

Preparatory School Information Book

September 2021



DEAN CLOSE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
CHELTENHAM

I am Dean Close

I am Achieving
I am Successful
I am Dean Close



I am Happy
I am Discovering
I am at Home



A Welcome from the Headmaster

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to welcome you to Dean Close Preparatory School. When visitors come and spend time with us, invariably what strikes them is the warm and welcoming atmosphere, with both staff and children happily enjoying being part of the School. Whilst many factors contribute to this, it is the School's strong Christian ethos, underpinning all that we do, that is undoubtedly the main factor.

Within this framework and in our busy school life, great importance is placed on pastoral care, academic achievement and co-curricular experience. From the youngest pupil who joins us in Year 3, to those aged 13 whose next step will be the Senior School, there is an emphasis on the right combination of supervision, encouragement and initiative.

Children excel within our broad curriculum and are able to move towards reaching their potential, whether in the classroom, the music school, on the games field or on the stage. They are continually prepared for life beyond school in appreciating what it means to exist in a community, to share in celebrating success and to handle failure.

With a Prep School population of 300, the sense of family-like community is developed in such a way that it is possible for every child to know each other and to be individually known, valued and cared about by our staff. A sense of whole school community is prevalent in all three of our interdependent schools, allowing us to provide the kind of continuity that parents seek and in which children thrive.

Whilst mindful that people shape communities; buildings and facilities help institutions such as ours to function at their best. Within a 50 acre, town-based site, the School boasts enviable facilities in a wonderful environment.

Please come to see for yourself and I look forward to showing you more of Dean Close Preparatory School.

Mr Paddy Moss
Headmaster

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DAY AND BOARDING

The House System

The day and boarding houses are all located in the Prep School grounds. There are three day houses and three boarding houses, including a junior boarding house dedicated to the needs of younger boarders.

Day

All day children are members of a day house – it is their home within school, a place where they can relax amongst friends at the beginning and the end of the day. The three day houses are close together in the centre of the School. Children are allocated a day house when they join and it is their home for the remainder of their time at the Prep School. Each house has a mixture of boys and girls from Year 3 to 8. It encourages friendships across the years and enhances the sense of community. Siblings automatically join the same day house, unless parents request otherwise, which enables the pastoral team in each house to support each family fully.

Children join together in their houses before school starts in the morning, at lunchtime and after school. Many children are keen to stay after school and play with their friends in the house if they are not participating in one of the many clubs that are on offer through the week. Each of the houses is equipped with a selection of games and toys, including table tennis and pool.

School meals are eaten in the Prep School Dining Hall. Day pupils are welcome to join the boarders for breakfast for a small additional charge. Lunch is provided for all pupils and supper is for boarders only.

Day pupils are able to stay for occasional nights upon request, when there is space in the boarding houses.

Day pupils can arrive from 7.45am and stay until 6.00pm. The school day starts at 8.15am, and unless involved in activities, day pupils may leave at 4.15pm – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, pick up time is 3.30pm for children who are not involved in matches. There is a supervised Prep period for all pupils in Year 6-8 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until 5.15pm. Year 8 finish Prep slightly later at 5.30pm. Children in Years 7 and 8 have lessons on a Saturday morning. Year 6 have optional activities and may have sports matches. Years 3, 4 and 5 do not have lessons on a Saturday, but may be playing in sports matches.

There is a School bus service with a number of routes which arrives at Dean Close at 8.10am and departs at 6.00pm. Full details can be obtained from the Admissions department.

