

HCA postgraduate programmes Induction Week

Monday 21 September -
Friday 25 September 2026



Welcome to the School of History, Classics & Archaeology!

INDUCTION AND OUR COMMUNITY

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our community of staff and students in HCA. This week, you will learn about your new programme, meet your Academic Adviser or supervisor, and take part in lots of social and enrichment activities to help you settle in to the School. Please attend all the relevant sessions. We hope you enjoy the induction week activities that we have on offer!

CANVAS

In addition to the programme below, there are useful materials available via the [HCA Community](#) (for taught students) and the [HCA PGR Community](#) (for research students) via Canvas, the virtual learning environment that you will use throughout your studies here. Please take the time to look through this important information and get used to the Canvas interface, once you have completed your registration.

MA STUDENTS: GET READY FOR TEACHING NEXT WEEK

This week's sessions will help get you ready for next week, but make sure you also look up your timetable on the [Student Portal](#), which will be available the weekend before teaching starts.

GET IN TOUCH IF YOU NEED ANYTHING

If you have any queries at all do not hesitate to contact the School Office at Room 1.01, Armstrong Building. You can also call on 0191 208 7844 or email historical@ncl.ac.uk.

We hope you have a great start to your Newcastle experience!

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Monday 21 September

PhD students

10:00-11:30

PhD welcome talk

Henry Daysh Building, room G.09

Welcome and information session led by the Postgraduate Director.

12:00-13:00

Free lunch & welcome

Armstrong Building, room 1.06

Meet and mingle with your fellow postgraduate students over a complimentary lunch.

13:00-16:00

Supervisor meeting

Various locations

Please use this window to organise a meeting with your supervisor/s by email arrangement. Familiarise yourself with the HCA PGR Community, where you will find lots of useful information to help you throughout your programme.

16:00-17:00

HCA Postgraduate Forum Welcome

Armstrong Building, room 2.98

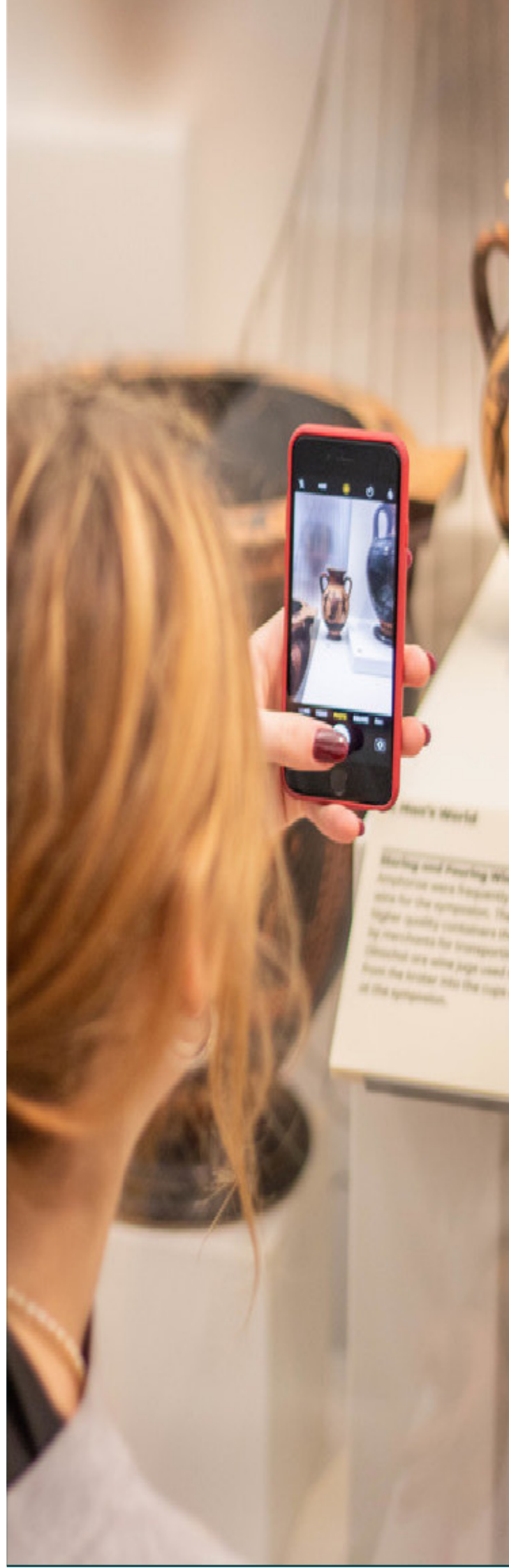
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17:00-19:00

PG Welcome Reception

Armstrong Building, room 2.50

Further details on page 5





Monday 21 September

MA students

10:00-11:30

DPD Welcome

MA Archaeology:

Armstrong Building, room 3.38

MA History:

Armstrong Building, room 1.05

Welcome and information session led by the Degree Programme Director, who will also be your dedicated Academic Adviser for the duration of your studies.

