

## **Hampshire County Council's Post-16 Transport Policy Statement - Academic Year 2019/20**

**Transport policy statement for young people aged 16-18 in further education, continuing learners aged 19 and those young people aged 19 – 24 (inclusive) with learning difficulties and/or disabilities**

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# **1. Introduction**

Local authorities do not have to provide free or subsidised post-16 travel support but do have a duty to prepare and publish an annual transport policy statement specifying the arrangements for the provision of transport or other support that the authority considers it necessary to facilitate the attendance of all persons of sixth form age receiving education or training.

Young people carrying on their education post-16 and requiring Local Authority assistance with travel would need to submit a request for travel support.

'Sixth form age' refers to those young people who are over 16 years of age but under 19 or continuing learners who started their programme of learning before their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday (years 12,13,14).

The 'adult duty' means Local Authorities also have a duty to encourage, enable and assist young people with learning difficulties / disabilities to participate in education and training, up to and including the age of 24.

This policy uses the term 'Post 16' to include both learners of sixth form age and those with learning difficulties / disabilities up to and including the age of 24.

This policy document specifies the support that Hampshire County Council considers necessary to facilitate the attendance of Post 16 learners receiving education or training.

Education or training refers to learning or training at a school, further education institution, a council maintained or assisted institution providing higher or further education, an establishment funded directly by the Education Skills Funding Agency, learning providers delivering accredited programmes of learning which lead to positive outcomes and are funded by the council, for example, colleges, charities and private learning providers.

# **2. Aims and Objectives**

The council has the following aims and objectives when assessing transport / travel support:

- Hampshire County Council and its post-16 providers are committed to ensuring transport is available to enable students to access education and training as set out in this policy statement.
- When offered, support is provided by either the Council or post-16 providers.
- There is no automatic eligibility for Hampshire County Council funded home to school transport once a student is no longer of statutory school age. The authority has considered its resources and the travel to college opportunities for students. Students

can attend a college of choice and, if needed, apply to their college's student support for travel assistance.

- The cost and mechanical process of transporting young people with special educational needs is greater and more complex. Hampshire County Council recognises that families may need travel assistance to ensure that post-16 special needs or disabled students can access a place that is suitable for their needs and so do offer, under discretionary powers, travel assistance that may require an annual parental contribution.

### **3. Transport and travel support**

#### **a. Travel support from schools and colleges for young people aged 16 – 25 including public transport providers**

There are a number of public transport service providers in Hampshire. Colleges and schools in Hampshire also have their own travel arrangements but the situation does vary. See Appendix A for details of any transport or support available for students in Hampshire.

#### **b. Concessionary fares**

Post-16 students may be eligible to apply for a concessionary bus pass which can be used to get to and from college. Please click [here](#) for more information on concessionary travel.

#### **c. Other transport solutions**

Post 16 education providers and other agencies provide support with transport in certain cases, for example:

- My Journey - <https://myjourneyhampshire.com/>
- Cycle schemes
- Wheels to Work - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/wheelstowork>
- Brain in Hand - <http://braininhand.co.uk/>

### **4. The 16-19 Bursary Fund**

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help young people overcome specific barriers to participation so they can remain in education.

There are 2 types of 16 to 19 bursaries:

A vulnerable bursary of up to £1,200 per year for young people in one of the defined vulnerable groups below:

- in care
- care leavers
- in receipt of Income Support, or Universal Credit in place of Income Support, in their own right

- in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit and Disability Living or Personal Independence Payments in their own right

Discretionary bursaries which institutions award to meet individual needs, for example, help with the cost of transport, meals, books and equipment. To be eligible for the discretionary bursary young people must:

- be aged 16 or over but under 19 on 31 August 2019 or
- be aged 19 or over on 31 August 2019 and have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- be aged 19 or over on 31 August 2019 and continuing on a study programme they began aged 16 to 18 ('19+ continuers')
- be studying a programme that is subject to inspection by a public body which assures quality (such as Ofsted), the provision must also be funded by either a Government funding agency or the local authority

Schools and colleges are responsible for managing both types of bursary. Young people who want to apply for support from the bursary fund should contact their chosen school or college to make an application.

Further information can be found at [www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund](http://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund) to search for post 16 bursaries.

## **5. Young parents / Care to Learn**

If you are a young parent under 20, Care to Learn can help pay for your childcare and related travel costs, up to £160 per child per week, while you're learning.

Care to Learn can help with the cost of:

- childcare, including deposit and registration fees
- a childcare 'taster' session (up to 5 days)
- keeping your childcare place over the summer holidays
- taking your child to the childcare provider

### **a. Types of child care**

The childcare provider must be Ofsted registered and can be a:

- childminder
- pre-school playgroup
- day nursery
- out of school club

If your child needs specialist childcare, the provider must also be on the Care Quality Commission's register for specialist provision.

If you want a relative to get Care to Learn for looking after your child they need to be both:

- providing registered childcare for children they're not related to
- living apart from you and your child

## **b. Payments**

Childcare payments go directly to your childcare provider. Before your childcare provider can be paid:

- your childcare provider needs to confirm your child's attendance
- your school or college needs to confirm that you're attending your course

Payments for travel costs go to your school or college - they'll either pay you or arrange travel for you.

## **c. Attendance**

Payments will stop if:

- you stop attending your course
- you finish your course
- your child stops attending childcare

## **d. Eligibility**

You can get Care to Learn if:

- you're a parent under 20 at the start of your course
- you're the main carer for your child
- you live in England
- you're either a British citizen or a national of a [European Economic Area \(EEA\) country](#)
- your course is publicly funded (check with your school or college)
- your childcare provider is registered with Ofsted or the Care Quality Commission

## **e. Type of course**

Care to Learn is only available for courses in England that have some public funding.

This includes courses that take place in:

- schools
- school sixth forms
- sixth form colleges
- other colleges and learning providers, including Foundation Learning
- your community at Children's Centres

Young parents are also entitled to apply for an Under 19 Bus Only Ticket or for those aged 19 and over can apply for the 19 – 25 card.

## **6. Hampshire County Council support**

### **a. Hampshire County Council support for students without special educational needs or disabilities**

Post-16 students without special educational needs or disabilities should [contact their sixth form school or college](#) directly for details on available transport. Those who require assistance with the cost of transport to their chosen post-16 establishment should apply to the sixth form school or college 16 to 19 Bursary Fund.

### **b. Hampshire County Council support for students with special educational needs or a disability**

Hampshire County Council may provide assistance with travel for post-16 students with special educational needs or a disability in exceptional circumstances where it is demonstrated that assistance is necessary to facilitate a student's attendance at their placement and they cannot access their placement by any other means. The following factors are considered when assessing a request for assistance with travel:

- A student must be 16 years or older on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019
- The student must be a Hampshire resident
- Assistance may be offered if the student has either an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) or a disability that means they require support with travel
- If the student has a current Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), the student must be attending 'the nearest most appropriate placement'. A course is deemed appropriate where it enables a student to meet their career objectives and is *designed specifically* to meet the special needs of the student.
  - If the course or programme is not specifically designed to meet the needs of those with an SEN, travel assistance may be given to the nearest provider offering an appropriate course.
- The distance between the student's home address and the placement will be measured and transport assistance will be considered for those that live more than 3 miles by the nearest available walking route
- Requests will also be considered for students who live less than 3 miles from their placement if:
  - they have a disability that affects their ability to walk or
  - they need to be accompanied by an adult (usually parent/carer) who has a disability that affects their ability to walk
- The need to take other primary-aged siblings who are attending their catchment or nearer school will be considered, where the timing of the school day or the direction of the other school(s) prevent the parent/carer from accompanying the student to their placement.
- The availability of alternative modes of transport.

