



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Dean Close School Induction Course – Sunday 6th September to Tuesday 8th September 2020

I am very much looking forward to welcoming your son or daughter to Dean Close in September, as they begin their studies in the UK. As a school, we are continuously looking for ways in which we can improve the experience of our international students and this year we will again be running a specific induction programme to help your child settle in quickly and to enable them to have a better understanding of all that is on offer here at Dean Close.

Boarding houses will be open from 2.00 – 4.00pm on Sunday 6th September to drop off luggage and meet some of the house staff. Refreshments will be served in houses. A School Site Map is also included in the Joining Pack and will also be available on our website in the "How to Find Us" section.

Registration will take place from 2.00pm in the Boarding houses when medical forms and passports will be collected, so it is very important that pupils bring these with them. It is highly recommended that a parent or guardian is present at this time to establish good communications with the staff responsible for your child. If you are not able to bring your child to Dean Close for this event then your son or daughter's guardian is expected to attend in your place.

Where will they sleep and eat? Accommodation will be provided in your child's Boarding house and all meals will be in the school Dining Hall.

What should they wear? Pupils should dress in their own clothes for the induction programme.

What else will they need? For most of the sessions pupils will just need to bring a pen. They will be issued with an induction booklet to cover the weekend, with space to make their own notes.

An outline of the provisional programme is enclosed. Please return the slip at the bottom to indicate whether your child, and whether you and/or a guardian, will be attending. We strongly advise that your child attends this induction programme which has been designed with their needs in mind.

I hope that all of your final preparations for starting at Dean Close School go well and I look forward to meeting you and your son or daughter in September. If there are any aspects of your travel plans to school or arrival dates that are of concern to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Rachael Vest – International Co-ordinator (Head of ELT/EAL)

DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL INDUCTION PROGRAMME – Sept 2020 starters

Sunday 6th September

2.00pm	Registration and welcome in Boarding Houses
4.00pm	Parents/Guardians depart and International Induction begins *Pupils will be collected from Boarding houses in year groups*
4.15pm	Welcome; Icebreaker games; ICT log-in session
6.00pm	BBQ
6.30pm	Return to Boarding Houses

Monday 7th September

8.30am	Breakfast
8.50am	Welcome and introduction to the day's programme of activities. See table below. Pupils will be seated in year groups and in socially distanced classrooms for all activities:

	4 th Form	Remove	L6 th
8.50 – 9:35	Introduction to a new culture & situation in UK	Library visit	Orientation exercise: The Dean Close Treasure Hunt
9.40 – 10.25	Orientation exercise: The Dean Close Treasure Hunt	Introduction to a new culture & situation in UK	Library visit
10.30 – 11.15	Library visit	Orientation exercise: The Dean Close Treasure Hunt	Introduction to a new culture & situation in UK
	Break	Break	Break
11.40 – 12.25	Questionnaires and QA with existing DCS Remove pupils	Questionnaires and QA with existing Remove pupils	Questionnaires and QA with existing DCS L6 th pupils
12.30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14.00	Sessions to include: Meetings with Director of Studies 4 th Form, Remove (GCSE) and 6 th Form (A Level); Introduction to Microsoft Teams Online Learning; School Email and Timetable check.		
16.00	Meet the Chaplain and Afternoon Tea		
18.30	Back to Boarding Houses Dinner in the Dining Hall		

Tuesday 8th September – Remove and L6th start lessons

4th Form Induction: Meet your tutor; School Shop visits; Dean Close Monopoly and other games; ELT Centre activities and Language Assessment; afternoon guided walk into Cheltenham town centre. 16.00 Return to Boarding houses to rejoin their year groups. Lessons start for 4th Form at 8.30 on Wednesday 9th September.

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Please return International Induction Programme slip to Admissions, Dean Close School, by 1st August 2020, or email reply to registrar@deanclose.org.uk :

Pupil (name): will / will not* attend the Induction Programme.

The pupil's parent(s) will / will not* attend the session on Sunday 6th September, between 2-4.00pm.

The pupil's guardian will / will not* attend the session on Sunday 6th September, between 2-4.00pm.

**please delete as appropriate*

Signed:

Date:

Full name: (parent / guardian)