

West 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 West 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 West 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?

Unlimited travel, 7 days a week, during the academic year on services from West Dorset which includes those in Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland.

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 site.

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 all 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 enrolled a member of the transport team will call you to take payment over the phone. Once payment has been received a code will be issued for you to purchase your bus pass off the First App which you will need to download onto your phone.

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 code will be issued for you to purchase your bus pass off the First App which you will need to download onto your phone. (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 issued.

You Can apply for your pass at enrolment interview, or later . As soon as we have your payment the bus code will be issued. Until you have made payment and been issued with a code you will be responsible for your own travel costs.

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

Yes, your pass can be used at any point throughout the day on all First services. Full timetables are available from the Travel Centre.

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

The College utilises a public service bus on this route. Your friend can purchase a ticket on the bus, as would a member of the public.

What if I leave the college?

The College pays full face value for each ticket. You are purchasing an annual Bus pass from First which is then being subsidised by the college and belongs to you and goes with you. You can continue to use the bus pass for the life of that pass. If you leave college you will be responsible for paying the difference between the subsidised value and full face value to the college. You cannot return the pass and gain a refund.

How often am I issued with a travel pass?

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

Where are the bus stops at college?

There are some services that stop at the college bus stop just outside the main gate and other services that travel along Dorchester Road only a short walk from site.

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. 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

X51: Dorchester - Axminster

X52: Monkey World - Bridport Via Weymouth

X53: Weymouth - Axminster:

https://www.firstbus.co.uk/wessex-dorset-south-somerset/plan-journey/timetables/?day=1&source_id=2&service=X51%2FX52%2FX53&routeid=23768181&operator=7&source=sp

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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