

HCA postgraduate programmes

Induction week

Monday 15 September -
Friday 19 September 2025



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 personal tutor or supervisor, and take part in 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 on the HCA Community and HCA PGR Community on Canvas, our virtual learning environment. Please take the time to look through this important information and get used to the Canvas interface.

GETTING READY FOR TEACHING NEXT WEEK

MA students: the sessions this week will help get you ready for the start of teaching next week. Once you have chosen your modules and they have been added onto system by the School Office, you'll be able to look up your personalised timetable via the [Student Portal](#).

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 15 September

PhD students

10:00-11:30

PhD welcome talk

Armstrong Building, room 1.03

Welcome and information session led by the Postgraduate Director.

12:00 - 13:00

Free lunch & welcome

Armstrong Building, room 1.06

13:00-16:00

Meeting with PhD supervisor. Please use this time period to organise a meeting with your supervisor/s by email arrangement

Check out the [HCA PGR Community Canvas pages](#) where you will find lots of useful information to help you throughout your programme.

16:00-17:00

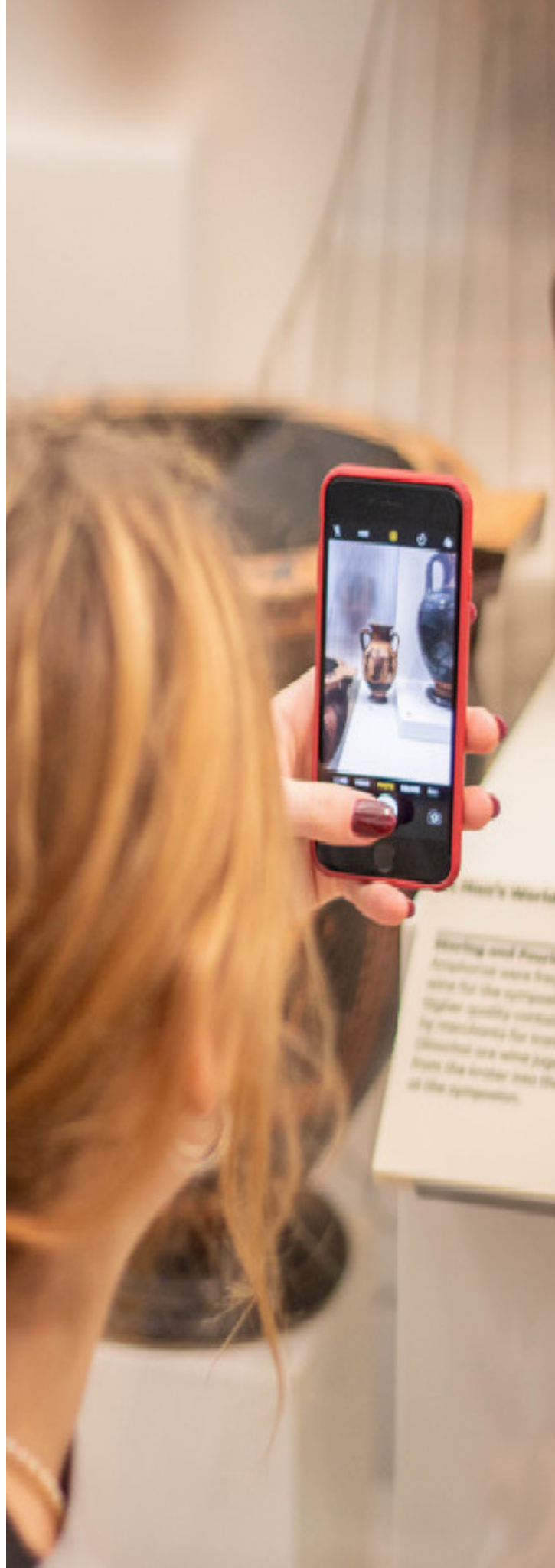
HCA Postgraduate Forum Welcome

Armstrong Building, room 2.98

17:00-19:00

Welcome reception

Armstrong Building, room 1.06





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MA students

10:00-11:30

MA Archaeology DPD Welcome

Armstrong Building, room 3.38

10:00-11:30

MA History DPD Welcome

Armstrong Building, room 1.05

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16:00-17:00

HCA Postgraduate Forum

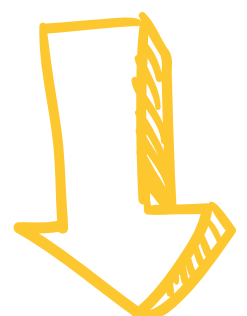
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WELCOME RECEPTION

