



TRANSPORT INFORMATION

2017-2018

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There are a number of different transport options available depending on where you live:

1. Transport Assistance – Shropshire Council

Shropshire Council provides help with transport to college if:

- You are aged under 19 and
- You are a resident in Shropshire and
- College is the designated Post-16 provider/college for where you live and
- You live 3 or more miles away from the designated Post-16 provider/college.

If you meet the above criteria, a contribution of **£875 per academic year (or 3 termly instalments of £295)**, towards the cost of the transport assistance, is required **unless** you are on defined benefits (eg families on Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support, Free School meals or Child Tax Credit where the current income is less than £16,190) in which case a contribution of £142.50 is charged.

You can choose to pay termly or annually and the travel pass will be issued once the contribution has been paid and can be collected from reception.

The Council will decide if you are eligible for assistance:

YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You are a resident in Shropshire.• College is the designated Post-16 provider/college to where you live (*please see Shropshire's full Post-16 policy on the application form for more information)• You live 3 or more miles away from college.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You live within 3 miles of college.• College is not deemed to be the nearest designated Post-16 provider.• You cannot demonstrate that your choice of course is essential (rather than simply desirable) to your future degree course or career plans.

How to apply for Post-16 transport assistance through Shropshire Council?

- Complete an application form, available from reception or the Council.
- Online at www.shropshire.gov.uk – follow the links from Education and Learning.
- Over the phone by calling 0345 678 9006.

In some cases you may get better value by purchasing season tickets directly from your local transport operator, rather than contributing via the Council's Post-16 contribution scheme. We would therefore recommend that, before making a payment towards the Council's Post-16 contribution scheme, you check the most cost effective method of purchasing season tickets. (Please see back of this leaflet for current saver schemes and contact details).

What happens if the Council declines my application?

- You can apply to the college's 16-19 Bursary Fund for a contribution to your transport costs if your gross household income is below £26,000. Please enquire at student services for more information. Application forms for the Bursary Fund will be available from student services and on the college website.
- You can apply to Arriva Bus Midlands, Arriva Train Wales or your local transport provider for their Student Season Ticket.

Please note that if you reside in Telford & Wrekin or Powys, you will need to contact their Transport Department if you think you are eligible for transport assistance. All contact information is provided at the back of this leaflet.

2. Arriva Bus Midlands – Student Saver Scheme

Students can buy a student saver ticket lasting for a term or full academic year. You will be eligible for unlimited bus travel across the Midlands 7 days a week including evenings and weekends. The cost is as follows:

- Cost per term - £175
- Cost for full academic year - £485

Please note the above prices are subject to change.

To apply, please visit <https://www.arribus.co.uk/midlands/bus-tickets/student-tickets/>

Arriva have developed a brand new **m ticket** app with great new features making it easier for students to pay for and download their ticket on the go. Please contact Arriva Midlands for more information.

3. Arriva Trains Wales – Educational Season Ticket Scheme

This scheme offers discounted rail tickets for students in full-time education. Ordinarily a student becomes eligible for a full adult rate at the age of 16. However, with this scheme it is extended to the age of 18, so the student will still qualify for the child rate (55% off the adult rate) until they are 18. Once the student becomes 18, they would still be able to get 5% off the adult rate. Only train passes ordered before the start of term will qualify for the discount. Any train passes ordered after the start of term will be charged at the full adult rate.

The season ticket entitles you to unlimited travel on the route specified 7 days a week, including evenings and weekends term time only.

You have to apply to this scheme through college – please download an application from the college website, or collect one from student services, and return to (student services Welsh bridge Campus) **together with your chosen payment by Friday 14th July 2017.**

There are two payment options – a list of the prices for the autumn term are available on the college website:

- Payment in full by cheque made payable to Shrewsbury Colleges Group.
- £10 non-refundable deposit (either in cash or by cheque). You will be able to pay the outstanding amount either on Parentpay during the summer holidays or by cash or cheque upon collection of the train pass.

College will notify you at the end of the autumn and spring terms about the renewal of the termly train pass.

If you lose your pass, you can order one duplicate per year (12 months) for a £10.00 administration fee. Any further losses will be charged at the full rate. If the season ticket needs to be replaced because it is faulty (eg not working at the station barriers), then this can be replaced free of charge by the local ticket office.

If you decide to leave college mid-term or before the end of the academic year, it is your responsibility to return the pass to Student Services Welsh bridge Campus if any refund is required. The amount due will be refunded to you once it has been received from Arriva Trains Wales.

4. College Subsidised Bus Travel

The college offers six subsidised bus routes from Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Whitchurch, Telford, Llanidloes and Newport. The cost is £600 for the academic year or £200 per term. The bus routes operate at set times, arriving for the start of the college day and departing following the last lesson of the day.

