

Travel Schemes Academic Year 2017/2018 – Further Education Students

Each council has its own transport policy, and information relates only to students living within Essex. We therefore suggest that you contact the council, specific to where you live to discuss schemes operating in your area.

Essex County Council – Post 16 Transport

Post-16 transport is available at a charge for students between the ages of 16 and 19 provided that the eligibility criteria is met. Students will need to apply direct to Essex County Council for eligibility. Post-16 transport is available for students between the ages of 16 and 19. The application process differs depending on whether a student has been in receipt of a statement of special educational needs (SEN) up to and including the age of 16. All students are required to apply for post-16 transport by completing the relevant application form.

Tele **0845 603 2200**
Website: **www.essex.gov.uk/schooltransport**
Email: **educationawards@essex.gov.uk**

Southend Borough Council (SBC)

This scheme is under review, for students over the age of 16 and up to 19, transport awards are discretionary. If students live in the Borough of Southend-on-Sea they can apply direct to SBC for eligibility to travel under the Post 16 Transport Scheme. SBC may purchase seats on the Writtle College Minibus Service when available, but this is entirely at SBC discretion.

Tele **01702 215007**
Website: **www.southend.gov.uk/etc**

Thurrock Borough Council (TBC)

Most TBC Post 16 transport is now chargeable, therefore parents will need to apply to the TBC directly for information. Parents/guardians can apply to TBC under a benefits basis and each case will be considered on its own individual merits. For further information contact:

Tele **01375 652511 (Awards & Benefits)**
Email **education@thurrock.gov.uk**

Greater Anglia - Available for purchase up to one month in advance

Discounts:- 16-18 Inclusive – 50% off the Adult Rate / 19+ – 10% off the Adult Rate

Booking is available from August 2017

To make a booking please either call:-

- 0345 600 7245 – Option 3, then option 2
- Web site: www.greenrailtravel.co.uk
- Or see link on College web site – writtle.ac.uk

First Essex Buses - Booking is available from August 2017

- 10% off weekly & monthly tickets
- 15% off 3 month and annual tickets
- This can be purchased as a Chelmsford or as an All Essex ticket.
- Tickets can only be purchased by walking into the Chelmsford First Travel Shop, Duke Street, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1GZ.

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WRITTLE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE TRANSPORT SERVICES

Writtle University College provides a transport scheme in some areas that is a direct alternative to public transport and is charged at a different rate.

The fee for the Writtle University College Minibus Service is £1075.00 for the Academic Year 2017/18, which is split into three payments. £420.00 is payable on booking, second payment of £320.00 payable by the 6 November 2017 and the balance of £335.00 payable by 09 February 2018. Places on the minibus service are limited and allotted on a first come first serve basis with priority given to full time Further Education students aged between 16 to 19 years of age prior to the beginning of the first year of the course. This service operates during **FE term dates only**.

A full refund will be granted on the booking fee if the place is cancelled prior to the start of the academic year 4 September 2017. From the period 4 September 2017 – 2 October 2017 a refund will be granted with the deduction of £20.00 administration charge and the cost of the transport that has already been granted. After the 2 October 2017 no refund will be granted of the booking fee.

This service is available to part-time students depending on availability at a standard fare. Please contact the Transport Department at the end of September 2017 for availability of one day a week travel

Writtle University College Minibus Service locations covered are:

Sawbridgeworth/Bishops Stortford/Dunmow.

Hornchurch/Roneo Corner/Romford/Harold Hill/Gallows Corner/Harold Hill.

Epping/Harlow/Hatfield Heath.

Southend/Rayleigh/Wickford.

Grays/Chadwell St. Mary/Linford/Stanford-le-Hope/Basildon/Billericay

- For more detail on the pickup locations please consult the 'Times and Locations' on the College web site: www.writtle.ac.uk

The above routes and locations may change or be discontinued depending on demand.

Applications and booking forms and information for the above services are available from the Transport Department or the Writtle University College web site, and to be returned with first payment as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as seats may be limited.

- For information on any of our services and bookings please contact the Transport Department or consult the College web site:
Tele: 01245 424262
Website: www.writtle.ac.uk
Email: transport@writtle.ac.uk

Writtle University College Chelmsford Shuttle Service – No fee or prior booking necessary

Writtle College currently operates a Writtle College Shuttle Bus Service from and to Chelmsford Railway/Bus Station area on a first come first serve basis during **FE term times only**. The minibuses stop in Coval Lane, Chelmsford, (by the Council Offices).

Shuttle Service Times: (Location of pickup can be viewed on the College web site).

Morning 08:15 to 09:15 Mon – Fri – Full service

Afternoon 14:00 to 16:15 Mon – Fri – Limited service

Evening 16:15 to 17:15 Mon – Fri – Full service

Financial Assistance Scheme- Writtle University College

Students who are experiencing financial difficulty must apply to their local County Council for assistance in the first instance. If students are unable to get financial assistance from their Local County Council, they can apply for help (up to 50%) from the WUC means-tested bursary/support fund.

Application forms will be available from July 2017, but the fund will not open until 20/09/17, therefore it cannot assist with the initial first payment.

For details contact Student Finance: Tel: 01245 424228 Email: student.finance@writtle.ac.uk