There are no low income requirements to receive assistance with travel assistance.

### **c. Parents/carers should note the following restrictions:**

- Where the distance between a pick-up / drop-off point and home / college is less than 1.5 miles, the Council will not normally provide transport for that part of the journey, however:
  - Transport assistance may be provided for students within these distances where this is recommended following an assessment of their individual needs.
  - The factors used when considering walking distances, as detailed above, apply in these circumstances.
- Transport assistance will not be offered to destinations other than the placement and home.
- Transport assistance will not be tailored to individual timetables and will only be provided at the beginning and the end of the day.

### **d. Travel assistance for students over the age of 19 with learning difficulties or disabilities**

- Students over the age of 19 may be offered transport assistance if they are subject to an Education Health and Care plan (EHCP).
- Transport assistance for students with learning difficulties or disabilities will be reviewed at the age of 19.
- Parents/carers must apply annually for transport assistance. If offered, transport assistance can be provided either up to the age of 24 or until the student completes the course, whichever is the earliest.
- When assessing a request for transport assistance, the considerations and restrictions (as detailed above) are also relevant for post-19 students.

### **e. Parent/carer contribution**

Home to School Transport costs Hampshire County Council over £30 million each year. The average cost of providing transport assistance to post-16 passengers is almost £7,000 each year.

Where transport assistance is offered to students aged 16 - 18, or post-19 students on a continuation course (that began before their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday), a parental contribution towards the cost of this transport will be required. This is a fixed rate which cannot be offered pro-rata for individual timetables or circumstances. The cost will be decided by applying the following charging schedule:

| <b>Distance to travel</b> | <b>Annual charge</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Up to 5 miles             | £600                 |
| 5.01 miles to 7.5 miles   | £831                 |

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| 7.51 miles to 10 miles | £1,164 |
| Over 10 miles          | £1,330 |

Where transport assistance is offered, parents/carers of post-19 students up to and including 24, who started their course after their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, will not be required to pay a contribution towards the cost of transport.

The parental contribution will be waived when the student's parents are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided the parent/carer is not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your annual household income must be less than £7,400 (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

***Payment for the first term of travel or proof of exemption must be received before transport will commence.***

## **f. Refunds**

Please note that if the travel starts at any time during the first half of any term or ends at any time during the second half of any term, the full termly cost will be due.

If travel starts at any time during the second half of any term or ends at any time during the first half of any term, half the termly cost will be due.

All refunds will be made on this basis.

## **g. Type of transport offered**

The type of transport offered will be the most cost effective transport solution for the Council. Parents/carers must be able to evidence that they have explored all other options, including public transport, prior to submitting a transport request.

The Council will try to incorporate your child's transport in an existing contracted vehicle (most likely a minibus or taxi) serving the base your child attends. If no such transport is available then the Council will procure a vehicle for your child. Parents/carers must note that the transport can change throughout the academic year, with the inclusion and removal of students at any time, and therefore the exact pick up and drop off times are subject to change.

## **h. Travel training**

Hampshire County Council provides some mobility/independence training for students with learning difficulties or disabilities. Children in special schools will be subject to transition plans in year 9 and independence training can form part of that plan. Some colleges also provide mobility/independence training.

## **i. Apprenticeships**

Students attending post-16 training providers will be considered following the factors detailed above.

Students in apprenticeships with employed status are not considered for assistance with travel.

## **j. Those not in education, employment or training (NEET)**

In addition to the support offered by Hampshire County Council to post-16 students as detailed above, post-16 providers may also provide financial support towards transport costs for certain students such as; young parents, those from low income families, those at risk of being Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs).

This financial support is determined by the post-16 provider and is often based on how they have locally determined to use 'hardship' funds.

## **k. Hampshire County Council support in other circumstances**

Some students with complex and/or severe needs are placed in a residential out of county special school or college because there is no appropriate provision available locally. Such students may receive travel assistance at the beginning and end of each term, half term and at other school/college closures. Any additional transport will be the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange.

## **l. Additional eligibility criteria**

The Council may provide assistance with transport to support students attending providers outside of the county but would need to consider students' circumstances as per the factors detailed above. The post-16 provider may also be able to provide some support.

Students attending providers in Hampshire but living outside the county should apply to their home Local Authority for assistance. However, providers themselves may provide assistance and are not bound by county boundaries.

## **7. Applying for Hampshire County Council travel assistance**

Students wishing to request support with travel assistance can do so via the [Hampshire County Council website](#) where further details are available. Hampshire County Council will

consider any application against the criteria detailed in this document.

Students may also wish to apply to their school / college directly for help. Click [here](#) for a list of colleges in Hampshire.

**Parents/carers must make a new transport request each academic year and include up-to-date evidence which will be used to consider the new request.**

## **8. Appeals**

Parents/carers can challenge a decision regarding:

- the outcome of their transport request;
- the transport arrangements offered;
- the distance measurement in relation to statutory walking distances; and
- the safety of the route

Appeals must be submitted in writing to Entitlement Officer, Children's Services Department, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8UG.

The full Review/Appeals Process is detailed within Hampshire County Council's Home to School Transport Policy, and also applies to all post-16 students: [Home to School Transport Policy document](#)

Complaints regarding any aspect of the policy statement must first be taken up with the Local Authority in writing to Home to School Transport Manager, Children's Services Department, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8UG. If this does not result in a satisfactory outcome, young people or their families may complain to the Secretary of State.

## Appendix A - College and sixth form school details

Please see below a list of Hampshire colleges and sixth form providers, including neighbouring colleges and sixth form providers that Hampshire students often choose to attend. Clicking on the college name will take you to the individual establishments' travel information. ***In most cases, information and figures provided are for the 2018/19 academic year.*** For full, up to date, travel information for each college please refer to the relevant college website (links are provided).

