



# YOUR JOURNEY TO COLLEGE

Guide to Travel Support  
for School Leavers  
**2025 ENTRY**



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**TMC GO**

# WHAT TRAVEL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

Are you a school leaver heading to college this September?

**Don't let travel be a barrier to your success.**

We are here to help you get to any of our campuses using all public transport available, whether that's by bus if you're eligible for **Our Pass** or via our travel support package **TMC Go**. So, whether you're travelling to college or need to get to your work placement, **we will help to get you there for free**, anytime, seven days a week.\*

*\*Terms, conditions and eligibility apply.*

## Travel Support Checker

Answer a few questions using our travel support checker to see what support you may be eligible for before you apply.



# OURPASS

If you're aged 16 or 17 on 31 August 2025 and live in Greater Manchester then you will be eligible for Our Pass.

Our Pass is a membership scheme for young people who live in Greater Manchester and helps school leavers get around the city. Those eligible have the chance to become a member – and potentially enjoy two things:

## Free bus travel across Greater Manchester.

For a one-off £10 fee, members can travel on most local buses, any day of the week, for free. Members can also get half-price off-peak 1 day and weekend travelcards on Metrolink.

## Membership unlocks exclusive offers and experiences.

These include discounts, special offers, free tickets, swimming and leisure passes, merchandise, taster sessions and much more.

Please note that Our Pass is not a College product but is available to students who enrol with us and are eligible.

Find our more at [ourpass.co.uk](https://ourpass.co.uk)





## **For students aged 16-18 who are not eligible for Our Pass and/or who live outside the Greater Manchester travel area there is support available through TMC Go.**

If you're not eligible for Our Pass, The Manchester College will give you the same opportunities with TMC Go. TMC Go will operate on your college ID badge as a travel pass on bus transport only. TMC Go is there to support students with a range of travel options, so if travel by bus isn't feasible you can appeal to have your support adjusted to Metrolink or train. This is assessed on an individual case by case basis.

### **Are you eligible for TMC Go?**

If you're aged 16 or 17 and live outside of Greater Manchester or aged 18 prior to 31st August 2025 then you won't be eligible for Our Pass, however you can apply to get travel support through TMC Go if you meet our criteria\*:

- Your household income is less than £40,000 per year
- You are enrolled at The Manchester College and have good attendance.

\* Our TMC Go offer applies to 2025/26 only and is subject to available funds, terms, conditions and eligibility.

\*\* Eligibility criteria and terms and conditions apply.

All of the travel and parking schemes mentioned in this leaflet are subject to annual review in line with funding availability and each scheme will be reviewed and assessed before the start of each academic year. There is no guarantee that the benefits of any scheme will be continued from one academic year to the next.

Additionally, if you are eligible for Our Pass but are struggling to get to campus by bus or it takes too long we will look at alternative transport methods if you meet our criteria.

### **Struggling to travel by bus?**

If you're aged 16-18 and your journey to college by bus just isn't feasible and/or you plan to travel by tram or train but are struggling to afford it, then we could help fund some or all of your travel to campus via train or tram with TMC Go.\*\*

If eligible for enhanced support we will assess the best mode of transport for you. If travel by train or tram is a more suitable option then funding will be allocated based on specific criteria.



## How do I get travel support?

### Accepted an offer with us?

If you are eligible and are aged 16 or 17 you can apply for Our Pass now so this will be ready when you enrol.

If you are aged 15 you cannot apply until the Our Pass system opens which is usually around June or July.

Apply for OurPass at [ourpass.co.uk](https://ourpass.co.uk)

If you have any challenges in accessing your studies via bus with your Our Pass, please let us know as we may be able to support alternative modes of transport.

If you aren't eligible for Our Pass and would like to apply for travel support via TMC Go then please visit our website for details on how to apply.

[tmc.ac.uk/travel](https://tmc.ac.uk/travel)

Alternatively you can contact our Student Careers team via email if you have any questions: [careers&welfare@tmc.ac.uk](mailto:careers&welfare@tmc.ac.uk)

### Not received an offer from us?

You can apply for TMC Go if and when you enrol, however this will take at least 24 hours to process and no travel will be paid for until the travel award has been awarded.

