

JWAAD Summer School

Useful Information

When is the timetable online?

The timetable is usually available in April. In the meantime we leave last year's timetable on the website to give you an idea of what it will be like.

What should I bring?

- Your usual class clothes, a veil, stick and sagat/zills if you have them (there are sticks to borrow if not, and you can usually buy veils, sticks and sagat/zills in the souk).
- If you are interested in performing one of the group dances in the show, check the timetable for any special clothes or props you may need to bring.
- Your favourite outfit to wear for the Harem party (anything from casual to full costume!).
- Fancy dress (not obligatory) for the themed party on the last night. We will announce the theme in the JWAAD Summer School Facebook group and by email in June/July.
- If you are coming for 2 or 3 days and would like to perform at the Harem Party, bring a CD or iPod with your music, and a costume.
- For the 5 and 7-day stay, if you'd like to perform in the theatre show, bring your favourite costume and your music (CD or memory stick only (mp3 format) - 4 minutes maximum). Or you can email the music (by 28th July) to summerschool@jwaad.com.
- Bedding is provided but please bring your own bath towel and toiletries.
- Comfortable shoes for walking from one studio to another.
- You may want to bring an umbrella in case it rains.
- Tea and coffee, milk and soya milk will be available in the kitchens in the accommodation buildings, but you may wish to bring your own to cater for individual taste, or buy it in Crowthorne village. Please note: milk is only for tea/coffee. If you like to drink milk, please bring some with you and write your name on if storing in the fridge.
- A cup or mug for hot drinks (we're trying to care for the environment and use fewer disposable cups).
- A glass or cup for evening drinks (let's be environmentally friendly).
- If you'd like to swim in the outdoor pool, bring your swimmies.
- We suggest, if you can, that you bring any snacks, alcohol or soft drinks with you. If you can't bring them, there are shops in the village (a 15-minute walk or 3-minute drive) including banks, pharmacies and supermarkets, so you can buy everything you need.

How much money will I need?

Your Summer School fee includes all classes, activities, meals, and tea and coffee in the accommodation. Wellington College has a café, a café/bar, and a school shop selling sweets, ice cream etc. (the shop has limited opening hours), so you may want to bring money for those. There is a souk at Summer School. Farida Dance accepts cash or cards. Other items are cash only. There is a cash machine in one of the cafés, and in Crowthorne village.

The Souk

In the Souk you can buy everything from class clothes and performance outfits, accessories and props, to fabulous costumes! If you'd like to pre-order anything from Farida Dance, Kay and Christine can arrange to bring it for you.

If you'd like to sell a 2nd hand item in the souk you must let us know before Summer School. Please make sure it is labelled with your name and mobile number, and that you are in the Souk to sell it. JWAAD requests a percentage of the selling price to go towards venue hire.

Party Drinks/Food

At the Harem night and fancy dress (costume) party we provide Pimms, fruit juices and snacks. The Pimms usually runs out quickly(!), so you may want to bring your own drinks as well. We provide plastic cups, but it would be great if you could help the environment by bringing your own reusable glass or cup.

Accommodation

Our accommodation comprises two next-door houses, with a terrace and garden to chill out. The dining room and studios are a 5-minute walk from our houses. Please bear this in mind when planning your day. You may want to carry everything you need with you, to avoid trips back to the houses.

Rooms are not ensuite but there are modern bath and shower rooms in every corridor. Most of the rooms are singles, and we have a small number of shared rooms. If you'd like to share a room please book quickly as these rooms often fill up fast. If you want to share with a friend or group (up to 4 in a room) please let us know their names. If you're coming on your own, we'll try to find sharers for you.

Please bear in mind that there are no locks on the bedroom doors. Cupboards and drawers can be locked, but you will need to bring your own medium sized padlock(s) (small luggage padlocks are not big enough). Summer School is run on trust and respect, and we have had no reports of missing items in the past.

Bedrooms are on the first and second floors. There are lifts, but they have been known to stop working. Please let us know if you cannot climb stairs.

What happens when I arrive?

- Registration for the 7-day course will be between 3:30pm and 5:30pm on Thursday 15th August.
- Registration for the 5-day course will be between 3:30pm and 5:30pm on Saturday 17th August.
- Registration for the 3-day course will be between 3:30pm and 5:30pm on Thursday 15th August
- Registration for the 2-day course will be between 3:30pm and 5:30pm on Friday 16th August.

