

Yeovil

Student Travel Information & Timetable 2021-22



How are you going to travel?

Weymouth College Travel Shop Fleet Restaurant

Opening Hours

Monday 09:00hr—17:00hr

Tuesday 09:00hr—17:00hr

Wednesday 09:00hr—17:00hr

Thursday 09:00hr—17:00hr

Friday 09:00hr—16:30hr

Opening hours will be adhered to whenever possible unless such circumstance dictates otherwise.

Travel & Transport Manager : Pete Atkins 01305 764766

Any concerns when the Travel Shop is closed are to be addressed to the

Reception 01305 761100

Welcome to Weymouth College

This booklet will help you make the best use of the Student Travel Service here at Weymouth College.

It is specifically designed for students who travel from Yeovil, so you can see at a glance how easy it is to get to Weymouth College.

As you work through the booklet it will hopefully answer all of your questions but if you have others please contact us – the numbers are at the back.

Do I qualify for a travel pass?

The college offers assistance for students, who live in Yeovil and are attending a full-time course.

The Transport Department can offer assistance for students aged 16-18. Anyone else requiring financial assistance needs to apply to SSF, contact 01305 764807.

What does a travel pass offer?

The pass will offer one return journey per day, Monday to Friday during term time only.

How much will I need to contribute?

The college uses a subsidised fixed contribution rate for all students and this year (2021- 2022) it has been set at £570.00.

Can I spread the payments.

The college offers a payment plan under Direct Debit of 3 instalments, 1 payment upfront and 2 by direct debit with a £20 admin fee. A Direct Debit mandate is available on the web pages.

Is there a deduction for those in receipt of benefits? - See student support for advice on this

The College has a discretionary fund which is part funded by the Government and the college, it is administered by the College to assist students experiencing financial hardship.

Funding is limited and offered on a **first come first served basis**. It is to help towards course related costs **including transport**.

Each application to the discretionary support fund will be individually assessed on its own merits and will be subject to the availability of funds. If your application is successful, you will be advised of the total amount awarded.

Application forms can be obtained from Student Services or downloaded from the college website.

I have a disability or medical condition that requires specialist transport. Is there additional help?

There are funds available to assist students with their travel to the college and if you require alternative forms of transport please contact the Travel & Transport Manager for further guidance.

How do I apply?

Paying in full upfront- Download the Application form and once completed email it to peter_atkins@weymouth.ac.uk.

Once you have applied a member of the transport team will call you to take payment over the phone. Once payment has been received a Train pass will be ordered for you. You will be notified when it arrives.

Paying in instalments: Download the Application form and Direct debit form and once completed post it to Transport Department, Weymouth College, Weymouth , Dorset DT4 7LQ. Once you have applied a member of the transport team will call you to take the initial payment over the phone. Once payment has been received a Train pass will be ordered for you. You will be notified when it arrives. (original copies of the direct debit forms are required so please do not email these over as we are unable to use them.

Alternatively. Download the forms and fill them in prior to your enrolment and bring them to the transport office/desk at enrolment.

When should I apply?

Applications should be returned as soon as possible. Even if you are unsure of your choices until you have received your results, it is still advisable to make an application for transport now. If you then decide not to join Weymouth College we will cancel your pass and give you a full refund.

When will my pass be available to me?

If you have applied for a travel pass by 16th August 2021 your pass will be ready for issue at your enrolment interview. Cheques will not be cashed until the Bus/train Passes are collected.

However, if you apply for your pass at enrolment interview, or later you will be responsible for your own travel costs until the pass can be issued. In these circumstances you will not be entitled to a refund for the fares incurred.

What if I apply on the first day?

Applications received on the first day will not be eligible for a refund and you will be responsible for your own travel costs until a pass is available.

Can I use my pass if I have to stay late?

The pass is valid for all services which extend beyond 5pm.

I have a friend that wishes to travel home with me?

The College utilises a public service train on this route, so your friend can pay to travel as would any member of the public.

What if I lose my travel pass?

During the year there are incidents through no fault of the student where a replacement pass is required, and South West Trains can provide a duplicate pass at a cost of £10.00. If it has been washed/damaged the remains will be required.

In order to obtain an application form for a replacement please come to the college Travel Centre in Fleet building, with a cheque made payable to 'South West Trains' and we will go through the process with you.

What if I leave the college?

As the pass is subsidised you must return it to the Travel Centre. A refund may be made if the college can secure a refund from the issuing authority.

How often am I issued with a travel pass?

Travel passes are valid for a whole year so there will only be one issue at the start of the year.

Where is the train station?

Weymouth train station is just a few minute walk away from the college.

Can my pass be withdrawn?

Students are advised that the college reserves the right to withdraw travel assistance if a student misbehaves or if there is any abuse of the system.

Passes must not be lent to, or borrowed by other students under any circumstances as this may lead to disciplinary action.

Which train service can I use?

Your pass is only for a specific route and is between 2 points. The pass is not valid on any other service.

Can I Use my Car instead?

The College encourages the use of public transport wherever possible and this year if you drive your car you will not be able to claim for petrol.

The college has sufficient parking for all students that bring their cars to college but you must apply for a parking permit. Failure to display a valid College permit will possibly result in a penalty charge notice being issued.

Some Useful Transport Contact Information:

Damory Coaches – 01258 452545

First Hampshire & Dorset – 01305 783645 www.firstgroup.com

National Rail Enquiry Service – 08700 00 5151

Wilts & Dorset Bus Co – 01202 673555 www.wdbus.co.uk

First Great Western Yeovil to Weymouth Timetable: [https://
www.gwr.com/~media/gwr/pdfs/plan-journey/timetables/2021/may/b10-
0521.pdf?la=en](https://www.gwr.com/~media/gwr/pdfs/plan-journey/timetables/2021/may/b10-0521.pdf?la=en)

We hope you have found this booklet helpful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us using the address or telephone number below.

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