DAILY ROUTINE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat Y6	Sat Y7-8	
8.30	Tutor	Assembly	Tutor	Headmaster's Assembly	Tutor	Optional Activities	Tutor	
8.50	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1		Lesson 1	
9.45	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2		Lesson 2	
10.35	Break					10.15 - 12.00 Fixtures/Home	10.15 - 12.00 Fixtures/Sport	
11.00	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3			
11.55	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Congo	Lesson 4	Lesson 4			
12.45	12.45 - 13.15 Junior Lunch and Senior Ensembles							
13.15	13.15 - 13.45 Senior Lunch and Junior Ensembles							
13.35	Buffer	Buffer	Fixtures	Buffer	Hall service timings			Chapel timings
14.15	Lesson 5	Lesson 5		Lesson 5	13.50 Lesson 5			13.50 Lesson 5
15.10	Lesson 6	Lesson 6		Lesson 6	14.45 ACTIVITIES			14.45 Buffer
16.00	Buns		15.30 - 16.15 Year 3 ACTIVITIES	Buns	15.40 Hall Service			15.20 Chapel
16.15	PREP/CUs	PREP / ACTIVITIES		PREP / ACTIVITIES	Buns			Buns
17.00					16.30 Home/House			16.30 Home/House

Boarding

About a third of the pupils at DCPS are boarders. 90% of the boarders are full boarders, the majority of whose parents live and work abroad which means there are always plenty of other children to play with at the weekends.

The three large bespoke boarding houses are on the edge of the School site, so there is a real sense of going home. There is a house for younger boys and girls (Years 3-5), one for girls only (Years 6-8) and boys only (Years 6-8). On the lower floors there are games rooms with table tennis, pool, air hockey and also a kitchen so the children can cook and make snacks. On the ground floor there are sitting rooms and a Prep room for study and on the top floor are the dormitories and bathrooms. Each of the houses has been designed to suit the age of the pupils living in them.

After school the children can be found playing outside. The go-karts and trampolines are always popular and the children also enjoy exploring the extensive School grounds. Our woods and brook give children the opportunity to create their own entertainment and the wide range of sports facilities and organised activities mean that they learn to use their time constructively.

The children are able to email or phone home every day and the Houseparents can be contacted throughout the day and night if necessary. In case of illness there is a fully staffed medical centre on site and a hospital two miles down the road, so all medical problems, large or small are dealt with immediately.

Weekend Activities

For boarders weekends are full of activities including ice skating, visits to the cinema and outings to local places of interest such as Drayton Manor Theme Park, @Bristol, Gloucester Rugby Club or Jumpstastic in Gloucester. We are well served in this area of the county for places that also offer more physically challenging pursuits such as canoeing, sailing, hill walking or paddle boarding. We have a covered play area, which is floodlit and in the winter months provides a base for outdoor play, such as football or hockey up until the bed bell. During the light evenings, under supervision, the boarders are able to take advantage of the extensive School grounds and the excellent facilities such as the cricket nets and tennis courts. Every Saturday night there is a different fun activity organised for the whole Prep School boarding community.

Day Boarding

Day Boarding allows a child to enjoy the benefits of boarding without, in the first instance, becoming a full boarder. This is an excellent way for many families to begin to experience boarding life. It can be of enormous benefit for extremely busy families and it often serves as a stepping stone to full-time boarding. Pupils can stay up to three nights a week as a day boarder.

Flexi-Boarding

Flexi-boarding offers day pupils the opportunity to board on an occasional basis. This can be seen as a way of easing into boarding. Flexi-Boarding also enables those who have extra curricular commitments to stay in school overnight, and can be used as a service to assist parents who occasionally have long or irregular working hours and may need to travel from time to time.

Overseas Pupils

Overseas pupils, whether they are from overseas or from expatriate families, need extra care when they are living such a long way from home. We help in the following ways:

- For those parents who do not have a guardian in the UK the School is very happy to suggest reputable guardian agencies, with whom they have worked very closely over many years
- The School can make arrangements to equip children with all the necessary uniform at the School Shop on campus
- The boarding community work hard to recognise and embrace other cultures by acknowledging notable cultural events throughout the year.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

The School has an evangelical foundation and Christian principles are at the very heart of our ethos and are reflected in all that we do whether it be in a classroom, sports field or chapel setting. John Ash is our resident Foundation Chaplain, and lives with his wife Katie and their two children in the heart of the School. He leads a team of two Assistants in the Prep School who are the permanent presence of the Chaplaincy in the School. We have two lively whole-School Christian assemblies every week and Chapel services prior to Exeat weekends and holidays.

