

Piddlevalley - Piddlehinton - Charlton Down - Charminster

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 the North of Dorchester area, 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 subsidised travel passes for students on a full time course, who live over 5 miles from college.

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 (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 equal 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.

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 21st August 2023 your pass will be ready for issue at your enrolment interview. Cheques will not be cashed until Bus/train Pass is 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 your pass is available.

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

Unfortunately the minibus must leave at 1700hr to make the connection in Dorchester. So if you have to stay late please contact the Travel & Transport Manager to discuss alternatives.

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

If travelling on the train your friend can purchase a ticket just as any member of the public. If wishing to travel on the college minibus you will need to contact the Travel and Transport Manager to check availability of seats beforehand.

What if I lose my travel 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?

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. If returned then a refund will be made to you for anything which can be reclaimed from the issuing company. If you wish to retain the ticket you will be liable to pay the full face value of the bus pass to the college

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/Train stops at college?

The minibus will bring you straight onto campus and will leave from the bus stop on Campus.

The train station is only a short walk away on the outskirts of Weymouth Town Centre.

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.

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

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



College Transport Code of Conduct

To Travel on Weymouth College transport you are agreeing to abide by all the rules mentioned below. These are set out for your safety.

Any failure to abide by these rules may lead to your transport being refused/revoked.

1. At all times when on or waiting for the transport to depart you will listen to any instructions given to you by the driver and comply fully.
2. There is a no eating or drinking policy on the college vehicles.
3. There is no smoking on or near the college vehicles of cigarettes whether tobacco or E cigarettes.
4. You will remain seated in your seat until the vehicle has stopped moving at your stop prior to exit.
5. Your drivers are members of staff and you will treat them with respect, not back chat them and they will then treat you with the same respect.
6. It is your responsibility to sit in the seat and apply your seat belt at all times. If sat near the driver and he tells you to wear your seat belt you must comply.
7. You will not distract the driver whilst he is driving in any way. Including talking to him or making loud noises etc
8. The driver will depart on time from all stops. It is your responsibility to be there on time. He will not wait for you and you will not try and prevent him from departing.
9. You need to carry your bus pass with you at all times. You must present it if asked or travel may be refused.
10. You are on college property so must display your lanyard and student ID. If the driver requests to see it you must comply.
11. If at any time you have cause to complain do not argue with the driver but report it to the Transport Manager as soon as possible.

By signing this code of conduct you are agreeing to abide by the rules set out by the College Transport Manager to travel on the College's transport.

You understand that any failure to comply may result in you being refused travel.

Name.

Signature

Student Ref Number.

Date.



Daily Route from Cheselbourne to Weymouth College

| Pick Up Points | Time | Drop Off Points | Time |
|--------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|------|
| DEWLISH | 0730 | WEYMOUTH COLLEGE | 1700 |
| CHESELBOURNE | 0735 | CHARMINSTER | 1720 |
| MELCOMBE BINGHAM | 0740 | CHARLTON DOWN | 1725 |
| PIDDLETRENTHIDE The Piddle Inn | 0750 | PIDDLEHINTON Memorial | 1730 |
| PIDDLEHINTON Memorial | 0755 | PIDDLETRENTHIDE The Piddle Inn | 1735 |
| CHARLTON DOWN | 0757 | CHESELBOURNE | 1740 |
| CHARMINSTER | 0800 | MELCOMBE BINGHAM | 1745 |
| WEYMOUTH COLLEGE | 0825 | DEWLISH | 1755 |

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.

How to Contact Us

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