### **Hampshire establishments:**

[ALTON COLLEGE](#)

[ANDOVER COLLEGE](#)

[BARTON PEVERIL COLLEGE, EASTLEIGH](#)

[BASINGSTOKE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY](#)

[BROCKENHURST COLLEGE](#)

[EASTLEIGH COLLEGE](#)

[FAREHAM COLLEGE](#)

[FARNBOROUGH COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY](#)

[THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, FARNBOROUGH](#)

[HAVANT COLLEGE](#)

[PETER SYMMONDS COLLEGE](#)

[QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE, BASINGSTOKE](#)

[RICHARD TAUNTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, SOUTHAMPTON](#)

[SPARSHOLT COLLEGE](#)

[ST VINCENT SIXTH FORM COLLEGE](#)

[TOTTON COLLEGE](#)

### **Out of county establishments:**

[CHICHESTER COLLEGE](#)

[GUILDFORD COLLEGE & MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE](#)

[HIGHBURY COLLEGE, PORTSMOUTH](#)

[NEWBURY COLLEGE](#)

[PORTSMOUTH COLLEGE](#)

[SOUTHAMPTON CITY COLLEGE](#)

## **ALTON COLLEGE**

- Stagecoach buses serve Alton College. Annual or termly Unirider bus passes can be purchased directly from the Stagecoach website: [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com). The Unirider pass can be used at any time within the chosen ticket zone.
- Stagecoach bus routes to the College include: Andover, Winchester, Romsey, Eastleigh, Basingstoke, Aldershot and Camberley. Visit the website for the comprehensive map of the areas the bus route(s) cover.
- The College offers termly season tickets for South West train journeys to Alton at discounted rates. Tickets can be purchased via the college online store: <http://store.altoncollege.ac.uk>. Alton train station is within easy walking distance of the College.
- For low income households, the 16 – 19 Discretionary Bursary can provide financial support towards travel (bus or train) to Alton College. Further information can be found on the College website: <http://www.altoncollege.ac.uk/sixth-form/funding-and-finance>
- Students who live in Surrey can apply for a Surrey Fare Card which offers discounts on bus and train services to and from their home. For further information please see the students Fare Card Scheme website: <http://new.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/schooltransport/16-transport-to-school-or-college/student-fare-card-scheme>

**Link to the college website:** [www.altoncollege.ac.uk](http://www.altoncollege.ac.uk)

## **ANDOVER COLLEGE**

Andover College offers a number of subsidised tickets on Campus buses, Stagecoach buses and South Western Railway. The annual cost is variable dependent upon your preferred travel choice, however all passes are payable in ten affordable interest free monthly instalments, if you apply before the start of term. You may also be able to apply for assistance with cost from the college's bursary fund.

| <b>Transport Service</b>   | <b>Annual Cost</b> |
|--|--------------------|
| <b>Campus Bus:</b> Durrington, Shipton Bellinger, Larkhill, Shewton, Amesbury, Boscombe Down | £495               |
| <b>Stagecoach Goldrider:</b> Any Stagecoach bus in Hampshire or Wiltshire                    | £560               |

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| <b>Stagecoach Megarider:</b> Routes in Andover Town Centre only, operated by Stagecoach        | £290      |
| <b>South West Trains:</b> Winchester, Basingstoke, Whitchurch, Overton, Salisbury and Grateley | £630      |
| <b>College Direct Service:</b> Areas with little or no public service (see below)              | £590      |
| <b>Students travelling from Tidworth, Ludgershall or Chute</b>                                 | See below |

### **College Direct Service:**

If you require travel to Andover College and there is no public service from your area to get you to the college it may be possible for the college to subsidise a Campus service from your area. This will be dependant on student numbers and financial viability. It is important to register your interest when you complete your online registration forms for the college. Areas previously covered include: The Wallops, The Winterbournes, Pewsey, Broughton and Upavon.

### **Students travelling from Tidworth, Ludgershall or Chute:**

For students residing in the Ludgershall, Tidworth or Chute areas Wiltshire Council are able to provide a subsidised travel pass. If your annual income for the tax year ending April 2018 was under £20,819 you were able to obtain a pass for the 2018/19 academic year through Wiltshire Council for £210. For further information please contact Wiltshire Council on 01225 713365.

### **Special Educational Needs Travel – Hampshire Students:**

For further details, review the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement or contact Hampshire County Council's Transport Team by emailing [school.transport@hants.gov.uk](mailto:school.transport@hants.gov.uk) or calling 01962 845327

### **How do I know what pass to order?**

For independent travel advice please go to [www.travelinesw.com](http://www.travelinesw.com)

Alternatively, if you know your local provider please see the following websites or telephone for timetable information:

- [www.stagecoachbus.com/](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/) / 0345 121 0190

- [www.southwesternrailway.com](http://www.southwesternrailway.com) / 0845 6000 650

**Link to the college website:** [www.andover.ac.uk](http://www.andover.ac.uk)

## **BARTON PEVERIL COLLEGE, EASTLEIGH**

The College are committed to enabling students who want to study at Barton Peveril to travel there easily. Those who can safely and easily walk to College are encouraged to do so. For those who cannot there are other options.

**Cycling:** The College provide cycle bays free of charge for students wishing to cycle to College. These bays are monitored by CCTV but bicycles are left at the student's own risk and must be secured at all times.

The cycle bays can be accessed with your student ID card. Requests for student ID cards to be updated to allow cycle locker access must be sent to [cycle@barton.ac.uk](mailto:cycle@barton.ac.uk).

**Mopeds and motorcycles:** There are bays on the college site available free of charge.

**Driving:** If you do not live on one of the college bus routes and are thinking about driving to college you should be aware that there is no on-site parking for students and there are parking restrictions in operation on roads adjacent to the college campus. Students are expected to park in accordance with the relevant parking regulations and be considerate of the neighbours.

**Bus Travel:** Details of the bus routes that serve Barton Peveril College can be found via the Getting Here section of college website [www.barton-peveril.ac.uk](http://www.barton-peveril.ac.uk)

**Trains:** Barton Peveril is serviced by good rail links via Southampton Airport Parkway and Eastleigh railway stations, both of which are a 20 minute walk away. Students are responsible for making their own arrangements for train travel.

### **Useful links:**

- [South West Trains](#)
- [The Trainline.com](#)
- [National Rail](#)

**Link to the college website:** <https://www.barton-peveril.ac.uk/getting-here2/cycling-other-transport/>

## **BASINGSTOKE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**

BCoT offer discounted travel packages and bursaries to their full-time students, which can be paid monthly, termly or annually. Students who live outside of Basingstoke and travel to and from college by train can receive a discount on their train tickets; whereas if you travel by bus from Zone 2 areas outside Basingstoke, their partnership with Stagecoach means you could qualify for as much as 25% off bus travel.

Visit BCoT's website to apply for financial and travel support:

[www.bcot.ac.uk/information/support-for-students](http://www.bcot.ac.uk/information/support-for-students)

If you wish to cycle to college, there is plenty of space for you to park your bike. Whilst there is car parking available at the college, this is strictly limited to students living outside of the Basingstoke area. If you live in Basingstoke, parking is only available to full time students aged 19 or over. Please note car parking charges apply.

A park and ride service is available from the Leisure Park at a discounted rate for BCoT students.

**Link to the college website:** [www.bcot.ac.uk/information/getting-here](http://www.bcot.ac.uk/information/getting-here)

## **BROCKENHURST COLLEGE**

*Brockenhurst College is easily accessible by train or via their extensive college bus network. Rail and bus passes can be purchased through the online [BrockShop](#) Instalment plans are available for annual or termly passes at no extra cost.*

Travelling by bus:

Their extensive bus network affords travel to Brockenhurst from Lymington, Christchurch, Wimborne, Salisbury, Ringwood, Fordingbridge, Totton and the Waterside plus numerous towns and villages in between. The Ringwood area is serviced by an additional lunchtime bus (C16).

The bus provision for the 2018/19 academic year will be fulfilled by Go South Coast (GSC) with all college bus passes valid for travel on the Blue Star 6, 8 & 9 services

and the More Bus X1/X2, X3 & X6 services from 07/09/2018. For further details please email: [travel@brock.ac.uk](mailto:travel@brock.ac.uk)

Brockenhurst services are registered with single and return fares available on all buses (£2.00 flat fare for C16). Passengers must have either an official College pass or a temporary pass (available from the [BrockShop](#) during opening hours) when travelling on college services. If they have neither, users will be asked to pay the standard fare for that service (payable to the driver) or to arrange alternative transport.