Christian Union Clubs

We have an active Christian Union. Every Monday afternoon, at the end of the academic day, three separate Christian Union clubs meet. Each group is led by Christian members of staff who cover different topics during the term and who lead the children in discussion, song, prayer and fun. Events for members of the Christian Union are held throughout the year including residential weekend camps and days out.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY SCHOLA CANTORUM

The choristers of **Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum** are all educated at Dean Close Preparatory School, Cheltenham. They sing in public four times a week – usually at the weekday services in Tewkesbury Abbey. They do not sing at Easter or Christmas and their commitment to the choir is largely term time only. As of September 2021, the choristers is open to girls as well as boys.

The choir's day to day repertoire is wide-ranging and includes music from the 15th century to the present day. New music features regularly and in the last few years Matthew Martin, David Bednall and Roxanna Panufnik have all written new works for the choir. Schola Cantorum frequently performs concerts including major works by Handel and Bach. CD recordings are a regular feature and the choir is often invited to broadcast Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3.

The Choristers love touring and in the last few years the choir has visited France and the Netherlands. Closer to home the Choristers have also sung at several Oxford colleges and St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. From time to time the choir is invited to sing at other special events including the Festival of the Sons of the Clergy at St Paul's Cathedral. Choristers are usually offered chorister scholarships from Years 3 or 4 until the end of Year 8. They spend their first year as 'probationer' choristers, learning the ropes with a reduced choir timetable. All choristers receive individual singing lessons free of charge. Their schedule is demanding, but the children enjoy the huge rewards of working in a team, travelling as a group of friends and performing as professionals.

Choristerships

We audition children for chorister scholarships from age 7 to 11.

All external pupils will be asked to sit an English paper and a Cognitive Ability Paper.

Candidates will need to bring a piece of music of their own choice which can be of any style they like – or just a hymn – but something they feel confident to sing. They will be required to do some aural tests and will be asked to sing some exercises to explore their vocal range and potential.

Successful candidates will become probationary choristers. They will also be encouraged to take up an instrument and to become fully integrated members of the School, taking advantage of everything that a Dean Close education has to offer. A Chorister scholarship of 20% can be topped up with a bursary.

ACADEMIC

The children follow a broad and stimulating curriculum that is delivered by teachers who bring their own love of learning into the classroom. Throughout the School pupils are taught by specialist teachers for French, Music, DT, PE and Games. As pupils move up the School, they see an increasing number of subject specialists. The academic curriculum is based upon an independent Year 7-9 curriculum for Years 7 to 8.

Dean Close Preparatory School meets the educational needs of a wide range of individual abilities and aims to provide an appropriate education for every child in the family. Small classes and an experienced Learning Support Department means the School is able to extend the most able to academic excellence whilst supporting the less able to achieve their best.

We seek to develop the whole person in preparation for entry to the Senior School. All children take part in a Personal Health, Social and Citizenship Education programme (PHSCE), which encourages them to consider issues about their lives and the lives of others. Life at school is very busy and the pupils quickly learn how to apply themselves with a keen sense of purpose.

Educational Activities

Throughout the year the children are given the chance to take part in many different activities both in and out of school. These are designed to enhance their educational development. Visits to the theatre, art galleries and museums as well as to places of historical and geographical interest take place for children of all ages throughout the year. Apart from offsite residential trips all trips are included in the fee structure.

Years 3, 4 to 5, Junior Forms

At the age of seven children join the Preparatory School. For the first years most teaching is based in their classroom. In Year 3 most subjects are taught by the form teacher, with a gradual increase in specialist teaching from Year 4 onwards. From Year 4 pupils are set for spelling and maths. From Year 6 onwards children attend Saturday morning school.

As children move into Year 5 they learn to be more responsible, disciplined and self-motivated. In Year 5 pupils are still taught by their form teacher for some subjects but also have a wider input from a greater range of teachers. More subjects are taught by specialist teachers and the children move around the School to take lessons in rooms dedicated to particular subjects.

Years 6, 7 and 8, Senior Forms

In Year 7 children start to learn Latin and Maths. In Year 6-8 each child is assigned a house tutor who is responsible for their academic and pastoral progress.

At the end of Year 8 children take their end of year exam to go onto their Senior School of choice. A number of pupils are invited to follow the Academic Scholarship Syllabus during Year 8. Most pupils go on to Dean Close School.

From Year 6 onwards children stay for a supervised Prep period after school three days a week, when staff are on hand to give extra help if needed.

Monitoring Progress

All pupils are assessed at regular intervals and parents are informed of progress. If any child is not making the necessary academic progress after an initial settling-in period a meeting is organised with parents as soon as possible to work out a route to resolving the situation. This may include the creation of an Individual Support Programme that sets out specific milestones to be achieved in class or with the help of Learning Support.



Year 3 Entry

The School offers an academic scholarship to pupils joining in Year 3. The assessment process takes into account pupil's ability, potential, attitude and work ethos. The Prep School awards commence on the 1st September of Year 3 and run to the end of Year 6, by which time pupils will have the opportunity to sit 11+ scholarships.

Year 7 Entry

The School offers six different types of scholarship for pupils joining in Year 7. These are: Foundation, Academic, Sport, Music, Art and Drama. For those applicants who show considerable academic promise, but not of the standard required for a Scholarship, a Headmaster's Award may be offered. Awards are subject to good behaviour, academic endeavour and commitment to the whole life of the School. Scholarships given at 11+ continue until the pupil leaves Dean Close. They are rarely revoked or reduced; however, they are reviewed annually and reassessed at 13+ for entry to the Senior School.

LEARNING SUPPORT

The Learning Support Department is an integral part of the School's academic provision. The department provides a range of additional support services in literacy, numeracy and the curriculum. It tailors specialist tuition, one-to-one or in small groups, to the individual needs of each child. All one-to-one tuition is charged. All pupils who receive support follow a mainstream academic programme.

Literacy Support – The department offers specialist support for pupils with specific learning difficulties and provides a structured course to develop spelling, literacy, comprehension skills and study skills.

Numeracy Support – In collaboration with the Head of Mathematics, a small number of pupils are selected for individual tuition from a specialist teacher. A charge is made for individual Mathematics support, which is added to the bill on a termly basis.

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

For those pupils who need extra help with the English language, we offer English as an additional language tuition with a specialist teacher in our EAL department. Children either have one-to-one or group lessons which cover vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation set in the context of listening, speaking, reading and writing. There is a strong emphasis on reading and exploring the classics of English Literature, appropriate for the EAL students.

SPORT

The School's outstanding sports facilities include extensive sports pitches, two astro pitches (one of which is floodlit), indoor 25m swimming pool, large gymnasium, tennis courts, a bouldering and climbing wall and a new sports block containing a large sports hall, dance studio and fully equipped gymnasium.

Everyone plays organised sport at least three times a week. The boys play rugby, hockey and cricket and the girls play hockey, netball, tennis and cricket. Every pupil is in a team appropriate to their ability and will represent the School in matches against other schools from Year 3 upwards. All children participate in cross-country and athletics. As well as the organised games lessons, every child has a PE lesson each week. In all sports, professional coaches encourage children to reach their potential. There are also lots of sporting clubs the children can join at lunchtimes and after school.

Break times in the morning and at lunchtime are always outside either on the playing fields or on our outdoor covered play area, so the children have the opportunity to run around and get some fresh air.

