

East Dorset

Student Travel Information & Timetable 2023-24



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 East Dorset, 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 East Dorset 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?

Access to the college owned and operated coach which travels from Swanage through Corfe Castle, Wareham, Bovington, Wool, Winfrith, Crossways, Poxwell and Osmington to Weymouth College daily.

How much will I need to contribute?

The college uses a subsidised fixed contribution rate for all students and this year (2023-2024) it has been set at £635.00.

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 Student Support 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 enrolled a member of the transport team will call you to take payment over the phone. Once payment has been received a bus pass will be issued which can be collected from the driver on your first day.

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 enrolled a member of the transport team will call you to take the initial payment over the phone. Once payment has been received a bus pass will be given to the driver which can be collected on your first day. (original copies of the direct debit forms are required so please do not email these over as we are unable to use them.

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 21st August 2023 your pass will be ready for issue at your enrolment interview. Cheques will not be cashed until the Bus pass is collected.

You can apply for your pass at enrolment and we will issue it there and then However ,no pass, No travel.

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 for the college coach only and it can not be used on any other services. The College Coach leaves site at 1700hr. If you have to stay late as part of your course please contact the Travel & Transport Manager.

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

This service is for college students only and if your friend is an enrolled student then a day pass can be purchased from the Travel Centre. Students without a pass or day pass will not be allowed to travel due to insurance.

What if I lose my bus pass?

If you lose your bus pass a replacement will be issued free of charge, each time thereafter a charge of £5 will be incurred to replace the bus pass.

What if I leave the college or want to stop using the coach?

As the pass is subsidised you must either return it to the travel centre or make arrangements to pay the additional cost. If you leave college you will be responsible for paying the difference between the subsidised value and full face value to the college. The transport contribution fee is due in full for any travel that cannot be refunded from the supplier. The bus pass must be returned in order for a refund to be considered.

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 are the bus stops at college?

The bus terminates and commences its journey from the bus stop on site by Fleet building

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. This includes failure to comply with the seat belt law which came into force in September 2006.

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

Which bus service can I use?

You can only use the college coach. The timetable for this service is in this booklet.

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. Anyone who is not on a public transport route should seek advice from the Transport Manager.

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

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

Daily Route from Swanage to Weymouth College

Pick Up Points	Time	Drop Off Points	Time
SWANAGE – Bus Station	0720	WEYMOUTH Weymouth College	1700
HERSTON Steer Road Bus Stop (Naps Stores)	0721	OSMINGTON 3D Adventure	1707
HERSTON Middle School	0722	OSMINGTON Opp Garage	1708
CORFE CASTLE (East Street)	0729	POXWELL	1710
STOBOROUGH Green	0738	CROSSWAYS Dick O' Th' Banks Road	1715
WAREHAM Barclays	0742	OWERMOIGNE Main Road	1723
WAREHAM Station	0745	WINFRITH NEWBURG Red Lion	1727
BOVINGTON Swinton Avenue	0759	WOOL Chemist	1737
BOVINGTON Motor Centre	0800	WOOL Station	1739
WOOL Station	0805	BOVINGTON Motor Centre	1743
WOOL Chemist	0807	BOVINGTON Swinton Avenue	1745
WINFRITH NEWBURG Red Lion	0811	WAREHAM Station	1755
OWERMOIGNE Main Road	0814	WAREHAM Barclays	1756
CROSSWAYS Dick O' Th' Banks Road	0825	STOBOROUGH Green	1758
POXWELL	0832	CORFE CASTLE (East Street)	1805
OSMINGTON Opp Garage	0834	HERSTON Middle School	1816
OSMINGTON 3D Adventure	0835	HERSTON Steer Road Bus Stop (Naps Stores)	1817
WEYMOUTH Weymouth College	0845	SWANAGE – Bus Station	1818

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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