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



MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2025
17:00 - 19:00 ARMSTRONG 1.06

FIRST FLOOR, ARMSTRONG BUILDING

soft drinks, and nibbles

MA + PhD Archaeology Field trip Tuesday 16 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 16 September

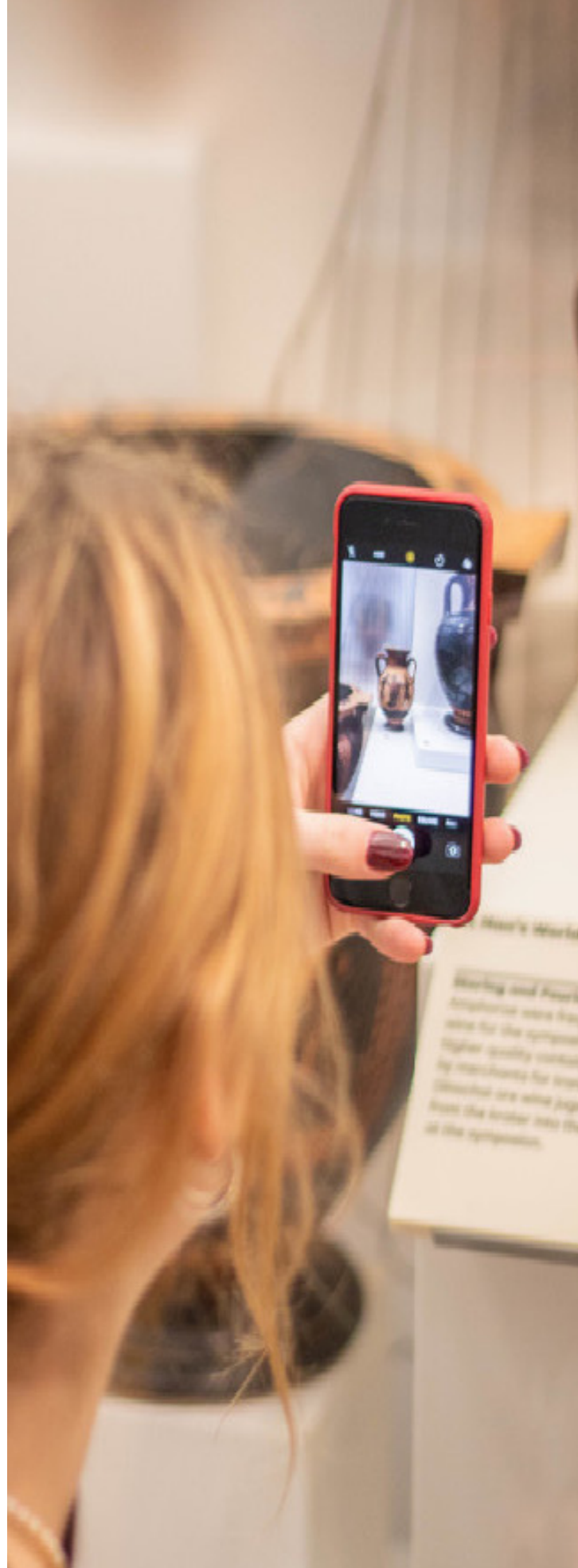
MA History Students

11:00-12:00

Module Briefing Session

Armstrong Building, room 1.06

An opportunity to learn about the modules available to you in advance of choosing your modules later in the week.



MA + PhD History Field trip

Wednesday 17 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 Monday 15 September** to sign up



Thursday 18 September

14:00-16:00

**MA Archaeology module
choice meeting**

Armstrong Building, room 1.04

14:00-16:00

**MA History module
choice meeting**

Armstrong Building, room 1.05



Friday 19 September

Have a free day - enjoy the city, campus, and your new community, and we'll see you on Monday 22 September for the start of term!