MUSIC

The School has a large spacious Music School which encompasses two music classrooms, a song school and music practice rooms. Every child has weekly class music lessons where they develop listening skills, composition skills and learn to read and write music. There is also a wide range of instruments on offer for private music lessons so every child has the opportunity to find something they can enjoy.

We offer tuition in a range of instruments, including:

Violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp

Clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon, saxophone

Cornet, trumpet, baritone, euphonium

French horn, trombone

Orchestral percussion, drum-kit

Guitar – bass, electric and acoustic

Singing

Piano, Jazz piano

Organ

Music Groups and Concerts

The music groups vary year by year depending on the needs and abilities of the children. Currently the regular groups are:

Junior Choir

Senior Choir

Chamber Choir

Junior Orchestra

Senior Orchestra

String Quartets

Senior Strings

Flute Ensemble

Saxophone Ensemble

Clarinet Ensemble

Guitar Ensemble

Rock & Pop Groups

Music Theory Groups

There is a busy programme of approximately 35 musical events throughout the year, with one major concert every term. Lunchtime Performance Platforms and House Concerts are open to all performers.

DRAMA, ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Drama

The School has a 320 seat theatre, an outdoor amphitheatre and two dedicated drama classrooms. All pupils in Years 3 – 6 in the Preparatory School have timetabled Class Drama as part of the curriculum. In these lessons, pupils are encouraged to express themselves vocally and physically and learn to work with others in a group situation. They are also taught to listen and interact with others. Two productions are performed annually – a Junior Play for Years 3-5 and the School Play for Years 6-8. This gives every child in the School the opportunity to be involved either in acting, dancing, singing or behind the scenes on the production side with set design, make-up or sound and lighting.

Extra-Curriculum Speech and Drama

Speech and Drama lessons serve to focus attention on the individual, developing performance skills such as diction, expression, characterisation and performance and communication skills. Pupils taking these lessons are entered for the LAMDA Verse and Prose, Performance Reading, Public speaking, Acting and Musical Theatre graded examinations. Lessons are offered either individually, in pairs or in groups of three. Pupils also perform in regular termly tea time concerts.

Art

The light and airy purpose-built art and pottery rooms provide excellent facilities for painting, drawing and collage as well as ceramics, sculpture and textiles. The children take great pride in their work, which is exhibited throughout the School. Pupils are encouraged to explore a range of techniques, processes, skills and experiences and develop an appreciation of various artists and styles.

Design Technology

All children are taught Design Technology in our state-of-the-art

department which includes a laser cutter and 3D printer. Pupils start working on simple projects such as moving wooden toys and progress on to more complex bespoke pieces of furniture using wood, plastic, natural or manmade cloth and metal.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have a comprehensive and varied activities programme, which changes termly. Most activities are free, but one or two do come with an extra charge. Some of last year's activities included:

Art	Design Technology	Mindfulness
Athletics	Eco warriors	Rugby 7s
Cartoon Drawing	Football Fun	Running
Chess	Game Design	Science Researchers
Christian Unions	Gardening	Shooting
Colouring	Geography News Club	Sports Scholars' Conditioning
Creative Computing	Gymnastics	Swimming Clubs
Creative Kids	Hama Beads	Tennis
Cricket Nets	Handwriting	Textiles
Cross-Country	Hockey	
Dance Classes*	Horse Riding*	
Darts		

(*extra charge)

THE FRIDAY CHALLENGE

An exciting feature of our curriculum is the Friday Challenge. On Friday afternoon, every pupil in the school takes part in a fun but stretchy challenge, designed to broaden their education while asking of them they may not be expecting.

Some of this year's challenges include:

Arabic	Picture Book Making	Watercolours
Astronomy	Portrait Challenge	Young Journalists
Geology	Radio DCPS	
Lifeguards	Theatre Luvvies	

VISITING THE SCHOOL – The Admission Process

Visitors are warmly welcomed to Dean Close Preparatory School either for a personal tour or to one of the three Open Mornings held during the year.