#### Travelling by train:

2018/19 rail passes are available to purchase from the [BrockShop](#)

Termly academic season passes from all stations within the South Western Rail network can be made available with pricing on a station by station basis. The validity of academic season passes has been extended for 2018/19 to include evening, weekend and half-term rail travel.

#### Travelling by car:

Parking permits for the student car park cost just £45.00 (£16.00 for bikes) and are available for purchase via the [Brock Shop](#)

Students must certify that they are in possession of valid insurance and MOT documents.

A one-way system is in place – all drivers must enter the site via the main college entrance and leave via North Road.

***Link to the college website: [www.brock.ac.uk/sixth-form/travelling-to-brock](http://www.brock.ac.uk/sixth-form/travelling-to-brock)***

## **EASTLEIGH COLLEGE**

Eastleigh College students aged 24 years and under can buy a discounted travel pass. Contact the student Finance team on 02380 648743 or visit the Student Finance Office to buy a pass.

Please contact the travel company directly if you have any queries relating to route numbers or travel times.

If you are aged 16-19 years, you may be eligible for subsidised or fully funded travel. Please visit the college website for more information or to apply.

***Eastleigh College's website provides very detailed information regarding the routes and prices and can be found here:***

**[www.eastleigh.ac.uk/student-support/bus-and-train-travel](http://www.eastleigh.ac.uk/student-support/bus-and-train-travel)**

## **FAREHAM COLLEGE**

The Bishopsfield Road, CEMAST and CETC campuses are easily accessible from a range of locations across the area and there are great transport links to make your journey to college as quick and straightforward as possible.

The college is located just off The Avenue (A27) in central Fareham on Bishopsfield Road. It is close to the M27 if travelling by car. Fareham train station is just a five-minute walk away and the bus station is a 20 minute walk from the college.

CEMAST and CETC are located on the Daedalus Airfield on the B3385 to Lee-on-the-Solent.

### **Buses:**

The campuses are easily accessible via bus and if you have a bus pass you will be able to use it throughout the entire First Bus network.

*Subsidised Bus Travel Scheme: The Fareham College Bus Travel Scheme has been developed to help full time students with the additional costs of travelling to and from college. The college offers bus passes at subsidised rates which cover the cost of travel for the whole college year.*

[Bus Pass Payment Guide](#)

### **Trains:**

Fareham Railway Station is approximately five minutes' walk from the Fareham College campus. Regular bus services also run from Fareham Railway Station to CEMAST.

### **Cycling:**

The campuses are accessible via cycle paths. Secure, covered cycle racks are also available. You will be offered free cycle wear if you sign up as a regular cycle user.

### **Parking:**

Parking, including motorbike parking and dedicated disabled parking, is available at the campuses and you can apply for a parking permit if you are planning on driving to college. Parking is limited however, so you are encouraged wherever possible to use public transport.

***Fareham College's website provides further details on transport including the subsidised bus pass options:***

**[www.fareham.ac.uk/college-overview/travel-subsidies-grants](http://www.fareham.ac.uk/college-overview/travel-subsidies-grants)**

## **FARNBOROUGH COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Farnborough College of Technology students travel in easily from a wide surrounding area. All full-time students can buy season tickets for bus and rail travel at reduced prices.

### **Unirider Bus Pass:**

Full time students are able to buy a 'Unirider' bus pass from Stagecoach for less than standard season tickets. The ticket allows travel across Hampshire, Surrey and Berkshire throughout the college year. For Farnborough students the total cost for the year is £412 (2018/19).

You can buy your Unirider Bus Pass online at [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com) under 'Student Tickets'.

If your pass is funded by a bursary, a member of the Learner Services team will issue the pass and you can collect it from the Learner Services Office (based in The Hub). If you have any questions about using your pass, you can contact the Stagecoach Smart Card Helpline on 0345 810 1000.

### **South West Trains Academic Season Pass:**

South West Trains offer reduced ticket prices to all full time students who purchase an Academic Season Pass through the college. These passes cost 15% less than you would pay for a full season ticket and are valid Monday – Friday during term time.

These passes must be purchased from the college and are issued on a termly basis. Pricing is based on a zonal system set out by South Western Railway. If you are a

student receiving a bursary your pass may be fully funded or you may have to contribute towards the cost depending on your location and funding requests.

You can buy your South West Trains Academic Season Pass online, from the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 through the College Store at: <http://estore.farn-ct.ac.uk/>.

For further information, please call the Learner Services team on either 01252 407394 or 01252 407313, or email [support@farn-ct.ac.uk](mailto:support@farn-ct.ac.uk), or visit the Learner Services Office (based in The Hub).

### **Students living in Surrey:**

Surrey County Council issues Student Fare Cards offering travel on buses or trains at reduced rates for journeys to and from college for students living in Surrey. Student Fare Cards are delivered to the college and will be available for collection from the Learner Services Office (based in The Hub) once they have arrived. To apply, visit the Surrey County Council website [here](#).

### **Walking and Cycling:**

Walking and cycling are good for your health and the environment. We have a number of cycle racks for you to lock your bike to at both our Farnborough and Aldershot sites and there are plenty of cycle and foot paths in the area. Visit <https://myjourneyhampshire.com> to plan your route.

### **Travel by bus:**

A number of bus routes serve Farnborough and Aldershot – visit [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info) to find out which routes are available to you.

### **Travel by Train:**

Farnborough is easily reached thanks to three stations within walking distance; Farnborough Main, Farnborough North, and North Camp. Both the main line between Southampton and London and the branch line between Guildford and Reading serve Farnborough.

Aldershot Railway Station is on the line between Alton and London, as well as Guildford and Alton. A regular bus route from the station stops at Ash Road, which is approximately a ten-minute walk from the college. Visit <https://www.southwesttrains.co.uk> for more information.

### **Travel by car:**

For the Farnborough site, SatNav users should enter GU14 7AA as their destination. This will take you to the Visitor Car Park.

For the Aldershot site, SatNav users should enter GU12 4PQ as their destination or follow signs for the college once in the North Town area.

Car Parking is available at both the Farnborough and Aldershot sites and is free of charge to all students.

***For more information, please visit Farnborough College of Technology's website: [www.farn-ct.ac.uk/college-life/travel](http://www.farn-ct.ac.uk/college-life/travel)***

## **THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, FARNBOROUGH**

There are several transport options to get to college. Some providers offer special rates for students travelling by bus or train. The college website gives information about the most popular routes, but it is important that you research your proposed route to ensure that you get the best value. You can find the college's information booklet [here](#) or contact Student Services on 01252 688317 for more information.

Transport application forms are available for first year students at the back of your Getting Ready booklet which you received when you attended Getting Ready Day. If you did not attend or are a second year student you can get an application form from Student Services.

### **Travel by bus:**

Stagecoach bus passes are available at a discounted rate. They can also be used outside of college hours and in the holidays. You can buy your pass online [here](#) using the following steps:

- Buy your ticket online
- Select 'Student Tickets' from the menu options
- Select either of the 'Farnborough 6<sup>th</sup> Form' ticket options from the list

When ordering you will need to have your college ID number to hand (your log in will be the last 5 digits).