*Terms and conditions apply.*

### Future developments

We are always looking at ways to improve our support and services to all our learners. As a result we are aiming to agree a new combined ticket for tram and bus, which would be loadable onto learners' college ID cards who require this.

We will hopefully have some more information for you as we get closer to your enrolment in September.

# HOW TO TRAVEL AROUND MANCHESTER

As well as TMC Go and Our Pass there are several other city-wide initiatives to help students get across Manchester using public transport at either a discounted price or for free.

- **Free buses run around the city every 10-15 minutes** on weekdays and every 15-20 minutes on weekends. **Explore free bus routes at** <https://tfgm.com/public-transport/bus/free-bus>
- **Choosing a combined Train and Tram Ticket** allows you to travel free on Metrolink trams in Zone 1 if you have bought a rail ticket for travel from any Greater Manchester station to a city zone station -just request a Metrolink add-on free of charge when purchasing your rail ticket. **Find out more** <https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes>
- **Save 1/3 on rail tickets** when you purchase a yearly railcard (£30 for a year)
  - Student Railcard (16-25) [www.16-25railcard.co.uk](http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk)
  - Explore all railcards including those for Veterans and Disabled Persons [www.railcard.co.uk](http://www.railcard.co.uk)



# PARKING AT OUR CAMPUSES

Students who are travelling to City Campus Manchester by car have several options for parking:

- NCP Car Park Manchester Park Street, Park St, Cheetham Hill, Manchester M3 1EU
  - ▶ **£3.95 for 12 hours before 4pm\***  
*Season tickets are available, more info at [ncp.co.uk](http://ncp.co.uk)*
- Manchester Southall Street Car Park, 28 Southall Street, Cheetham Hill, M3 1LN
- CitiPark Manchester AO Arena Multi Story Car Park, New Bridge St, Cheetham Hill, Manchester M3 1AR
  - ▶ **Early bird offer: £7 for 12 hours\***  
*Applies to everyone who arrives between 5am and 9am Monday to Friday*
  - ▶ **£6 for 12 hours\***  
*Pre-book parking on the app or website for a minimum of 12 hours, using promo code AO£6PD*
  - ▶ **Monthly season ticket for £90\***  
*Book a season ticket on the app or the website, using code MANAO90*  
  
*More info at [citipark.co.uk/carparks/manchester/arena](http://citipark.co.uk/carparks/manchester/arena)*

Cycling to City Campus Manchester?

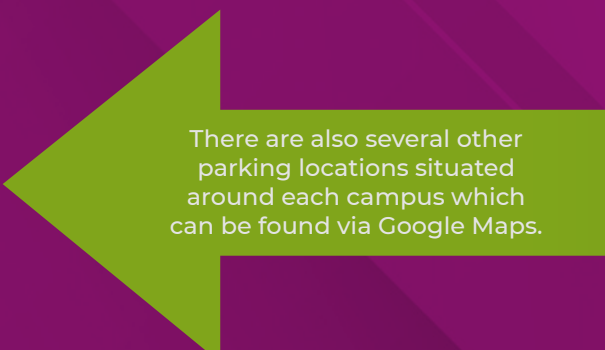
- There are bicycle parking facilities at City Campus Manchester which are available free of charge on a first come first served basis.  
*Bicycles left at these facilities are left entirely at the risk of their owners or users and The Manchester College accepts no liability for any loss of or damage caused to or suffered in respect of any bicycle, accessory or other equipment left at these facilities.*

The following campuses have free parking and bicycle racks available for our students:

- Openshaw
- Wythenshawe

Students who are travelling to our Harpurhey Campus by car have limited options for parking:

- Harpurhey Shopping Centre Car Park, 744-746 Rochdale Road, M9 4BP (4 hour limit for parking)
- Moston Lane, M9 4AD



There are also several other parking locations situated around each campus which can be found via Google Maps.



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