Personal Tour

All prospective parents are invited for a personal tour of the School. A personal tour gives prospective parents time to discuss all aspects of school life and ways in which the School can meet their child's individual educational needs. During a personal tour parents will be given the opportunity to meet the Headmaster of the Preparatory School and other key members of staff such as the Academic Director, boarding and day house parents, the Director of Music, form and specialist teachers (subject to staff availability). To arrange a visit, please telephone the Admissions Office on 01242 258001.

Open Mornings

Regular Open Mornings are held throughout the year. They are usually held on Saturdays, starting at 8.40am and ending at 10.30am. These occasions are an opportunity for prospective families to hear from the Headmaster and other senior staff, as well as spend time with pupils who act as their tour guides.

Tours of the Prep School are followed by opportunities to visit the Pre-Prep and Senior sections of Dean Close.

If you would like further information about Open Mornings, please contact the Admissions Office on 01242 258001.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All pupils entering Years 6, 7 and 8 will sit a Cognitive Ability Paper (CAT) and an English paper. All pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 take a written Maths and English paper. Papers can either be completed at the Preparatory School in the Admissions Office or arrangements can be made to send the tests out to your child's school if appropriate.

Admissions Team

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FEES 2021/22

Dean Close operates an inclusive fee system where most items are included thereby avoiding a long list of extras.

		Monthly Equivalent	Termly Excluding Extras
Day	Year 3	£1,020	£4,080
	Year 4	£1,125	£4,500
	Year 5	£1,446	£5,785
	Year 6	£1,544	£6,175
	Year 7 (Senior Prep)	£1,600	£6,400
	Year 8 (Senior Prep)	£1,713	£6,850
Day Boarding	Year 3	£1,223	£4,890
	Year 4	£1,325	£5,300
	Year 5	£1,643	£6,570
	Year 6	£1,745	£6,980
	Year 7 (Senior Prep)	£1,798	£7,190
	Year 8 (Senior Prep)	£1,900	£7,600
Boarding	Year 3	£1,719	£6,750
	Year 4	£1,783	£7,130
	Year 5	£1,828	£7,310
	Year 6	£2,218	£8,870
	Year 7 (Senior Prep)	£2,294	£9,175
	Year 8 (Senior Prep)	£2,294	£9,175
Int. Boarding	Year 3	£1,925	£7,700
	Year 4	£1,925	£7,700
	Year 5	£2,375	£9,500
	Year 6	£2,375	£9,500
	Year 7 (Senior Prep)	£2,425	£9,700
	Year 8 (Senior Prep)	£2,425	£9,700
Flex-Boarding		£45 per night	

Occasional and Day Boarders in all Schools are charged £55.00 per night in addition to fees. Details about paying by monthly or termly Direct Debit and about the School's scheme for the capital payment of fees in advance may be obtained from the Bursary.

What is included?

- All course text books and stationery (charges will be made for lost or damaged textbooks)
- Laundry (Boarders)
- Games equipment not listed as an optional extra
- Laboratory and CDT expenses (pupils wishing to keep completed items pay only for materials)
- Travel on strictly educational trips and for teams to School matches
- Lunches for day pupils

What is not included?

- Chromebook Laptop or Tablet
- A few books (eg. atlas) and personal equipment (eg. calculator) listed in the joining instructions
- Learning Support and English as an Additional Language lessons
- Optional extras such as Instrumental lessons, Speech and Drama tuition, Dance and Riding lessons

- Visits to plays, concerts, etc outside the curriculum
- Major trips such as the Year 7 Snowdonia trip and the Devon Leavers' trip

Insurance

The following pupil insurances are available on an opt in basis:

- i The School Fees Refund Scheme (loss of fees through sickness) at 1.05% of fees
- ii The School's group membership of AXA PPP Healthcare, at £126 per term
- iii Personal Effects Insurance Scheme at £8.57 per term

Please note that personal possessions are not covered by the School insurance. Parents should check whether their own insurance covers such items whilst at School and if appropriate consider taking advantage of the Pupils' Personal Effects Insurance Scheme.