Information about routes and prices is available [here](#).

### **Travel by train:**

College is well served for travel by rail with three stations within walking distance; Farnborough Main, Farnborough North and Frimley.

Tickets purchased will be for the designated route and can only be used during term time. Train tickets can be purchased from Student Services.

For more information about the routes and prices click [here](#).

### **Student Fare Card Scheme (for students who travel from Surrey):**

Offered to full-time students aged between 16-18 living in one of the 11 boroughs/districts of Surrey, this Surrey County Council scheme allows travel on buses or trains at reduced rates to and from college. The cost of the Student Fare Card is £25 and is valid from 1 September until the end of the following August. For more information and to apply, please visit the [Surrey CC website](#)

***For more information, please visit The Sixth Form College, Farnborough's website: <https://farnborough.ac.uk/lifefarnborough-traveltocollege>***

### **HAVANT AND SOUTH DOWNS COLLEGE ( HSDC)**

The College recognises travel costs should not be a barrier to engagement in education and as such offers a Travel and Financial Assistance Scheme to support students cover their cost of public transport.

They work closely with Stagecoach and First Group bus companies to provide discounted priced bus passes and as many direct routes to college as possible. They also work with South Western Railway, so that they can offer discounted rail passes.

The Travel and Financial Assistance Scheme is designed to provide support to all full and part time students aged 16+ where a genuine need for assistance has been demonstrated.

The following information details how to order your bus / train pass (for those in receipt of college financial support):

**Bus passes:** The college will pay for a student's bus pass if the student lives 0.5 miles from the college campus and is studying a full time course (not including Higher Education courses), and either the student or the parent/carer is in receipt of an income based benefit. There will be no additional cost to pay once the college has seen and approved your benefit (unless you choose to upgrade the bus pass to use in other areas, then this additional cost must be paid by you).

**Train passes:** Students who wish to use the train to travel to college and who would normally be entitled to a college funded bus pass (in receipt of an income-based benefit) may have the equivalent value of the bus pass (for their area) deducted from the termly train pass. The remaining cost of the train pass would need to be paid by the student before collecting the pass.

To view the eligibility criteria and to find out how to order your bus / train pass then please visit the college's website here: [www.hsdac.ac.uk/life-at-hsdac/finance-and-travel-support/student-travel/ordering-your-bus-pass-with-financial-support/](http://www.hsdac.ac.uk/life-at-hsdac/finance-and-travel-support/student-travel/ordering-your-bus-pass-with-financial-support/)

The following information details how to order your bus / train pass (for those without college financial support):

**Bus passes:** All full-time students are eligible to purchase an online discounted student bus pass via the First Group and Stagecoach websites. The student pass will allow you to travel for a much cheaper cost compared to standard priced fares. Additional financial help (a partial refund) towards online bus passes may be available to full-time students (not including Higher Education courses) who are aged 16 – 19 and live in certain postcode areas and are still enrolled on their course of study at the end of the first full term. This is called a 'Travel Subsidy'; if you are eligible for this, the college will contact you near the end of the Autumn Term.

**Train passes:** Full-time students who wish to travel by train, may apply for a termly rail pass. The train pass will be at a discounted (compared to standard priced fares). A further reduction to the cost will be made by the college towards the rail passes.

For more information including how to order your bus / train pass then please visit the college's website here: <https://www.hsdac.ac.uk/life-at-hsdac/finance-and-travel-support/student-travel/ordering-your-bus-pass-without-financial-support/>

**Routes and timetables:** The college works closely with local transport providers to ensure their students can easily get to college. For travel routes and timetables then please visit the college's website here: <https://www.hsdac.ac.uk/life-at-hsdac/finance-and-travel-support/student-travel/travel-routes-and-timetables/>

**Car parking:** There is free on site parking for students who wish to drive to college.

***For more information please visit the Havant and South Downs College website:*** <https://www.hsdac.ac.uk/life-at-hsdac/finance-and-travel-support/student-travel/ordering-your-bus-pass-without-financial-support/>

[travel-support/student-travel/](#) Or send an email to [travelandsupport@hsrc.ac.uk](mailto:travelandsupport@hsrc.ac.uk)

The 2019-2020 travel information will be available from June 2019 onwards.

## **PETER SYMONDS COLLEGE**

**Train:** The college is a five minute walk from Winchester Railway Station. Directions:

- Leave Winchester Station, turning left into the underpass and exiting onto Stockbridge Road.
- Cross Stockbridge Road and proceed up Cranworth Road.
- At the top of Cranworth Road turn right into Hatherley Road, then left onto Owens Road.
- The College is on your left and Reception is in Northbrook, which is the first building on your right.

For more information please see <https://www.psc.ac.uk/welcome-rail>.

**Discounted rail travel for students:** Many of Peter Symonds College students travel to and from college by train. Discounted rail passes (Scholar Season Tickets) are available to buy on a termly basis only from college. Prices represent a 34% discount on the price of a normal season ticket. Tickets are used for travel to Winchester from a chosen destination. They can also be used for evening and weekend travel during term times.

**How to buy a Scholar Season Ticket:** When a student receives their enrolment appointment date and time, they can log in on their Apply account to purchase a rail pass. Prices vary according to the length of term and station travelled from.

**Bus:** There are bus stops in both Berewecke Road and Andover Road but the majority of routes used by students stop on the College campus.

For more information please see <https://www.psc.ac.uk/welcome-bus>

The College do not operate any college buses and all bus routes used by students are public routes operated by local bus companies. Stagecoach and Bluestar offer a specific discounted pass for Peter Symonds students. You should purchase these directly from the bus company as detailed below.

**Stagecoach routes:** If you are travelling within the Winchester / Kingsworthy area you can purchase a Winchester Megarider pass, which is only available from Winchester Bus Station.

- Autumn Term: £156
- Spring Term: £156
- Summer Term: £140

Students travelling on routes from outside the Winchester area will need a Peter Symonds Unirider pass. Timetables and routes can be found on Stagecoach's website. To buy a Unirider ticket:

- Go to the [Stagecoach website](#)
- Select Peter Symonds College Pass (Annual or Autumn Term)
- Follow on-screen instructions to create a Stagecoach account
- Follow on-screen instructions, *skipping the page requesting Student ID Card Number.*
- Once you have completed the purchase the ticket will be sent to you in the post within a few days.

Prices for 2018/19 are:

- Autumn Term: £291
- Spring Term: £291
- Summer Term: £194
- Annual: £697

Bluestar routes: Students travelling on the Bluestar 1 from Southampton, Chandler's Ford and Otterbourne can buy a Peter Symonds Keycard. These are available termly online via the Bluestar website, or an annual ticket can be purchased at the Bluestar travel shop near the Bargate in Southampton.

- Autumn Term: £265
- Spring Term: £205
- Summer Term: £190

***For more information please visit the Peter Symonds College's website here: <https://www.psc.ac.uk/welcome-travel>***

## **QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE, BASINGSTOKE**

Queen Mary's College have a Green Travel Plan which commits them to cutting down car use to the site as much as possible - both for the benefit of the neighbourhood and to reduce the College's impact on the wider environment. When thinking about travel to college please remember to look for the most environmentally friendly form of transport.