Registration is in Beresford house. There will be a sign on the main drive pointing left to the house.

Our team of Angels will check you in, give you your timetable and show you to your room. From then on, you're welcome to wander around and enjoy the grounds, make a cup of tea or coffee or go to one of the cafes, catch up with friends and meet new ones.

Please meet in the garden at 5:45pm for a guided walk to learn which rooms and studios we'll be using for classes (we don't use the same rooms every year, so even the regulars can gain from this walk).

We will go straight to supper after the walk, and then we all meet for an induction talk by Jo at 7:30pm (see timetable for where the talk will be). We ask that everyone comes for the talk, even if you have been to Summer School before, as there is often new and important information.

The first classes are straight after this talk. We recommend that you bring (or wear) your class clothes and bring your water bottle or anything you need for class with you, as there will be no time to go to your room to change. For dancers arriving on Saturday, the talk will be in our accommodation building, followed by the Harem party, so you can easily go to your room to change, either before or after the talk.

What happens when I leave?

- The 2 and 3-day courses finish after the afternoon classes on Sunday 18th August.
- The 5 and 7-day courses finish after lunch on Thursday 22nd August.

On the last day (Thursday 22nd August) please be out of your room by 2pm latest (you can leave your luggage in the reception area until you leave). The Angels need time to check all the rooms for lost property before they leave.

Getting to Summer School

The address of the venue is: Wellington College, Byron Drive, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG45 7PU (about 35 miles South West of London). Please see below for directions by train and car (if you're using a Satnav please see alternative postcode below).

By Train:

Minibus Service:

We have a free minibus service between Wokingham Station and Beresford House. It will be outside the main station entrance and is black, with 'Wellington College' written on it.

If you are arriving outside the minibus times and want to use a taxi, go to Wokingham Station (which is a 15-minute drive from the college). If you can easily walk with your luggage we suggest you to go to Crowthorne Station instead as you can walk to the college from there in less than 10 minutes. There are no taxis outside Crowthorne Station.

The minibus will be running between Wokingham Station and the college between 3:30pm and 5:30pm on Thursday 15th, Friday 16th, Sunday 18th, and between 1:30pm and 3pm on Thursday 22nd August. The minibus will not be running outside these times, so if you arrive late please call one of the taxi numbers below.

We will be giving the driver a list of people to collect, so if you would like to use this service **please let us know now** so we can put you on the list. The driver will stop the service when he has collected everyone on the list. If you are not on the list you may have to use a taxi.

To Wokingham Station:

From London: For direct trains go to London Waterloo Station (platform 19). It seems trains leave Waterloo every half an hour, but please check before you travel. The journey to Wokingham takes just over 1 hour. This seems to be the cheapest way to get there.

You can also get a train from London Paddington Station (platform number depends on departure time), changing trains at Reading Station. Trains leave Paddington every 10-30 minutes and leave Reading every 10-20 minutes. The journey takes about 1 hour. This route seems to be about £5 more expensive than from Waterloo.

From Heathrow Airport: Please note: you have to book tickets in advance, as you cannot buy normal tickets at the station. From Heathrow Airport (Terminals 1, 2 & 3 - platform 2) get a train to Hayes & Harlington Station. From Hayes & Harlington get a train to Reading Station and a 3rd train from Reading to Wokingham Station. Trains leave Heathrow every 30 minutes, leave Hayes & Harlington every 30 minutes, and from Reading every 10-20 minutes. This journey takes up to 1 hour 30 minutes.

You can also get a train from Heathrow to London Paddington, and follow instructions above from there, but it will be a little more expensive this way.

From Gatwick Airport: There are direct trains from Gatwick Airport (platform 2) to Wokingham Station. The journey takes just over an hour and these trains leave Gatwick every 1 hour. You can also get a train from Gatwick to Redhill Station and from Redhill to Wokingham. This journey takes about 1 hour 30 minutes. These trains also leave Gatwick every 1 hour. Make sure you know which train you are on from Gatwick as every other train takes the different route.

From Stansted Airport: This is a long journey with 2-3 changes of train. If you are coming to Stansted Airport please check ojp.nationalrail.co.uk before you book your flights.

