



Use of Facilities

Downe House has a wide range of excellent academic, sporting and cultural facilities, and, as a full boarding-school, can offer a large number of bedrooms suitable for single, double and multiple occupancy. Its 110-acre site is probably unique in terms of the surroundings and the style of its buildings, with a Mediterranean/monastic feel in places and delightful wooded hillside, but is still very close to the A34 and the M4 and good rail links to London from Newbury.

Priority must always go to our pupils, but there is considerable scope for external use of facilities both in and out of term-time when they are not required for other purposes. Dependent on availability therefore, the School is keen to promote community and other usage, whether it be occasional or regular use of individual facilities to hire of the whole site during the holidays for a summer school.

The main individual facilities currently available are: a 4-lane 25 metre indoor swimming pool with seating for spectators, squash courts, a modern sports hall with gymnasium and dance area, a recently modernised and well-equipped performing arts centre, and a smaller concert room with excellent acoustics. Further possibilities include the brand new digital language laboratory, and it is also hoped to be able to offer a full-sized all-weather pitch before the end of the year.

Current users include: Prior's Court School, Buddies Charity and Newbury Swimming Club (swimming pool); the English Lacrosse Association (lacrosse pitches); and Lines Languages (whole site). Dependent on the nature of the organisation, facilities may be made available free of charge (charities and local schools), at a subsidised rate (local community groups), or on a fully commercial basis. Subject to negotiation and the provision of necessary guarantees, all users must be able to enter into an agreement with the School that will satisfy all requirements relating to, amongst other things, insurance, Health and Safety and child protection.

If you are interested in using any of Downe House's facilities, please apply in the first instance to the [Bursar](#).