**Walking and Cycling:** If you live within Basingstoke consider walking ([walking directions](#)) or cycling to College. These methods of travel are cheap, keep you fit and are good for the environment. There are many safe walking and cycle routes in to College and ample covered and guarded cycle parking is available at the College.

**Lift shares:** Try and share lifts with family, friends or neighbours who also travel into Basingstoke. If you are being given a lift to College you must use the turning circle and drop off point at the far end of Cliddesden Road. Please be considerate to the neighbours and do not park in neighbouring streets or block driveways.

**Public Transport :** The college is approximately 20 minutes walk from train and bus stations.

**Train:** South Western Railway operate numerous services that stop in Basingstoke.

**Stagecoach Bus:** Stagecoach bus services are available on most routes to College. You can purchase your [Stagecoach bus pass online](#).

**College Bus:** QMC currently operate College buses from the Andover, Burghfield, Fleet, Hook (including Odiham/North Warnborough), Newbury, and Whitchurch/Overton areas. **There have been pick up time changes on some routes for 2019/2020. Please check your [route timetable link](#) or contact the Help Desk on 01256 417500 for further information.**

### **COLLEGE BUS PASSES ONLY £475 (TBC) FOR SEPTEMBER 2019**

There is an opportunity to pay in instalments:

£275 cheque/cash/card (prior to or at enrolment) with a completed Direct Debit instruction. Direct Debits will be set up for two payments, each of £100, for October and November 2019. **Please remember that you commit to one full year and payments are NOT refundable for part use of a College bus pass.**

| Contact                   | Number   | Query  |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Stagecoach's Enquiry Unit | 01243 755850   | General enquiries regarding Stagecoach services and replacement passes.  |
| Help Desk                 | 01256 417500<br><a href="mailto:help.desk@gmc.ac.uk">help.desk@gmc.ac.uk</a> | General enquiries regarding all College bus and replacement passes, financial assistance, methods of payment, application queries etc. |

### **Driving and Parking**

Parking spaces at College are limited and priority is given to students who:

- Have completed at least one full year at the college
- Need to use their own transport for reasons of disability
- Live outside a five mile radius from the college (as the crow flies)
- Live in an area where access to public transport is poor
- Have attendance greater than 85%
- Have paid their course fees

If you wish to apply for a parking permit an application form is available from the Help Desk. Each application will be considered on its merits and special cases will be viewed sympathetically. Please note that being issued a permit does not guarantee the availability of a parking space. If you are issued a permit to park you will need to pay a fee. Please contact the Help Desk for further information. [You can find driving directions here.](#)

If you have any queries about travel then please contact the College Help Desk, or call them on 01256 417500.

***For more information please visit Queen Mary's College's website here: <https://www.qmc.ac.uk/student-life/travelling-qmc>***

## **RICHARD TAUNTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, SOUTHAMPTON**

Situated in the heart of Southampton, their extensive network of bus routes, combined with their close location to Southampton train station and local cycle and walking routes, make the college extremely accessible. For a detailed route planner from your home address (including bus and train times) please use [Traveline](#) or [MyJourney Southampton](#).

**Bus routes:** There is an extensive network of bus routes covering the wide area surrounding the College. The College's website provides detailed bus information based on your location and school: <http://www.richardtaunton.ac.uk/about-us/transport/>

**Train:** Southampton Central is the nearest train station to the College, with direct routes from Totton, Eastleigh, Romsey and Winchester. For more information about getting to college by train, use **Traveline's Journey Planner**. From the train station, students can catch either the **First Bus 40** or the **Xelabus X11** to college. Alternatively, the college is a 30 minute walk from the station.

**Walk:** Richard Taunton is easily accessible by walking. They are a 10-15 minute walk from Southampton Common and Shirley High Street, and a 30 minute walk from Southampton Central train station. The College encourage students to keep active by walking to college and helping the environment.

**Cycle:** Cycling is a popular form of transport to and from college. The College have a secure bike compound to store bikes, plus showers and changing facilities located in the Sports department.

**Car:** The College are easily accessible by car and have 155 parking spaces available to students at a cost of £20 (non-refundable) for the duration of their time at college. Whilst the college is conveniently located for parking, we must be respectful to our neighbours and encourage parking within the college to reduce street congestion.

**Travelling from the Isle of Wight:** The College offer a free shuttle service for students catching the ferry from the Isle of Wight. In the morning, students catch the 7.45am ferry and are picked up by our bus at 8.05am to get to college for 8.20am (lessons start at 8.30am). Students then board the 4.10pm college bus to catch the 4.45pm ferry back to the island. The College also offer help with travel costs for students coming from the Isle of Wight, please call Student Services on 02380 514720 for more information. This service is by prior arrangement only and eligible students will need a bus pass to use this service, issued by Student Services. Please note all times are approximate depending on weather and traffic conditions. For further information, [visit the Red Funnel website here.](#)

If you have any queries about travelling to college, please call their travel experts in Students Services on 02380 514720.

***For more information please visit Richard Taunton Sixth Form College's website here: <http://www.richardtaunton.ac.uk/about-us/transport/>***

## **SPARSHOLT COLLEGE**

Students travel to Sparsholt College from all over the region, so they aim to make the journey as easy and cost effective as possible. Whether you're getting the train from Southampton, Eastleigh, Totton or Basingstoke or the bus from across Hampshire and the county borders, we'll help you find the best way to get into College.

Please check the map and route listings on the [College's website](#) for your nearest location and price details. If you need further information please contact the College's transport team on 01962 797346 or [transport@sparsholt.ac.uk](mailto:transport@sparsholt.ac.uk). If you prefer to bring your car to College, student parking is available onsite.

Please see the [College's website](#) for transport payment information.

**Campus Direct Buses:** All students are expected to adhere to the College's Student Code of Conduct when using the Campus Bus Service. [Find out more here.](#)

**Public Transport:** The College offer a range of passes which enable you to pay for your public travel effectively:

Combined Rail and Bus Pass: This pass includes rail travel to Winchester from various locations, plus a Stagecoach pass to get you from Winchester to the College on the hourly **Number 7** bus service (valid during term time only and excluding weekends). Please see the [College's website](#) for more information. If Stagecoach operates in your area and you would like a Stagecoach bus pass to get you from home to the train station, you may upgrade to a Stagecoach Megarider pass for an additional £325. For more information about Stagecoach services please visit their [website](#).

Megarider Gold: This pass can be used on any Stagecoach bus in Hampshire during the academic year, including weekends and holidays. This is the most cost-effective pass for students travelling from Andover. Please see the [College's website](#) for pricing information.

Number 7 Stagecoach Bus Pass: If you live in the Winchester area and only need to catch the No 7 bus, you can buy a Stagecoach bus pass for just this service. Please see the [College's website](#) for pricing information.

***For more information please visit Sparsholt College's website here:***  
<https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/the-college/transport/>

## **ST VINCENT SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**

**College Bus Service:** Students enrolling with the College in September will benefit from a range of bus travel options which complement their new 10am timetable. The College will be providing a bespoke bus service enabling students to access a direct travel link both to and from the College every day of the week on state-of-the-art modern buses covering Brookfield, Crofton and Bay House Schools. The Eclipse express service from Fareham provides quick and easy travel to the College for students attending Cams Hill, Fareham Academy, Bridgemary and Brune Park Schools.

