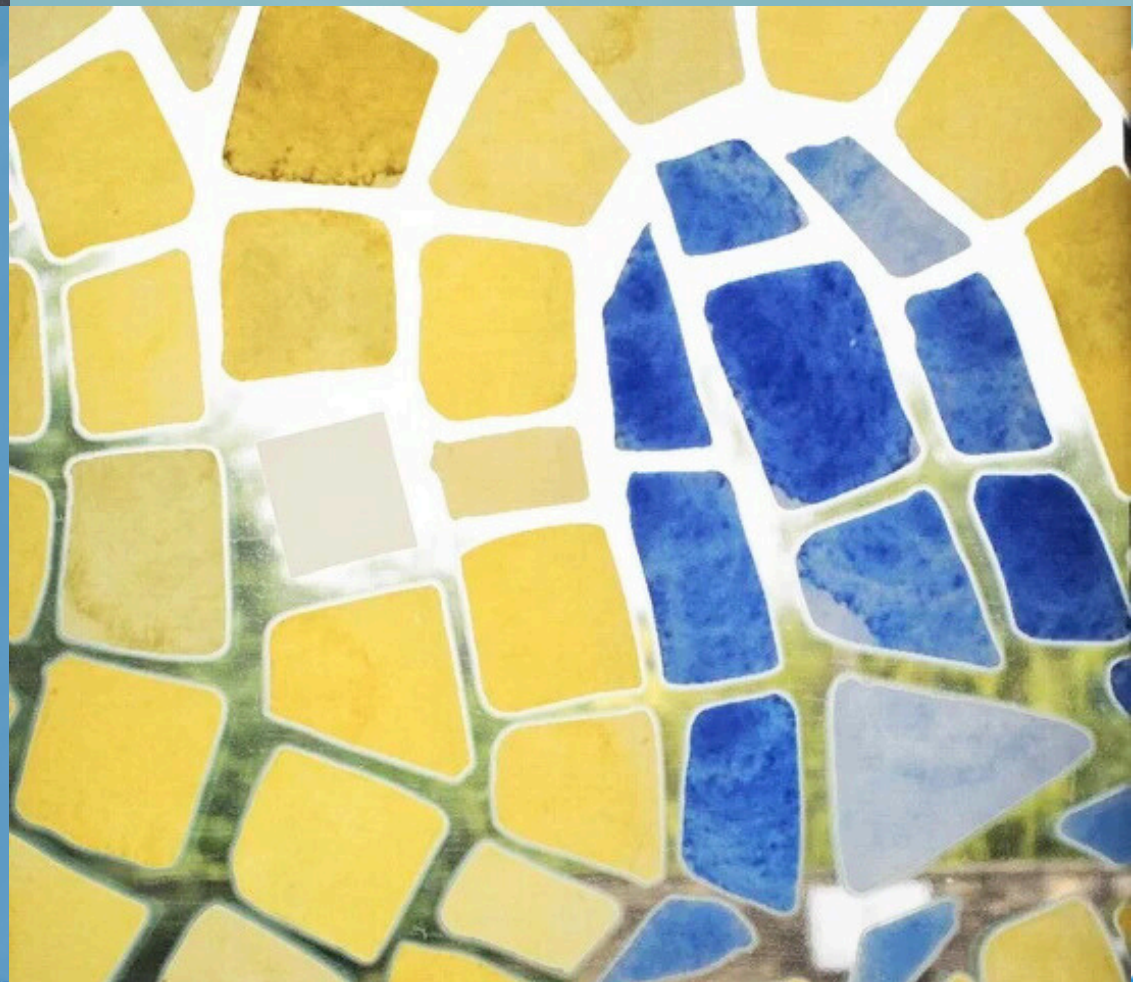


# Curiosity

We encourage intellectual, cultural and spiritual enquiry

# Gratitude

We foster thankfulness, encouraging appreciation for people and place.



# Kindness

We prioritise kindness and generosity, as individuals and a community.



# Our vision

We seek to be part of a sustainable and peaceable future where people flourish, social justice is pursued, science, arts and culture are celebrated, citizens formed, teachers are taught, leaders emerge, faith is nurtured, and home is created.

As the only college in Durham with its own teaching department we aim to be a leading centre of research, academic teaching and enquiry, theological scholarship, and ministerial formation. St John's actively engages with the global and local challenges facing society. working towards a more peaceful, just and sustainable world.

In a place of hospitable welcome, St John's inspires expressive excellence, imagination and creativity. We prepare graduates to make meaningful contributions as transformative citizens and creative participants in society and churches. Our college community provides a space for spiritual growth and exploration, empowering individuals to discern their vocation and live lives of purpose.

We foster a diverse and inclusive community that recognises our rich Christian heritage, nurturing a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration. Staff and students work together to enable every member of the College community to flourish.

Recognising our role as stewards, we sustain and develop outstanding facilities and a beautiful estate, housing and facilitating world-class teaching, learning and research.





## A Centre of Learning, Teaching and Research

Undertaking impactful and relevant  
research and teaching

Facilitating interdisciplinary and  
intergenerational cross-fertilisation of  
ideas

Growing and diversifying our educational  
offerings sustainably

Contributing to a leading research and  
teaching university.

## A Place of Formation, Peacebuilding and Social Impact

Growing citizens and leaders for the  
21st century who have the gifts and  
vision to change our world

Co-creating a unique student  
experience that attracts the best  
talent from a range of backgrounds

Engaging with the world and the  
Church at a local, national, and global  
level

Investing in our people – students,  
staff and alumni – creating a space  
where they can flourish.





## A Community of Belonging

Remaining true to our generous  
Christian tradition in a way that is  
inclusive, respectful, and engaging of  
different worldviews

Offering a positive, cohesive student  
journey — from applicants to alumni

Providing a place where students and  
staff can participate fully

Empowering our students and staff to  
take charge of their wellbeing and  
development.

## A Home for Future Generations

Partnering with our alumni,  
friends, and faith communities to  
share our heritage and support  
our vision

Creating a beautiful and  
functional, safe and sustainable  
home for our community

Stewarding our financial  
resources, historic estate, and  
talent effectively and responsibly.



