

Post-16 Travel for Further Education Students

If you wish to study a Full Time Further Education course at Hereford College of Arts and you live more than 3 miles from the College Campus then you may be entitled to apply to Herefordshire Council for a subsidised travel pass.

Summary of information contained within this document		
Age	Transport type	
16-18	All travel types	Please refer to the information contained within this document
19+	All travel types	If you are aged 19+ on 01 September 2026 please contact the Registry Department for further information.

If you are aged **16-18 on 1st September 2026 and resident in any county**, your application form should be completed on-line via the Herefordshire Council website using the following link:
[Transport for 16-19 year olds - Herefordshire Council](#)

There is an annual parental contribution of £1,060 to be paid in full in advance online or via 9 monthly instalments from September 2026 – May 2027 to Herefordshire Council.

If you apply after 31 July 2026, your monthly instalments will differ, please see Herefordshire Council website for further details:

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You will be asked for your payment preference when you apply. If paying in full, you will be sent details of how to pay for your application once it has been approved. **Please note that a pass won't be issued until payment is received.**

If you are travelling out of county, please note that as your home county council have confirmed that they no longer offer travel assistance to Hereford College students, Herefordshire Council will forward your online application to Hereford College of Arts for consideration and the College will confirm whether it will agree to fund the charges over and above the parental contribution because you are an out of county student.

The closing dates for applications for train passes are:

Autumn term travel pass – 25 September 2026

Spring term travel pass – 18 January 2027

Summer term travel pass – 26 April 2027

Applications for passes received after these dates will not be processed and students will need to purchase tickets direct from the train company.

Please note that Hereford Sixth Form College run a bus service for students travelling from Built Wells. For further information about this Bus service please contact the Registry Department at Hereford College of Arts.

Applicants Living in Powys

If you are aged **16-18 on 1st September and pay your Council Tax to Powys County Council** please contact Powys County Council for travel assistance options, please see contact details overleaf.

Please note that we have been advised by Powys County council that any funding awarded may cease at the end of the 2026/2027 academic year. Therefore, applicants studying a 2-year programme, may only receive a travel grant for the first year of their studies.

'Pay as you Go' & Railcard options

We recommend investigating your route to college as the cost of 'pay as you go' or 'buy a multiple journey' tickets may be less than the amount Herefordshire Council charge if you are not travelling every day.

In addition, if you are aged **16-17 on 1st September 2026** it may be more cost effective to purchase the 16-17 railcard for £35 which will enable you to purchase rail tickets at a 50% discounted rate.

Further details about the 16-17 railcard are available at www.railcard.co.uk.

For students travelling by bus from Ross-on-Wye or the surrounding areas, it may be worth contacting Stagecoach directly to find out travel options/costs.

Further Information

When to apply

Please allow a minimum of 28 days for any Council to process your application.

Refunds will not be made by the Councils or College for any expenses incurred whilst waiting for your travel permit to arrive.

16-19 Bursary

Students applying for the Hereford College of Arts 16-19 Bursary for help towards travel costs must make an application for the 16-19 bursary directly to Hereford College of Arts at the same time as submitting their travel application to Herefordshire Council. Please tick the appropriate box on the Herefordshire Council travel application form to indicate that you are applying to the College 16-19 Bursary for help towards travel costs. For further information about the 16-19 please contact Hereford College of Arts Finance Department on 01432 273359 or by emailing finance@hca.ac.uk. Students that received a travel bursary in their first year of studies, will need to re-apply for their second year of studies.

Collecting your travel pass

Travel passes will be sent directly to the College and can be collected from the Registry Office at Hereford College of Arts on the first day of term. It is your responsibility to check with the Registry Office daily to see if your pass has arrived.

Useful Contacts

Herefordshire Council	Tel: 01432 260937 / 01432 290931 Email: schooltransport@herefordshire.gov.uk Website: https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200187/public_transport/166/school_and_college_transport/2
Powys council	Email: buses@powys.gov.uk Website: https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/3879/Apply-for-school-transport Tel: 01597 826678
DRM Buses	Tel: 01885 483939 / 01885 483219 Website: http://www.drmbus.com/
Sargeant Brothers Limited	Tel: 01544 230481 Website: http://www.sargeantsbros.com/
Stagecoach	Tel: 01452 418630 Website: http://www.stagecoachbus.com/
Hereford College of Arts Registry Department	Tel: 01432 273 359 Email: registry@hca.ac.uk