Applications to purchase a bus pass are sent to all applicants in June along with information about costs. The cost of the bus pass can be covered by the College for students eligible for Financial Support, please see the [College's website](#) for more information.

The pass provided can be used on any college bus service as well as all local First Hampshire bus routes, including the Eclipse service and will provide students with a

safe and efficient way of travelling to and from college. The College will provide a morning and end of the day service every day of the college week. Please see the [College's website](#) for bus timetable information.

**Travel by ferry:** St Vincent is handily placed for the Gosport Ferry so students from Portsmouth can consider St Vincent as their accessible sixth form college option. Refunded ferry costs are available (reviewed termly) as well as a discounted week-day bus pass for the whole year.

**Car, motorcycle and bikes:** St Vincent has extensive car and motorcycle parking facilities and secure cycle storage facilities onsite which are accessible to all students every day.

Further information about the College bus service is available from the Registry Office by email at [cio@stvincent.ac.uk](mailto:cio@stvincent.ac.uk) or phone 02392 588311.

Students can use any FirstBus Hampshire Services including the E1 or E2 services.

***For more information please visit St Vincent Sixth Form College's website here: <http://www.stvincent.ac.uk/travel-to-st-vincent>***

## **TOTTON COLLEGE**

**Help with the cost of travel:** Depending on your age, you may be eligible for help with the cost of travel and books. Bursaries are available for under 19-year-olds and offer various levels of financial support. If you'd like more information, [email the college](#) for a form and advice on how to apply, as well as deadlines you will need to meet.

***Link to college website: <https://www.totton.ac.uk/>***

### **Out of County College information**

## **CHICHESTER COLLEGE**

**Buses:** Stagecoach is offering a 7 day student Megarider gold ticket to allow unlimited bus travel on their bus services within West Sussex including routes to Brighton, Hampshire and Surrey. For more information or to book your ticket online please visit [Stagecoach's website](#).

**Trains: If your journey to Chichester or Brinsbury campus begins at Billingshurst, Shoreham-by-sea or Chichester, or any of the stations inbetween, you can purchase a 7 day Unizone ticket. A Unizone ticket entitles you to 7 days unlimited travel (within the destinations listed above).**

To purchase the Unizone ticket you will need both a 16-25 Railcard and a student card. Your student card will be given to you when you enrol. You will need to apply online at [www.16-25railcard.co.uk](http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk) for your 16-25 railcard. If you are over the age of 25 you can also apply for the 16-25 railcard. You will need to upload and complete the Mature Student Declaration available on the 16-25 railcard website.

**If your journey to Chichester or Brinsbury campus begins at Horley or Ockley, or any of the stations inbetween, you will be entitled to a 34% discount. Tickets are purchased from Southern Railway's website [www.southernrailway.com](http://www.southernrailway.com).**

This will be subject to the following conditions:

- You must be a full time student
- You must have obtained a free 'Sussex Student Card' (visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/schooltransport))
- You must purchase your ticket for a minimum of one month

Your discount will only be valid for stations that are not covered by the Worthing and Billingshurst Unizone.

***For more information please visit Chichester College's website here: <https://chichester.ac.uk/content/financial-help-16-18-years>***

## **GUILDFORD COLLEGE & MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE**

Guildford College:

Guildford College encourages students to use alternative modes of transport other than cars. By doing this they are aiming to reduce the amount of traffic as well as promoting a healthy lifestyle and living environment.

**Travelling by bike:** Cycle racks are located outside the main building at the College. Students travelling to the College by bicycle from local areas can plan their route by visiting Guildford Borough Council's website: [www.guildford.gov.uk](http://www.guildford.gov.uk)

Motorbike spaces are also available in the car park at the College.

**Travelling by car:** The College is easy to reach by road and can be reached via several routes, including the A3 and A31. There is a student car park on-site, which provides free parking. You must apply for a parking permit and display it at all times; otherwise you may incur a penalty charge.

Visitor parking is available outside the main entrance to the College, but all visitors must check in via Reception, to avoid incurring a penalty charge.

**Parking Locally:** The majority of the roads locally have restricted parking. Alternative parking is available at the Spectrum Leisure Centre (free parking) or the Lido, at a charge of £5 per day.

**Park and Ride Facilities:** There are several park and ride facilities in the Guildford area with services operating quite regularly (every few minutes). The park and ride buses drop passengers off at the Friary shopping centre. Sites around Guildford include:

- The Spectrum
- Merrow
- Artington
- The large car park at the rear of Guildford main line railway station.

The earliest buses start at about 7:30am and the latest bus (which runs to the Spectrum) is at 11:10pm. Full details are available on the Surrey County Council website: [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

**Travelling by bus:** The number 3 Arriva bus 'Guildford – Bellfields Estate' departs every 15-20 minutes from the Friary Bus Station in Woodbridge Road and takes just 5 minutes to get to Guildford College. Buses run to the Guildford Friary Bus Station from all local areas. Visit: [www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-trains](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-trains) for more information and bus timetables.

**Travelling by train:** Trains for Guildford College stop at London Road Station, which is a five minute walk and the main Guildford Station, a 20 minute walk away. Students can travel by bus to the College from the main Guildford Station. Please see the [College's website](#) for average times for trains running from the local area.

Visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or [www.trainlie.com](http://www.trainlie.com) for more information and train times.

**Student train and bus fare cards:** Young people studying at Guildford College can apply for a Student Fare Card. These cost £25 and entitle you to a third off travel on trains and half price travel on buses if you live in Surrey (excluding London Boroughs). For further information please visit [www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport)

If you are aged 16-25 and travelling by train, you may benefit from the Young Persons Rail Card by National Rail. Find out more about this card at [www.16-25railcard.co.uk](http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk).

**For more information please visit Guildford College's website here:**  
<https://www.guildford.ac.uk/Adults/Support/TravelTransport.aspx>

### Merrist Wood College

Merrist Wood College tries to encourage students to use alternative modes of transport. By doing this they are aiming to reduce the amount of traffic as well as promoting a healthy lifestyle and living environment.

**By car:** At Merrist Wood College, the car park is located at the back of the Harris Centre. Motor bike spaces and cycle racks are also provided. In order for students to park on the campus, you must register your car details with Student Services.

**By bike:** Cycle racks and motorbike spaces are available at the College. Students travelling to the College by bicycle from local areas can plan their route on the Surrey County Council website: [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk) and by clicking on Roads and Transport and following the cycling links.

**By bus:** From Guildford: There is a bus service from Guildford Friary Bus Station in Woodbridge Road to Fairlands Estate which is a short walk away from the College.

From Guildford:

Friary Bus Station, catch the number 20 bus (Kite) to Aldershot via Fairlands Estate.

From Woking:

Catch the number 34 or 35 bus (both Arriva) to the Guildford Friary Bus Station and then get the number 20 bus (Kite) to Aldershot, getting off at Fairlands Estate.

From Camberley:

Catch the number 3 bus (Stagecoach) to Ash, then the number 20 bus (Kite) to Guildford, getting off at Fairlands Estate.