The School cannot accept liability for the loss of, or damage to, pupils' personal property or property on loan to them.

From September 2016 the School has arranged for all pupils from Reception Year upwards to be covered by the Pupil's Personal Accident Insurance Scheme (incorporating Dental injury) at no additional charge.

TERM DATES

Michaelmas Term 2021

Start of term: Monday 6th September – Boarders return by 6.00pm

Tuesday 7th September – Day pupils return by 8.15am

Exeat: Friday 24th September (3.45pm after Chapel) to Sunday 26th September. Boarders return after 6.00pm

Half Term: Friday 22nd October (1.00pm after House Cross-Country) to Sunday 7th November. Boarders return after 6.00pm

Exeat: Friday 26th November (3.45pm after Chapel) to Sunday 28th November. Boarders return after 6.00pm

End of Term: Friday 17th December (12.45pm after Carols by Candlelight)

Lent Term 2022

Start of term: Monday 10th January – Boarders return by 6.00pm

Tuesday 11th January – Day pupils return by 8.15am

Exeat: Friday 28th January (4.00pm after House Swimming Gala) to Sunday 30th January. Boarders' return after 6.00pm

Half Term: Friday 18th February (4.15pm after Chapel) to Sunday 27th February. Boarders return after 6.00pm

Exeat: Friday 11th March (3.45pm after Chapel) to Sunday 13th March. Boarders return after 6.00pm

End of Term: Friday 25th March (12.45pm after Chapel)

Trinity Term 2022

Start of term: Tuesday 19th April – Boarders return by 6.00pm

Wednesday 20th April – Day pupils return by 8.15am

Exeat: Friday 29th April (3.45pm after Chapel) to Monday 2nd May Boarders return after 6.00pm

Half Term: Friday 27th May (3.45pm after Chapel) to Sunday 5th June Boarders return after 6.00pm

End of Term: Saturday 2nd July at the end of Speech Day Events.

POLICIES

The following policies are available from the School Office (please ask for further details), and on the School website.

- Admissions Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Data Protection Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Recruitment Selection and Disclosures Policy
- Risk Assessment Policy
- Safeguarding Policy

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Headmaster

Mr. P. Moss BA (Hons) (SOAS, London University) 2015

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Mr. J. Harris BA (Hons) (Reading), PGCE (Bath) 1996

Academic Director

Mr. J. Gould BA (Hons) Southampton, PGCE (Southampton) 2011

Bursar

Mr. A. Bowcher MBA, DipFS, FCIB 2013



TRUSTEES Chairman Mrs. K. Carden

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A full list of all Common Room and Trustees can be found on our website
www.deanclose.org.uk

LOCATION



Dean Close School is situated in Southwest England in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, in the midst of the picturesque Cotswolds. It is easily reached from Junction 11 of the M5 motorway via the A40, or from the nearby Cheltenham Spa railway station.

The School is a five minute taxi ride or a ten minute walk from the station. Train times can be found on www.nationalrail.co.uk

The nearest international airports are Birmingham, Bristol and Cardiff which are all about one hour away by car. There is a local airport at Staverton.

The School sits on the largest plot of privately owned land in Cheltenham, just off the outskirts of the Regency town. The Preparatory School is located on Lansdown Road, and for SatNav purposes, visitors should enter the postcode GL51 6QS. Visitors should come through the iron gates into our Visitors' Car Park located at the front of School.

On the School website (www.deanclose.org.uk) you will find links to Google maps as well as a range of downloadable site maps.

Recommended Local Taxi Companies

727 Car Co: 01242 523523

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**Wilton: Mixed Junior Boarding House
Boys and Girls aged 7-10**



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