

Michaelmas End of Term 2020 and Start of Lent Term 2021 Travel Information

Friday 11th December 2020 to Tuesday 5th January 2021

IMPORTANT:

Please can ONLY one parent/ guardian complete the
Travel Information E-Form [here](#) for each pupil.

The deadline for completing this form is **Friday 20th November 2020.**

End of Michaelmas Term 2020

Date/Time	Activity
Overseas pupils may return home to conduct remote learning from the 28 th November. You must complete the e-form above to notify us of this.	
Monday 7th December	
14:00	Whole School Virtual Christmas Carol Service
Tuesday 8th December	
09:00-17:00	Virtual Parents' Conference - Fourth and Lower Sixth Form
Wednesday 9th December	
08:40-17:00	Normal School Day
17:00	Tutor period (all year groups)
17:30	Whole School Christmas Dinner followed by House activities
Thursday 10th December	
08:40	Morning Registration
08:50	Period 1
10:00	Period 2
11:05	Half
11:30	Christmas Dash
12:45	Lunch
14:00	Afternoon Registration
14:30	Day Pupil Mini Buses depart
14:45	Bath Coach departs
17:30	Supper for remaining boarders
14:00-17:00	Virtual Parents' Conference - Fourth and Lower Sixth Form
Friday 11th December	
09:00	Breakfast for remaining boarders
10:00	London Heathrow Coach
09:00-12:00	Virtual Parents' Conference - Fourth and Lower Sixth Form
<i>All pupils to leave School premises by 11:30</i>	

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Departure - Travel Information

Thursday 10th December

- Day and boarding pupils may leave School from **14:30**.
- Day Pupil Minibus Service: The minibuses will depart the quad at 14:30
- Bath Spa Coach: A coach will leave the Quad at 14:45 and drop pupils at Bath Spa Railway Station in time for pupils to catch the 15:43 train from Bath to arrive at London Paddington at 17:07 with no changes.

Please check train timetables as schedules can change.

Friday 11th December

- All pupils are required to leave School premises by **11:30**
- Heathrow and Richmond Coach: A coach will leave the Quad at 10:00 for Heathrow Airport, stopping at Terminals 2 and 5. It is due to arrive at Heathrow by 12:30. The coach will then drop pupils at Old Deer Car Park in Richmond (TW9 2RA). It is due to arrive there at 13:15.

Please note: Heathrow Terminals 3 and 4 are closed and all flights are being directed to Terminals 2 and 5

Start of Lent Term 2021

Date/Time	Activity
If you require quarantine at the start of term, please state this on the e-form. The School is unable to accommodate any pupils into the quarantine House if they arrive after Tuesday 5th January 2021 and alternative arrangements will need to be made.	
Tuesday 5th January	
08:30-15:00	Arrival of International pupils returning to School to quarantine (from 8.30am on Tuesday 5th January to 8.30am on Tuesday 19th January)
10:00	Heathrow & Richmond Coach departs Old Deer Car Park for Terminal 2 at Heathrow Airport
11:00	Heathrow & Richmond Coach departs Terminal 2 for Downside School
20:30	Bath Spa Coach departs for Downside School
16:00-18:00	All remaining First & Second Form boarding pupils return to House
16:00-21:00	All remaining Third to Sixth Form boarding pupils return to House
Pupils due to arrive at School later than 22:30 should stay with their guardian the night before and be brought into School on the 6th January	
Wednesday 6th January	
08:00-08:30	Day pupils return

Return - Travel Information

Tuesday 5th January

- **Heathrow and Richmond Coach**

The coach will pick up from Old Deer Car Park, Richmond at 10:00. It will then pick up from Heathrow Airport Terminal 2 at 11:00 before returning to Downside, arriving at approximately 14:00.

The meeting point at Heathrow Airport Terminal 2 will be the M&S Simply Food store which can be found on Level 1 in the Arrivals Lounge, directions can be found [here](#). Please make your son/daughter aware of this information.

If a pupil is delayed – parents are requested to contact the SLT on mobile 00 44 7983 146 711 as alternative arrangements may need to be made.

- **Bath Spa Coach :**

The coach will leave Bath Spa Railway Station at 20:30 to ensure that pupils return to School by 21:00.

Please check train timetables as schedules can change.

Pupils due to arrive at School later than 22:30 should be looked after by a Guardian overnight and dropped at School on Monday morning.

Wednesday 6th January

- All day pupils shall return to School 08:00-08:30
- Day Pupil Minibus Service: These will resume at the usual times
- School Day begins at 08:40.

Information regarding how to book the Downside transport services listed above, are provided in the Appendix.

We ask that during the Christmas break, you please ensure that your child and your household remain safe and follow the government guidelines.

The most up to date information regarding the Coronavirus can be viewed on the UK Government website here:

- General Coronavirus Advice:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- Travel Advice for Entering the UK from abroad:
<https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control>
- Travel Corridor Countries:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

These guidelines change regularly and will need to be monitored during the course of the Christmas break.

Please do not bring your child into the school if they are unwell. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to the sense of smell or taste

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service or call 111 if you are worried about symptoms or not sure what to do.

We all need to ensure we remain as safe as possible to reduce the possible disruption to learning that would be inevitable if a case was to be found in the school. I know we can count on your support.

Kind regards,



Claire Murphy

Director of Pastoral Care

Appendix: Downside Travel Services

Service	Booking and Enquires Information
Downside Mini Bus Service	This transport service is for Day Pupils only. Direct any enquiries to Louise Fry by telephone 01761 235 108 or email lfry@downside.co.uk .
Bath Spa and London Coaches	<p>To book a seat on any of the coaches please do so online at: www.downsidetransport.co.uk For any questions relating to coach transport please email: downside@centuriontravel.co.uk</p> <p>COVID-19 Bus Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face coverings must be worn at all times while inside the vehicles • Pupils should carry their own hand sanitiser and use it prior to boarding and again once they have put on their seat belts. We suggest using it again immediately after leaving the vehicle • The front row will be kept free to allow social distancing for our driver • Drivers will not help loading luggage to avoid contact with pupils or school staff • Drivers will exit vehicle and stand aside while boarding and exiting <p>Please note: Terminal 3 and 4 are closed at Heathrow Airport with all flights being directed to Terminal 2 and 5. The new drop off and pick up point for the coach is M&S Simply Food store, which can be found on Level 1 in the Arrivals Lounge, directions can be found here.</p>
Rail	<p>Train tickets can be booked directly using http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/.</p> <p>There are various delivery options but the School recommends that you use the 'Send my ticket via Next Day Delivery' option. Tickets ordered by 17:00 Mon – Fri or by 12:00 on Saturday are guaranteed for physical, signed for, delivery by Royal Mail to the School by 13:00 the next working day.</p> <p>Tickets can also be booked via http://www.thetrainline.com, but the cut-off for next day delivery is 15:00 and postage costs are slightly higher.</p>
Taxis	<p>If you require a School taxi to meet your travel requirements, we recommend that you contact the following email address downsidetravel@gmail.com (Prestige Taxis) and copy in your House Master / Mistress.</p> <p>Kate and Rob Hill of Prestige Taxis are our long-standing taxi provider, who know the School well and are familiar figures to the pupils and staff.</p> <p>They are, of course, fully DBS checked and will ensure that the journeys are organized in the most efficient way, with the minimum number of cars needed, by grouping the bookings together. They also provide daily feedback to the Houses re the scheduled bookings.</p>