From Godalming:

Catch the number 70 or 71 bus (both Stagecoach) to Guildford Friary Bus Station and then catch the number 20 bus (Kite) to Aldershot, getting off at Fairlands Estate.

From Farnborough:

Catch the number 1 bus (Stagecoach) to Aldershot Bus Station and then the number 20 bus (Kite) to Guildford, getting off at Fairlands Estate.

For latest news about bus services or discount travel schemes in the area visit [www.surreycc.gov.uk/buses](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/buses) or for help planning your journey visit: [www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/sustainable-travel](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/sustainable-travel)

**By train:** Although there is a train station in Worplesdon it is easier to travel to Merrist Wood from the main Guildford station. From here students can catch the number 20 public bus that runs from Guildford bus station (see bus information above). Train contact details: National Rail Enquiries, Tel: 03457 484950

Visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or [www.trainline.com](http://www.trainline.com). See also [www.mytrainticket.co.uk](http://www.mytrainticket.co.uk).

**Student train and bus fare cards:** Young people studying at Merrist Wood College can apply for a Student Fare Card. These cost £25 and entitle you to a third off travel on trains and half price travel on buses if you live in Surrey (excluding London Boroughs). For further information and to apply please visit [Surrey County Council's website](#).

**Stagecoach Unirider:** The Guildford College Group has joined forces with Stagecoach who are offering subsidised Bus Fare Cards. Cards can be bought on a termly or annual basis. See [www.buymyunirider.com](http://www.buymyunirider.com) for further information.

***For more information please visit Merrist Wood College's website here:***

<https://www.merristwood.ac.uk/Adults/Support/TravelTransport.asp>

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## **HIGHBURY COLLEGE, PORTSMOUTH**

**Bus passes:** Highbury College can provide Stagecoach or First Provincial bus passes at a discounted price. To order one, fill in an application form from Student Support Services. You will need a passport-size photograph and a £5 deposit when applying.

First bus passes are available in half-terms or full-terms and cost from £111 for a full term of travel within the Portsmouth Zone 3 area. An All Zones pass, which allows the holder to travel on First buses throughout Hampshire, is available from £160 for a full term. These passes are valid Monday to Friday during the term. First Annual Bus Pass is also available, more information can be found on the Bus Pass Order Form.

Stagecoach bus passes are available in half terms and full terms. Portsmouth Megarider pass is suitable for use around Portsmouth and costs £55.50 for half a term or the South Hants Megarider Plus is suitable for a wider area and costs £81 for half a term. All Stagecoach tickets are valid seven days a week.

For price list or to apply for / purchase a bus pass please visit the college's website here: <https://www.highbury.ac.uk/about/campus-locations/travel-support/>

**Rail passes:** If there is no public transport available to you, Highbury College may help with the cost of rail fares. For more information please visit the college's website here: <https://www.highbury.ac.uk/about/campus-locations/travel-support/>

**Travel support:** Students with household incomes below £25,000 may be eligible for help with college-related costs including transport such as bus pass, rail fares and travel expenses. For more information please visit the College's website by clicking [here](#) or contact their Student Engagement Team on 02392 328954 / [student.finance@highbury.ac.uk](mailto:student.finance@highbury.ac.uk). Waged apprentices are not eligible. Please be aware that financial support schemes can be subject to government change.

***For more information please visit Highbury College's website here:***  
***<https://www.highbury.ac.uk/about/campus-locations/travel-support/>***

## **NEWBURY COLLEGE**

Newbury College provides students with free bus shuttle services between the College, Newbury Train Station and Thatcham. Buses run Monday to Friday during term-time only and students must present a valid Newbury College ID to use these services. For timetables please see the [College's website](#).

Other bus services stopping at Newbury College or the neighbouring Retail Park are available to students but are chargeable at all times. For details of buses departing Newbury College today please visit [NextBuses](#).

For driving directions please see the [College's website](#).

Regular free and public bus services operate between Newbury Train Station/Bus Station and the College during term time. Both stations are approximately one mile from the College campus and buses take approximately 5 minutes.

***For more information please visit Newbury College's website here:***  
***<https://www.newbury-college.ac.uk/info/getting-to-newbury-college>***

## **PORTSMOUTH COLLEGE**

**Travel Grants:** For students living more than two kilometres from College, a Travel Grant may be available, often in the form of subsidised bus pass. Additional support is available for students living on the IOW. For information on all forms of support for travel please visit the Student Services Help Desk. All travel payments are based on full attendance of your study programme. You can check how far you live from

College by entering your postcode in the College's distance checker  
<http://web01.tpc.ac.uk/pca/distances/transportSupportCheck>.

**Bus Travel:** The College has negotiated reduced bus charges with First Bus Group and Stagecoach for Termly 7 Day Passes. The cost of bus passes is further subsidised by the College if you live more than two (straight line) kilometres away and may be fully supported if you are eligible for a College Bursary. You can obtain your competitively priced bus pass for First Bus from the Student Services Desk in Room 15 or if a Stagecoach pass is required it can be purchased directly from their [website](#)

Current timetables and routes can be found online at **First Group** and **Stagecoach**

**The College also has its own dedicated services:**

**PC1** which runs from Portchester through Paulsgrove, Cosham, Hilsea and Stamshaw to the College. Arrival at College will be a little before the start of the first lesson of the day (9.55am) with the final journey shortly after the end of the last lesson of the day at 4:15pm.

**PC2** runs from Gudge Heath Lane, Fareham through Highlands Road/Kiln Road, Fareham Leisure Centre and the Bus Station through to Portchester via Cams Hill and then directly to the College. Arrival at College will be a little before the start of the first lesson of the day (9.55am) with the final journey shortly after the end of the last lesson of the day at 4:15pm.

Users of PC1 & PC2 have access to the lunchtime service **PC3** which runs in from Fareham Bus Station stopping at Portschester, Paulsgrove, Cosham and Hilsea to bring students in for the start of afternoon lessons and a return for those with only morning lessons. This service is not available to be purchased separately to a PC1 or PC2 pass.

Current timetables and routes can be found online **here**.

*STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN TRANSPORT COSTS UNTIL BUS PASSES ARRIVE.*

**Bike Scheme:** The College Bike Scheme operates on completion of an application form, supplied together with proof of purchase of bicycle, lights, helmet and D-lock (or evidence that these are already owned) for refund to be made. There is no distance criteria to meet but students using the Bike Scheme are not eligible for other transport support.

Our Bike Scheme offers a subsidy of up to £120 on the purchase cost of a new bike.

**Isle of Wight Students:** Students travelling from the Isle of Wight are supported by a Travel Grant which can include a termly bus pass if they wish. Payments are made termly to nominated account to help with the cost of waterborne travel. For details of reduced cost academic passes for the ferry please visit the **Wightlink** website.

***For more information please visit Portsmouth College's website here: <https://www.portsmouth-college.ac.uk/sixth-form/support-for-students/>***

## **SOUTHAMPTON CITY COLLEGE**

City College's main campus is located in the heart of Southampton so is easy to get to by public transport. Discounted bus tickets are available from First and Bluestar buses for Southampton City College students. If you are eligible for the City College Bursary Scheme your bus travel may be free.

***For more information please visit Southampton City College's website here: <https://www.southampton-city.ac.uk/school-leaver/information-for-schools-parents/>***