

WCCP Residential Weekend at Wellington School

Friday 16th - Sunday 18th October 2026

EVENT and BOOKING FAQs

When will I be able to book?

Bookings for members are open from now, and for the general public on 3rd August and places are awarded on a first come-first served basis. You will receive confirmation of a place by Google (online booking) with a copy of your booking form. Please keep this for future reference. You will be sent more information at a later date, including a timetable and more detailed map. As before, tutors also need to complete a booking form - the online form is the easiest way to do this.

Booking will close when we are at capacity or when we have paid the venue, whichever is soonest.

What if I can't book using the online Google form?

Due to the number of different packages, there is no paper copy of the booking form. The Google form is very easy to complete and once submitted, sends your information straight to the booking spreadsheet. Any mistakes or alterations can easily be done if necessary by contacting Alex wccpalex@gmail.com. We prefer booking online if at all possible. However, if you do not have computer provision to fill in the form, contact Alex (07950 894195) and she can fill in the form with you over the phone.

Why can I not arrive before 6pm on Friday?

This is because there are school pupils on site until this time as it is a normal school day. The safeguarding rules in schools are very strict and there are no exceptions for anyone except the organising team. In addition, there are tens of school buses leaving the Prep School site until this time, so there is a safety aspect too. Please respect the school's rule about this otherwise we may not be welcome if our members cannot be responsible about the pupils' safety. You are very welcome to park in the public car park opposite, or elsewhere in the town, until moving to the school car park from 6pm.

Can I bring a non-playing partner (NPP)?

Yes. Non-playing partners are always welcome and will need a separate booking form completing (for meals). The exception to this is for non-residential NPPs who are not requiring any meals at the school. There are no double beds but plenty of twin bedrooms if you wish to be residential.

Non-playing partners who wish to have some or all meals at the school can book these through the booking form (prices for individual meals – pay the total at the end of booking). The payment method is the same as playing members.

What are the residential bedrooms like?

The rooms are vacated boarding house rooms and are basic but comfortable, usually with 2 single beds. There are a few ensuite bathrooms, but most will have shared facilities. At the time of opening booking, we do not know which boarding houses we will be using so do not know exactly how many room types we will be having. We do our best to honour your accommodation preferences but will be in touch if there are any issues with your request.

Please indicate on the booking form if you have friends you would like to share with.

Why are there non-residential options with breakfast?

If you book into the Travel Lodge (1.7 miles/5 minutes' drive away), there is only a take-away breakfast, and you may want to join other players at the school for a more substantial (and sociable) breakfast.

How do I get to Wellington School?

Wellington is just off junction 26 of the M5, and about 20 minutes' drive from Taunton station. The postcode for the school is TA21 8NT. Link to location map in the main email.

What are the timings for the weekend?

Arrival on site is **PROHIBITED BEFORE 6pm on Friday** as this is a normal school day and there will be pupils on site up to this time. If you arrive earlier in the day, you can park in public car parks or at your off-site accommodation, and make use of the many hostelrys, cafés and shops in the town, all within a short walk of the school.

Registration this year will be in Great Hall, which is near the dining room in the senior school. More details will be sent nearer the time.

For those staying Sunday night there will be an evening meal and music session.

A timetable will be sent out nearer the weekend.

The course ends with tea at 4pm on Sunday afternoon.

Is there any parking?

Yes, there is plenty of parking, both on the school site (behind the prep school) and in a nearby public car park (opposite the Prep School, up Bulford), as well as around the town. The public car park allows overnight stays. More information about parking will be provided nearer the weekend. You can park in any vacant space. **NO ENTRY TO SCHOOL PARKING BEFORE 6PM ON FRIDAY**

Can my dietary requirements be accommodated?

The school caterers are able to provide for any dietary requirements. If there is anything extra that you need to bring for yourself, we will let you know nearer the time. Any off-site arrangements (ie breakfast in your B&B) will be up to you to arrange.

Can I bring my camper van?

Yes. On the booking form there is a specific option for camper vans, which can be parked on the school site, you can stay in them and there will be access to showers in the sports complex (PRSC). Please indicate on the booking form the size of your van/motorhome as bigger ones may need to go in a different part of the parking area.

If you are just using your camper van as transport (ie not staying in it) and it fits into a normal car parking space, choose the appropriate residential/non-res options on the booking form. The camper van options are only for if you are sleeping in your camper van overnight and include a charge by the school for use of facilities.

Where will we be based?

Wellington Prep School and Wellington Senior School are pretty integrated and essentially on one fairly open site. We will be playing solely in the prep school – tutor groups, option

sessions and evening fun – where there are tea and coffee facilities. Registration in the Great Hall and meals in the senior school dining room are on the other side of the road.

How much walking will there be around the site?

The distance between where we will be playing in our tutor groups (the Prep School) and the dining room (in the Senior School) is about a 3-minute walk, across the road. At the time of booking, we do not know where the residential accommodation will be, but all the boarding houses are only a few minutes' walk apart. The site is flat and the road to cross is lit by street lamps and has crossings and traffic calming measures. The parking is adjacent to the school.

What do I need to bring?

Residents - the school does not provide towels, hair dryers or toiletries so you will need to provide your own if you are resident.

All participants - Umbrella/raincoat, music stand, notepad and pencil and **cash for the public parking and WCCP Shop**. You will be sent a fuller list of what to bring nearer the time of the weekend. A torch is also useful.

Can I get help with transport?

Please email the team to ask for assistance. The nearest train station is Taunton.

Is there a bar?

Yes! This year we welcome Casbar back, who many of you will know from Quantock Lodge. It will be available from 8pm on Friday (i.e. after supper), then Saturday evening, but not on Sunday evening. However, we are permitted to bring our own alcohol on Sunday evening. There will be fridges in the accommodation kitchens and there are shops very nearby (Waitrose/Asda/Co-op/local food shops).

Will my instrument be safe?

The bedrooms are not lockable, but the whole Prep School will be locked when we are not in it, so instruments can be left there.

Will there be other people on site over the weekend?

Friday is the start of half term for the school so there will be no pupils after 6pm that day. There will be caterers and some staff who live on site, but the prep school will be empty. There may be another outside course of pupils, but they will not be sharing any of our spaces.

Due to the Prep School being used for holiday courses from first thing on Monday morning, we need to remove everything from there on Sunday night as there will be no access after that.

Also, due to this, all our teaching will again be in the upstairs classrooms, so the downstairs ones can be left ready for use on the Monday. There is a lift for anyone who finds stairs difficult.

Is there anything I can do to help at the weekend?

Volunteers to assist the team at the venue would be very welcome. **Offers of lifts would be particularly useful.** If you can help, please let us know on the booking form.

What is the cancellation policy?

If you need to cancel, you will receive a refund as long as we can fill your place. Let us know as soon as possible if you need to cancel and we will do our best to fill the place. No refunds are possible after the venue has been paid.

Is there any First Aid provision?

There will be first aid kit and first aider/medically trained members on site. If you have any first aid or medical experience/qualifications, please indicate this on the booking form.

Is there any financial support for young people?

Bursaries are available for people under 21 in full time education. See the WCCP web site www.thewccp.org for details.

If you have any other queries, please email Alex Mayfield: wccpalex@gmail.com