

# TRAVEL SCHEMES - 2023/2024

This information is for guild purposes. Please check the WUC website from mid July 2023 for live transport information. If you would like to be placed on a mailing list for WUC transport information or for current public transport discounts to be emailed to you when they become available in July 2023, request an information pack by contacting the Transport Department on the email address below.

## Writtle University College Transport Services



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

Writtle University College operate a free 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). There is no fee or need to book a place on this service. Just get yourself to the collection point during operational times and be wearing your student lanyard with student card for identification.

- **Shuttle Service Times:** (Location/times of pickup can be viewed on the WUC web site).
- Morning 08:00 to 09:15 Mon – Fri – Full service
- Day 10:00 to 15:00 Mon – Fri – Limited service
- Evening 15:00 to 18:00 (depending on location) Mon – Fri – Full service

For more info >> [Google Location](#)

Information available for the Writtle University College Transport Office:

Email: [transport@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:transport@writtle.ac.uk) or Tele: 01245 424262 or [www.writtle.ac.uk](http://www.writtle.ac.uk)

### **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 (Post 16 Transport). 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 week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 after the student has enrolled, but may not be able to assist with the initial first payment.

For information contact Student Finance: Tele: 01245 424228 (term time only 10am - 4.15pm) or

Email: [bursaries@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:bursaries@writtle.ac.uk)

## Travel Schemes– Local Council Transport Schemes

### **Further Education Students Local Councils**

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 and check that the service selected is the most cost effective.

### **Essex County Council – Post 16 Transport**



Students can apply for Post-16 transport assistance from Essex County Council if you are under 19 at the beginning of the academic year and met their criteria. Students will need to apply direct to Essex County Council for eligibility. For further information contact: [School transport: Post-16 transport - Essex County Council - \(look for – Post 16 transport\)](#)

Tele: 0845 603 2200 Email: [educationawards@essex.gov.uk](mailto:educationawards@essex.gov.uk)

### **Southend City Council (SCC)**



There is a scheme for students over the age of 16 and up to 19, transport awards are discretionary. If students live in the City of Southend-on-Sea they can apply direct to SCC for eligibility to travel under the Post 16 Transport Scheme.

Tele 01702 215007 Website: [www.southend.gov.uk/etc](http://www.southend.gov.uk/etc)

Thurrock will only consider travel assistance for students who have an EHCP with special needs. If your child's education, health and care (EHC) plan assessment has found that support with transport is necessary to meet their needs, you should complete the application form on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 when the new policy statement is updated.

Families with students without special needs should be applying for a 16-19 bursary to support transport costs. Please follow link below for funding criteria.

There has not yet been a decision as to whether we will charge for the transport provided for SEN students. The updated policy statement and webpage please see link below.

**Website Link:** <https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/home-to-school-travel-support/support-for-learners-over-16-years-old>

## Travel Schemes– Public Transport Ticket Discounts

### **Greater Anglia Trains – Scholars Season Ticket** -

Aged between 16 -19 years old – substantial discounts - **Booking available from August 2023**

To make a booking please either contact: -

- 0345 600 7245 – Option 3, then option 2
- Web site: [railplus.greateranglia.co.uk](http://railplus.greateranglia.co.uk) (look for Academic Pass)
- Or see link on WUC web site – [Writtle.ac.uk](http://Writtle.ac.uk)
- [Academic Pass \(greateranglia.co.uk\)](http://Academic Pass (greateranglia.co.uk))

### **The 16-17 Railcard** – 50% off rail fares **16—17 SAVER**

- If you're aged 16 or 17, you can now enjoy 50% off standard Anytime, Off-Peak, Advance and Season tickets,
- A 16-17 Saver is **just £30** and is valid for one year or until your 18th birthday, whichever comes first. Website: [www.16-17saver.co.uk/where-to-buy/](http://www.16-17saver.co.uk/where-to-buy/) **Tele:** 0345 301 1656

### **The 16-25 Railcard** – Save 1/3 off a wide range of tickets **16-25 Railcard**

For further details and restrictions:

- Tel: 0345 3000 250
- In person at a staffed station

Website: [www.16-25railcard.co.uk](http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk)

### **First Essex Buses**

**First Buses to offer students discounted tickets through the Student Travel Club. Tickets will be available from August 2023.**

**Details on discounts and how to apply are published on the WUC web site from mid July 2023.**

- **Website:** [www.writtle.ac.uk](http://www.writtle.ac.uk) - (look for Apply – Transport)

### **Arriva Bus Services - Student saver**

**Arriva Saver Direct Debit Tickets** – Follow the link below or web address – (look for 'Student and Child Direct Debit Tickets')

Select 'You do need to select ticket option Herts and Essex and you will need to select the correct zone for your travel that will be the Student-All Zone ticket is required.

(The most flexible option is the monthly direct debit scheme).

[www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets)