



2023-2024



GUERNSEY ROYAL COURT

NORMAL TIMES OF SITTINGS

- The Court of Chief Pleas will take place on the 2nd October, 2023 (with next year's sitting scheduled for 30th September, 2024).
- The Royal Court (Commercial/Ordinary Court) (Jurats' business) will sit at 10.15am on the dates set out below.
- The Royal Court (Full Court) sits at 9.30am on the dates set out below. The sittings marked "Admission Day" are the only dates on which aspirants can be called to the Bar.
- The Ordinary Court (Bailiff's business) will sit every working Friday at 9.30am followed by Interlocutory business.
- The Royal Court Matrimonial Causes Division will sit unrobed at 10.00 am on the dates set out below to consider judicial separation applications by consent, and all other matrimonial matters at 10.30 am on those days (Matrimonial Interlocutory Court).
- The Royal Court Criminal Division will sit robed at 2.30pm on the dates set out below for Plea and Directions Hearings. Counsel and defendants to be present at 2.15pm (unless otherwise advised).
- The Royal Court Criminal Division will sit from 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 10.15am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday during Criminal Trials and Appeals weeks (unless otherwise advised).
- The Contract Court sits every working Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am (unless otherwise advised).
- The Liquor Licence Court will sit every working Tuesday at 9.45am following Contract Court.
- The Guardianship Court will sit every working Thursday at 9.45am following Contract Court.
- The Royal Court vacation, during which Court hearings will be kept to a minimum, will run from 5th August to 30th August, 2024 inclusive (Criminal Division & Civil Division).

PLEASE NOTE: FROM TIME TO TIME IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ALTER SOME OF THE COURT DATES.

Michaelmas Quarter

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Chief Pleas Oct 02 Commercial/Ordinary Court Oct 03 Plea and Directions Hearings Oct 05 **Full Court** Oct 09 Criminal Trials and Appeals Week Oct 09 **Matrimonial Interlocutory Court** Oct 10 Criminal Trials and Appeals Week Oct 16 Commercial/Ordinary Court - 10th Plaids d'Heritage Oct 17 **Matrimonial Interlocutory Court** Oct 24 Plea and Directions Hearings Oct 26 Commercial/Ordinary Court Oct 31 Matrimonial Interlocutory Court Nov 07 Plea and Directions Hearings Nov 09 Full Court - Admission Day Nov 13 Criminal Trials and Appeals Week Nov 13 Commercial/Ordinary Court – 11th Plaids d'Heritage Nov 14 Nov 20 Criminal Trials and Appeals Week Matrimonial Interlocutory Court Nov 21 Commercial/Ordinary Court Nov 28 Plea and Directions Hearings Nov 30 Court of Appeal Week Dec 04 **Matrimonial Interlocutory Court** Dec 05 **Full Court** Dec 11 Criminal Trials and Appeals Week Dec 11 Commercial/Ordinary Court – 12th Plaids d'Heritage Dec 12 Criminal Trials and Appeals Week Dec 18 Matrimonial Interlocutory Court Dec 19 Plea and Directions Hearings Dec 21

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Matrimonial Interlocutory Court Jan 02 Plea and Directions Hearings Jan 04 Criminal Trials and Appeals Week Jan 08 Commercial/Ordinary Court – 1st Plaids d'Heritage Jan 09 **Full Court** Jan 15 Criminal Trials and Appeals Week Jan 15 **Matrimonial Interlocutory Court** Jan 16 Commercial/Ordinary Court Jan 23 Plea and Directions Hearings Jan 25 Matrimonial Interlocutory Court Jan 30 Full Court - Admission Day Feb₀₅ Criminal Trials and Appeals Week Feb₀₅ Commercial/Ordinary Court – 2nd Plaids d'Heritage Feb 06 Plea and Directions Hearings Feb₀₈ Court of Appeal Week Feb 12 **Matrimonial Interlocutory Court** Feb 13 Criminal Trials and Appeals Week Feb 19 Commercial/Ordinary Court Feb 20 **Matrimonial Interlocutory Court** Feb 27 Plea and Directions Hearings Feb 29 Commercial/Ordinary Court – 3rd Plaids d'Heritage Mar 05 **Full Court** Mar 11 Criminal Trials and Appeals Week Mar 11 Matrimonial Interlocutory Court Mar 12 Criminal Trials and Appeals Week Mar 18 Commercial/Ordinary Court Mar 19 Plea and Directions Hearings Mar 21 **Matrimonial Interlocutory Court** Mar 26

Spring Quarter

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Commercial/Ordinary Court	Apr 02
Plea and Directions Hearings	Apr 04
Full Court	Apr 08
Criminal Trials and Appeals Week	Apr 08
Matrimonial Interlocutory Court	Apr 09
Court of Appeal Week	Apr 15
Commercial/Ordinary Court – 4 th Plaids d'Heritage	Apr 16
Criminal Trials and Appeals Week	Apr 22
Matrimonial Interlocutory Court	Apr 23
Plea and Directions Hearings	Apr 25
Commercial/Ordinary Court	Apr 30
Matrimonial Interlocutory Court	May 07
Full Court – Admission Day	May 13
Criminal Trials and Appeals Week	May 13
Commercial/Ordinary Court – 5 th Plaids d'Heritage	May 14
Plea and Directions Hearing	May 16
Criminal Trials and Appeals Week	May 20
Matrimonial Interlocutory Court	May 21
Commercial/Ordinary Court	May 28
Matrimonal Interlocutory Court	Jun 04
Plea and Directions Hearings	Jun 06
Full Court	Jun 10
Criminal Trials and Appeals Week	Jun 10
Commercial/Ordinary Court – 6 th Plaids d'Heritage	Jun 11
Criminal Trials and Appeals Week	Jun 17
Matrimonial Interlocutory Court	Jun 18
Commercial/Ordinary Court	Jun 25
Plea and Directions Hearings	Jun 27

Summer Quarter

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Matrimonial Interlocutory Court	Jul 02
Court of Appeal Week	Jul 08
Commercial/Ordinary Court – 7 th Plaids d'Heritage	Jul 09
Full Court	Jul 15
Criminal Trials and Appeals Week	Jul 15
Matrimonial Interlocutory Court	Jul 16
Plea and Directions Hearings	Jul 18
Criminal Trials and Appeals Week	Jul 22
Commercial/Ordinary Court	Jul 23
Matrimonial Interlocutory Court	Jul 30
Plea and Directions Hearings	Aug 01
Commercial/Ordinary Court – 8 th Plaids d'Heritage	Aug 06
Matrimonial Interlocutory Court	Aug 13
Plea and Directions Hearings	Aug 15
Commercial/Ordinary Court	Aug 20
Matrimonial Interlocutory Court	Aug 27
Plea and Directions Hearings	Aug 29
Criminal Trials and Appeals Week	Sep 02
Commercial/Ordinary Court – 9 th Plaids d'Heritage	Sep 03
Full Court – Admission Day	Sep 09
Criminal Trials and Appeals Week	Sep 09
Matrimonial Interlocutory Court	Sep 10
Plea and Directions Hearings	Sep 12
Court of Appeal Week	Sep 16
Commercial/Ordinary Court	Sep 17
Criminal Trials and Appeals Week	Sep 23
Matrimonial Interlocutory Court	Sep 24