

# College student journey planning guide

## Planning your journey to and from college



As the new academic year gets going, this guide seeks to help you learn more about your travel options to and from college and where you can get more information to support your journey.

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## It's important to check before you travel



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- For bus departure times, routes and operators visit [tfgm.com/bus](https://www.tfgm.com/bus)
- For up-to-date information about tram departure times, service frequency and disruption visit [tfgm.com/tram](https://www.tfgm.com/tram)
- For information about train times, routes, tickets and railcards visit [nationalrail.co.uk](https://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## Free and discounted travel



You may be entitled to free bus travel with Our Pass. After you pay the £10 admin fee (which pays for the cost of making the card), you can use your pass on most local bus services in Greater Manchester.

You can also get half-price off-peak 1 day and weekend travelcards on Metrolink, as well as access to exclusive offers and experiences. If you live in Greater Manchester and were born between 1 September 2003 and 31 August 2005, you are eligible. Find out more and apply by visiting [ourpass.co.uk](https://www.ourpass.co.uk)

Or you may be interested a Scholar's Permit, which allows 16 to 19-year-olds in school or college to pay the equivalent of child fares on trams, buses and trains in Greater Manchester. Find out more at [tfgm.com/scholars-pass](https://www.tfgm.com/scholars-pass)

## Not eligible? #GetOnBoard with other tickets and passes

Simple and clear low bus fares will be available in Greater Manchester from Sunday 4 September, making it easier for people to get around the city-region.

Adults will pay no more than £2 for a single bus journey, while a £5 1 day AnyBus Adult travelcard will cover unlimited bus travel within the 10 boroughs of Greater Manchester until 03.59am the following day.

However you choose to travel, TfGM's Ticket Finder can help you find your best option: [tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes](https://www.tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes)

## Walk, wheel or bike it



Walking, wheeling and cycling are great options for a cleaner, greener journey – particularly for shorter trips.

There is lots of information and support available, including details of safe cycle routes near you, on our active travel website at [beeactive.tfgm.com](https://www.beeactive.tfgm.com)

You can also book your place on a range of courses to help you improve your bike riding and maintenance skills.

## Travelling safely



We're working hard to make transport in Greater Manchester safe for everyone.

The GM TravelSafe Partnership are committed to tackling anti-social behaviour, abuse and harassment across the network.

We care if you've been affected by these issues, please report it and help us tackle the issue. This can be done via [gmp.police.uk/livechat](https://www.gmp.police.uk/livechat)

People involved in this behaviour face serious consequences, including pass removal, fines and even prosecution.