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WELCOME RECEPTION

*For all new PGT and PGR
students in History, Classics &
Archaeology*



MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2026
17:00 - 19:00 ARMSTRONG 2.50

SECOND FLOOR, ARMSTRONG BUILDING

soft drinks and nibbles

MA + PhD Archaeology Field Trip

Tuesday 22 September

JARROW HALL - PRACTICAL SKILLS DAY

We are delighted to welcome you to the Practical Skills Day induction for archaeologists at [Jarrow Hall](#). The day will be a light-hearted but important opportunity for you to meet all those joining the Newcastle Archaeology Team this year, and to try out a diverse array of practical skills from pottery, to weaving, to metal casting and beyond.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please bring food and/or money for lunch and come in clothes that you are happy to get dirty (and perhaps wet). If you have any special access/mobility requirements, please email Professor Ian Haynes (ian.haynes@ncl.ac.uk) in advance – noting 'Jarrow Hall participation' in the subject header.

The programme starts at Jarrow Hall by 09.40 on Tuesday. The programme will end the same day at Jarrow Hall at 18.20.

Please ensure that your tetanus vaccinations are up to date before participating in this, or any other practical archaeological activity.

For those coming by Metro, members of the Archaeology Committee and Student Mentors will be at Bede Metro station between 09.00-09.15 and can accompany you to the site should you wish – the walk from Bede Metro to Jarrow Hall is c. 25 mins (To check Metro times see

<https://www.nexus.org.uk/metro/timetables-and-stations> the Metro journey from Haymarket station – next to the University – to Bede normally takes about 22 mins).

A small group of people will be meeting by the Armstrong Building Entrance off the Main Quad at 08.20 to walk to Haymarket Metro and from there to travel onto Jarrow Hall.



Tuesday 22 September

11:00-12:00

MA History Module Briefing Session

Armstrong Building, room 1.05

Wednesday 23 September

11:00-12:00

MA Archaeology Module Briefing Session

Armstrong Building, room 1.04

15:00-17:00

History Society social

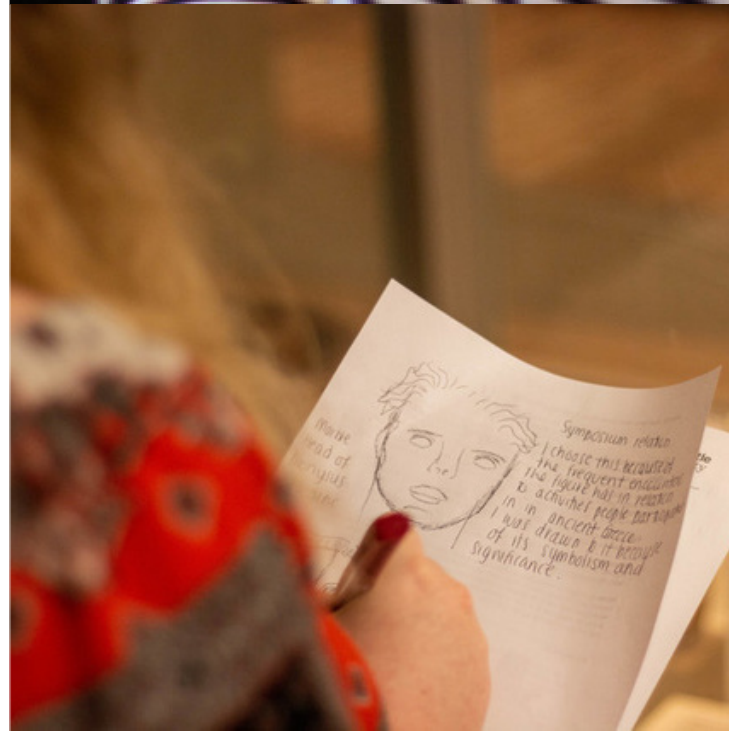
Armstrong Building, room 1.06

Thursday 24 September

19:00-21:00

Archaeology Society staff- student event

Armstrong Building, Student
Lounge 2.13



MA + PhD History Field Trip

Thursday 24 September

(Archaeology students are welcome to attend!)

ARCHIVES UNLOCKED - Tyne & Wear Archives, Discovery Museum

Archives Unlocked offers a unique opportunity to go behind the scenes at Tyne & Wear Archives, based in the Discovery Museum, Newcastle. You'll meet the team responsible for caring for their internationally significant collections and take part in a guided tour of the archives. The event showcases some of the most fascinating materials — from shipbuilding to circuses and beyond — and includes talks from researchers who've worked directly with these collections.

In addition, regional archives will be joining us, giving you the chance to have one-to-one conversations about your research interests and explore how their collections might support your work.

Lunch will be provided.

The trip is free of charge but please complete the [online form](#) by **12pm on Tuesday 22 September** to sign up. Please meet at the Discovery Museum at 10am on Thursday 24 September. The trip will end at approximately 3pm.



Friday 25 September

Have a free day - enjoy the city, campus, and your new community, and we'll see you on Monday 28th September for the start of teaching!

