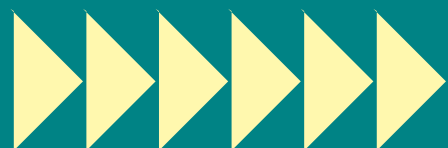


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If your family is on a low income then you may be eligible for additional assistance with the cost of your travel to College.

Application forms will be sent to you during the first week of July.

OPTION 1

The new 'Your Staffordshire Card' scheme for under 20s will probably be the cheapest way to travel to College - **£1** per journey if you live in Staffordshire.

For example if you live in the Cannock or Rugeley areas and use only one bus to get to Stafford it will only cost you **£2** to get to College using the 'Your Staffordshire Card'. This card will, at a later date, be used as an ID card (proof of age) and also as a discount card. You can use this card to travel anywhere in Staffordshire on any day of the week. You can use it to get to a part-time job or for socialising. To obtain an application form contact your local library or ring **0300 111 8000** or use the on-line application on www.staffordshire.gov.uk

OPTION 2

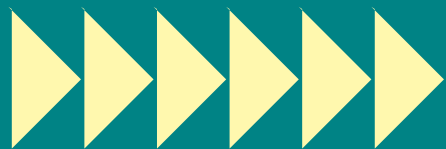
Flexipasses for Arriva and First buses

These cost **£430** for the year payable in one or two instalments. If Stafford College is the nearest college offering your course, you should apply through Staffordshire County Council website www.staffordshire.gov.uk (for example, for those living any of the following areas, Trentham, Stone, Uttoxeter, The Haywoods, Hixon, Cannock, Burntwood, Hednesford, Norton Canes, Chase Terrace, Chasetown, Rugeley, Eccleshall, Gt Bridgeford or Woodseaves). If Stafford College is not the nearest college offering the course, you should apply direct to us. Application forms will be available from July for the same cost. This card is especially useful for those living in the Cannock area. These passes are for any day of the week as long as your journey starts or finishes in Staffordshire. If you live in the Newport area and attending for 4 days or more per week then this pass may be your cheapest way to travel to Stafford College. Alternatively you can apply for the Arriva Midland Saver Pass which is purchased direct from Arriva for a one-off payment of **£360**.



Further options available on the next page....

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OPTION 3

Flexipass for London Midland trains

These cost **£430** for the year payable in one or three instalments. This pass is the cheapest way to travel to College from the Wolverhampton and Walsall areas unless you live on an Arriva bus route when the Flexipass is the best alternative. If you live in Perton, Bilbrook or Codsall then you should apply through Staffordshire County Council via their website: www.staffordshire.gov.uk

- Alongside this you can obtain a 16-18 photocard that enables students living in the West Midlands eg. Wolverhampton and Walsall areas to travel half price on local buses. Current cost **£7.50** available from Centro **0845 3036760** or Stafford College Student Services.

OPTION 4

Are you in college 2 – 3 days a week? Or are you over the age limit for a Flexipass?

If you answer **YES** to these questions you need to consider the following alternatives:

- 10-journey tickets last one month and cover 10 single journeys on both Arriva and First: First tickets currently cost **£13.00** and cover journeys in Staffordshire and South Cheshire. Arriva tickets vary in price depending on your starting point but you can get an additional discount on production of a Stafford College student ID card. Both First and Arriva tickets are purchased from the bus driver.
- Weekly tickets on Arriva with additional discount for Stafford College student ID card. First weekly tickets cost **£15.50**.
- Monthly season tickets currently **£53** on First and **£45** on Arriva and 3 monthly **£133** on First.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION....

Number of weeks in the College year – **37**

Number of days per week will depend on your timetable requirements which you will be given at interview.