Further details and application forms are available on the college website and from student services. Completed application forms together with payment must be returned to student services at the college you attend.

5. Bus Travel from Wales

Mytravelpass is a discounted travel scheme funded by Welsh Government providing people who reside in Wales and are aged 16, 17 and 18 with 1/3 discount off their bus travel. The card is free of charge.

You can use Mytravelpass on all buses in Wales including the TrawsCymru services. You cannot use Mytravelpass on trains or National Express or Megabus services. If you live in Wales and board the bus in Wales, you can use this pass to travel into Shrewsbury.

You can use Mytravelpass at any time of day and on any day of the week including holidays.

You can apply for Mytravelpass online at <https://mytravelpass.gov.wales/en/>. You can also apply by calling 0300 200 22 33 and they will send you a paper application form which you can return to them Freepost.

6. PLUSBUS Shrewsbury and Telford & Wellington (including Ironbridge)

PLUSBUS is a bus pass that you buy with your train ticket at any National Rail station ticket office or online. PLUSBUS gives you unlimited bus travel (on most or all services) around the whole of your chosen town. Use it to start your journey (to get to a rail station) or to complete your journey (from station to your final destination). There are no peak period restrictions, so you can hop on and off buses as much as you like all day.

For more information and to apply, please click on the following links:

- <http://www.plusbus.info/telford>
- <http://www.plusbus.info/shrewsbury>

7. Shrewsbury Park and Ride Services

Park & Ride in Shrewsbury operates from three sites:

- Oxon Business Park
- Meole Brace Retail Park
- Harlescott, near Tesco

Students of Shrewsbury Colleges Group are eligible for a 50% discount Monday to Friday during term time. The return fare is currently **80p** for students aged 16 or over on production of a valid student identification card. You don't need to have a car to qualify for the Park and Ride Services.

For more information, please click on the following link:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/public-and-passenger-transport/park-and-ride/park-and-ride-shrewsbury/>

8. Travel by Bike

Shrewsbury Colleges Group is very well served by cycle routes from many parts of the town. Shrewsbury has been a Cycling Demonstration Town since 2008 and many off road and quiet residential road routes are available. The Shropshire's Great Outdoors website details all of the cycle/walking routes in the area. The College's postcodes are: (SY1 1RX for Welsh Bridge Campus, SY2 6AA for English Bridge Campus and SY2 6PR for London Road Campus)

Cycle Storage: There is storage for bikes at all college campuses and students and staff are invited to make use of these facilities. Bicycles should be securely padlocked and are brought to college at your own risk. We suggest they are insured under your household policy.

Contact Details and Websites

Shropshire Council
Integrated Transport Unit
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND
Tel 0345 678 9008
www.shropshire.gov.uk

Telford & Wrekin Council
Transport Dept
Grenville House
St George's Road
Donnington Wood
Telford
TF2 7RA
Tel: 01952 380000
www.telford.gov.uk

Powys Council
Admissions and Transport Team
Powys County Hall
Llandrindod Wells
LD1 5LG
Tel: 01597 – 826455
www.powys.gov.uk

Arriva Midlands
Delta Way
Cannock
Staffordshire
WS11 0XB
Tel: 01543 466123
www.arrivabus.co.uk

Arriva Trains Wales
St. Mary's House
47 Penarth Road
Cardiff
CF10 5DJ
Tel: 0845 606 1660
www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk

Local Public Transport Information

www.travelinemidlands.co.uk

www.traveline.info

www.traveline.cymru

Saver Schemes
(these may be subject to change)

Boultons of Shropshire

Tel: 01694 771226

Email: info@boultonsofshropshire.co.uk
www.boultonsofshropshire.com

A termly pass. The price depends on where the student is boarding as the price for the pass is calculated on the daily fare with a 10% discount for advance payment.

Tanat Valley

Tel: 01691 – 780212

Email: info@tanat.co.uk

A 10 Journey Ticket which costs 7 times the Adult Single Fare but gives 10 journeys in any direction between two named places. The ticket is valid for a calendar month from the day of issue and is especially helpful to students who do not attend every day of the week. This is a better discount than normal season tickets which gives 10% discount on the standard return fare. The actual price of these tickets depends entirely on where students are travelling from and to and are only valid on their services.

Celtic Travel

Tel: 01686 412231

www.celtic-travel.co.uk

A 10 day ticket which gives 10 journeys for the price of 7. The cost of this depends on where the students will be catching the bus. The other option is a Day Rover ticket which is currently £8.00.

Minsterley Motors

Tel: 01743 791208

Email: john@minsterleymotors.co.uk
www.minsterleymotors.co.uk

A term pass is available – cost depends on where the student is travelling from. Please contact Minsterley Motors direct.

