



**Dear Diver,**

## **PADI OPEN WATER COURSE**

Many thanks for signing up for your PADI Open Water course with us.

You are now one step closer to join an exclusive group of people who can explore the underwater world. Once qualified you will be able to dive anywhere around the world to 18m.

**There are three parts to completing your course:**

### **1. Theory**

You should receive your 'PADI Open Water Digital e-learning', by e-mail directly from PADI within 48 hours of signing up to your course (please check your Junk Mail if you haven't received it before contacting us). Once received you can register it using your e-mail address.

This eLearning is browser-based and uses Flash player, which is not compatible with quite a few browsers on mobile devices. However, if you wish to study on your mobile device, you can download the Puffin Web Browser app (a link for this below) – this will allow you to access the materials and view the pages which use Flash player.

Please note you will still need to be connected to the internet to do this. There is no option to download the materials and access them offline!

<https://www.puffinbrowser.com/mobile/>

Below is also a direct link to the eLearning login page. Once you have created your account, following the instructions in the registration email, then go to this site and enter your details to access the materials.

<http://elearning.padi.com/10.cfm>

Could you ensure that the knowledge reviews at the end of each of the 5 sections of the theory and exam are completed in time for the pool. Please be aware that the theory



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normally takes around 8-10 hours to complete but it can be split up in to several sessions – don't leave it until the last minute!

Please bring a copy your knowledge development summary to the pool and hand it to your instructor (this has all of your scores on it). If you do not have a printer then [e-mail](#) it to us in advance and we can print it out on your behalf. If you have any technical difficulties then PADI customer services will be glad to assist, you can call them on 0117 300 7234.

### **\*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\***

Please download and complete the [PADI Liability forms](#) and [PADI Medical Forms](#) and bring them with you on the day. Please note that [if you answer 'yes' to any of the questions on the medical statement](#) then we would need a note from your doctor saying that you are okay to dive. If you answer 'yes' and do not have a note from your GP then your instructor is not allowed to let you dive. No note is required if you answer 'no'.

## **2. Pool dive**

Your instructor will meet you at the swimming pool at Upper Grange at 09:30 and aim to be finished by 14:00, please [click here](#) for map. There is plenty of free parking next to the pool.

**Address:** Upper Grange, Newington, OX107AD

When you arrive at the buildings shown in the picture below (which is where most SatNavs take you to), then turn up the lane by the grey car. Follow the lane all the way to the end where you will find Upper Grange, a private estate.

Press the buzzer and the gates will open. Then drive to the end of the drive and park in front of the house where your instructor will meet you.

**What to bring** – PADI forms, knowledge reviews, swimwear, towel and any diving equipment you may own (we will have everything there anyway if you don't).

It's also a good idea to bring a bottle of water and you can wear contact lenses inside your mask if you wear them (just keep your eyes closed when doing the mask skills!). You may wish to have some snacks / food ready for the drive home.

## **3. Open Water Dives**

If you have booked you're the full course with us then you will receive a second booking confirmation by e-mail that will have separate details for the open water dives.

**For Referral Students** (theory & pool and complete the training dives abroad)

These can be done at any PADI dive centre around the world and must be completed within 12 months of your pool session. We recommend that you do these within 2-3 months though to keep your new dive skills fresh in your memory.

If you would like to complete your course in the UK with us then just give us a call on 0800 699 0243 or e-mail [info@oysterdiving.com](mailto:info@oysterdiving.com). Alternatively, our [Travel Centre](#) would be glad to provide you with a quote for a holiday or short break.



If you haven't done so already, we do recommend purchasing your own mask, snorkel, boots and fins. These are available through our [dive shop](#) and can be bought along to your first pool session.

We receive many questions about "should I own my own equipment" so to make it easy we have written a [short blog to help you](#).

If you are interested in hearing about any trips we are running, special offers or would like to keep in touch then please like our [Facebook page](#).

If you would like to qualify to dive deeper then you can talk to your instructor about our [Advanced Open Water course](#).

Thanks again for booking your course with us and we look forward seeing you soon and starting your underwater adventure.

**See you soon,  
The Team at Oyster Diving**

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## Directions

### **Dean Close School**

Shelburne Road  
Cheltenham  
Glos  
GL51 6HE

[Click here for Google Map](#)

**Dean Close School** is located on Shelburne Road, off Lansdown Road. Coming from the Gloucester/M5 direction there is a no right turn into Shelburne Road from Lansdown Road. Therefore, you need to take the Gloucester Road - Queens Road - Christchurch Road - Lansdown Road route, which brings you up to Shelburne Road on the left.

On arrival in Cheltenham from:

### **BIRMINGHAM or the NORTH**

Travel south on the M5 to exit 11, then take the A40 towards Cheltenham and locate the School using the map opposite.

**EVESHAM and WINCHCOMBE** Follow signs towards 'town centre' until you pick up signs for 'A40 Gloucester' taking you through the middle of town. Using the map opposite you will find the School on your left hand side.

**OXFORD, CIRENCESTER and STROUD** Follow signs for 'A40 Gloucester' through Cheltenham. As you leave the town, use the map opposite to locate the School from the A40.

**The SOUTH and WEST** Travelling north on the M5, exit at jct 11. Follow the A40 towards Cheltenham and locate Dean Close using the map opposite.

**TEWKESBURY** Travelling on the A4019 follow signs for 'town centre', turning right at the junction signed for 'A40 Gloucester'. Then follow the map opposite. The School is on your left as you leave Cheltenham.

**Travelling by rail:** From London Paddington, Birmingham New Street and Bristol there are regular trains to Cheltenham. 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](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**Local Taxi companies:** A2B - 01242 580580 727 - 01242 523523 Map DCS The Facts Senior School 2011:DCS The Facts Senior School 09 13/09/2011 09:55 Page 25