



Travel Advice

for 16-18 year old students



First find out which travel company provides the service in your area:

Either search on Traveline or on Google to see which bus you need to catch between your house and your campus. If you need help finding a bus, please email citytravel@ccn.ac.uk

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First Counties Bus

For students who live in an area where they can catch a First Counties Bus, the cheapest option is to buy your ticket straight from them.

Look for the City College Students pages on the First website to find cheaper tickets: www.firstgroup.com/norfolk-suffolk/tickets/student-bus-travel/city-college-norwich

For many students the most economical ticket will be the Trio, which gives you unlimited travel between September 2019 and July 2020, including weekends, evenings and college holidays, starting from £315. Please see the link above for details.

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Konect Bus

If you live in an area served by Konect you can purchase good value student bus passes directly from them, giving you unlimited travel between September 2019 and July 2020. The passes are either £365 or £525, depending on where you live: please see their website for details: www.konectbus.co.uk/savebig
Prices may increase before September.

Norfolk County Council Bus Passes

If you cannot get a First or Konect bus because they do not serve the area where you live it is worth considering whether a bus pass from Norfolk County Council might be more economical and affordable. These can only be used Monday to Friday, term time only.

To be eligible for this, you first need to see whether you live within the core area served by the council. You can see the maps for City College Norwich and Paston College on the Norfolk County Council website: www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport

You have two main options when considering whether a Norfolk County Council bus pass will be best for you. You can either pay in advance for the bus pass or you can order a free bus pass and pay the bus driver each day on the bus. Apply on their website here: www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport/post16-travel-scheme
Or telephone them on **0344 800 8020**

1. Pay in advance option

You can order a bus pass and choose to pay annually, termly or half termly. These bus passes can only be used to travel to and from college, during term time. They cannot be used for other journeys. The annual cost is £540; this is reduced to £405 if you are on certain means tested benefits.

If you live outside the core area or cannot find a way to get to a core route, then look at the website of the bus company that serves your route to see if they offer any reductions for students.

2. Pay daily option

On the online application you need to tick the box to say you would like to pay daily. A pass will be posted out to you, which you must show to the bus driver in order to get the reduced fare. The most you will pay is £3 for a return ticket. Those on means tested benefits may be able to get a reduced rate of £2.50. The passes are issued for the full academic year. However, at the end of each term you will be sent a renewal email or letter asking you to confirm if you wish to continue as a daily fare payer. If you do not respond to this email your bus pass will be cancelled.

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Other bus companies

The other main bus companies are:

Sanders:
www.sanderscoaches.com

Simonds:
www.simonds.co.uk

Border Bus:
www.border-bus.co.uk

Our Bus:
www.ourhire.co.uk/our-bus

Lynx:
www.lynxbus.co.uk

Travel from Thetford

Students travelling from Thetford to Norwich by train can get a Norfolk County Council train pass for £540 per year or £405 if on certain means tested benefits – there is an option to pay for this half termly. Please see here to apply:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport/post16-travel-scheme

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Help from bursary to pay for bus/train pass

If you can't afford to pay for the bus/train pass, and you qualify for a bursary, we may be able to help you to buy one. You can apply for the bursary online: www.ccn.ac.uk/bursaries-and-free-meals

Please let us know on the application that you need to buy the bus/train pass out of the bursary. Alternatively, email us at bursaryadmin@ccn.ac.uk

If you are unsure which travel pass is best for you, please come and see the Finance Advisers in the Advice Shop, ring us on **01603 773 773** or email financialadvice@ccn.ac.uk