From Luton Airport: This is a long journey with 2-3 changes of train. If you are coming to Stansted Airport please check ojp.nationalrail.co.uk before you book your flights.

To Crowthorne Station (no minibus or taxis – you'll need to walk)

Crowthorne Station is a 10-minute walk from the college. Come out of the station and turn right. Walk along the road (past shops) and take the 2nd turning on the right, which is the entrance to the college. When you go through the main college gate, walk straight until you see the main school on your right. Follow the 'JWAAD Summer School' sign, which takes you left, through the trees and to our houses.

From London: Go to Wokingham Station (see directions above), and change trains to Crowthorne. Trains to Crowthorne run every half an hour and the journey is 5 minutes.

From Heathrow Airport: Take a train from Terminal 5 to London Paddington station (30 minutes). At Paddington station take a train to Reading station (26 minutes). At Reading station take a train to Crowthorne station (14 minutes).

Or:

Go to Heathrow Central Bus Station and take a bus to Reading (less than 1 hour). Walk from Reading Bus to Reading Train Station and get a train to Crowthorne Station. Check out train times as trains to Crowthorne are less often.

From Gatwick Airport: Take a train either to Guildford station (40 minutes) or to Redhill station (15 minutes). At Guildford station take a train to Crowthorne Station (30 minutes) or from Redhill station to Crowthorne station (1 hour 15 minutes).

From Stansted Airport: This is a long journey with 3–4 changes of train. If you are coming to Stansted Airport please check ojp.nationalrail.co.uk before you book your flights.

From Luton Airport: This is a long journey with 4 changes of train. If you are coming to Stansted Airport please check ojp.nationalrail.co.uk before you book your flights.

We will have details of return trains at Summer School.

Taxi numbers:

Crowthorne Cabs – 01344 777 400

Crowthorne Taxis – 01344 970 330

Owlsmoor Cars – 01276 36800

Sandhurst Taxis – 01276 22888

Bees Taxis – 0118 973 6969

Taylor Hanson – 01344 751 176

By Car:

Do not use the college postcode in your SatNav as it will take you to a locked gate on the other side of the college. The best postcode to use is **RG45 6DT**, which is in Fincham End Drive. The entrance to Wellington College (Byron Drive) is on the opposite side of the main road (Duke's Ride, B3348). Be warned: if you put the college postcode into Google Maps it will take you to a locked gate (*see below for directions from the locked gate*).

If you find yourself at Crowthorne Station, turn right into Dukes Ride, drive past a few shops and houses and take the 2nd right, which is Wellington College.

If you find yourself at the locked gate, turn round and go back to the main road (Sandhurst Road). Turn left and drive towards Crowthorne village. At the mini roundabout turn left into Church Road. Drive all the way to the end and then turn left into Dukes Ride and then 1st left into Byron Drive.

When you come through the college gates, drive straight, until you see the main college building and car park on your right (after the big cricket pitch). On the left you'll see a sign to JWAAD Summer School. Turn left there and the road will bring you to the front of Beresford House. You can park for a short time to offload your luggage. Then **please move your car back down the road to the main college car park**. The car park at the front of our houses is for college staff and JWAAD management only.

By car from the North:

M1 Junction 6A to M25 toward M40/Heathrow Airport.

M25 Junction 12 to M3 toward Southampton.

M3 Junction 3 towards Bracknell/ Woking.

At roundabout take 3rd exit onto A322 Bracknell Road towards Bagshot/Ascot/ Bracknell.

At roundabout take 1st exit to B3430 (Nine Mile Ride).

Follow signs to A3095 Crowthorne.

At roundabout take 1st exit to A3095 Forresters Way.

At roundabout take 3rd exit to B3348 Bracknell Road.

Keep going straight on into Dukes Ride.

Turn left when you see the main gates to Wellington College.

Within the grounds, take the 2nd left, which brings you to the accommodation houses.

By car from the South: M25 Junction 12 to M3. Follow directions above from M3.

By car from the West: M4 Junction 10 to A329(M) toward Wokingham/Bracknell.

At roundabout take 2nd exit.

At roundabout take 3rd exit onto Peacock Lane.

Go through 1 roundabout.

Take a slight left onto Old Wokingham Road.

At roundabout take 3rd exit onto Nine Mile Ride (B3430).

At roundabout take 1st exit onto New Wokingham Road.

Turn right onto Duke's Ride (B3348).

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