

# Your Journey To College

Travel support for school leavers  
**2027 entry**



Are you a school leaver heading to college this September?

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

We're here to help you get to college, whether that's by bus, if you're eligible for **Our Pass**, or through the **TMC Bursary**.



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 2026 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**



# TMC Bursary

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.

The Manchester College Bursary operates on your college ID badge as a travel pass on bus transport only.

## Are you eligible?

If you're aged 16 or 17 and live outside of Greater Manchester or aged 18 prior to 31 August 2026 then you won't be eligible for Our Pass, however you can apply to get travel support through our bursary 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.

## 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 Bursary.\*\*

If eligible for enhanced support, we'll 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.



\* The TMC Bursary applies to 2026/27 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.

## How to get travel support

### Our Pass

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

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

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



## TMC Bursary

You can apply for TMC Bursary if and when you enrol. This will take at least 24 hours to process and no travel will be paid for until it has been awarded.

## Want to learn more?

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

Email [careers&welfare@tmc.ac.uk](mailto:careers&welfare@tmc.ac.uk)

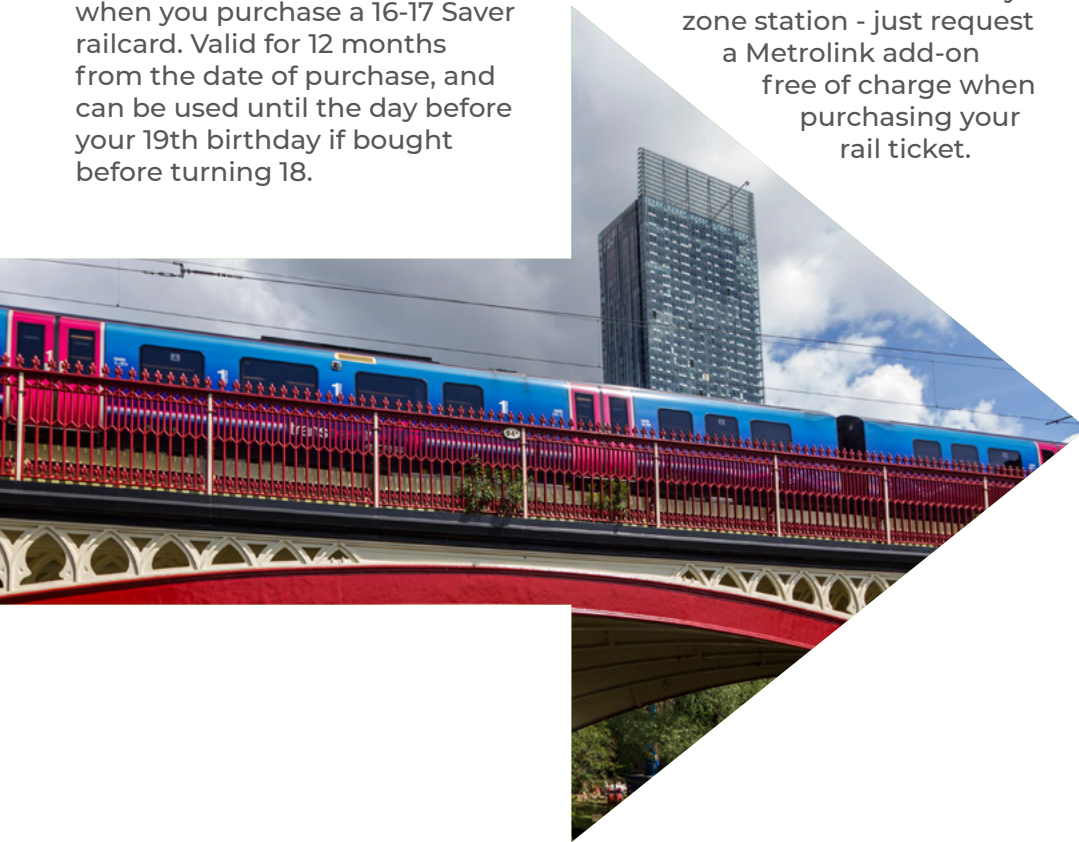
# How to travel around Manchester

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.

**Save 50% on rail tickets** when you purchase a 16-17 Saver railcard. Valid for 12 months from the date of purchase, and can be used until the day before your 19th birthday if bought before turning 18.

**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.



## Parking at our campuses

Whichever campus you study at, there are a range of travel options available.

### City Campus Manchester

Located in the heart of Manchester city centre, City Campus is well connected by public transport, with several bus, tram and train links nearby.

#### Parking

There is no on-site student parking at City Campus. Several public car parks are available within walking distance, including NCP and AO Arena car parks.

Bicycle parking is available.

### Openshaw Campus

To the East of the city, Openshaw Campus is easy to reach by bus, train bike or car.

#### Parking

Free on-site parking is available for students, along with secure bicycle parking facilities.

### Harpurhey Campus

Situated in North Manchester, Harpurhey Campus is accessible by a number of local bus routes and major road links.

#### Parking

There is no student parking available at Harpurhey Campus. Students are encouraged to travel by public transport, walk or cycle where possible.

### Wythenshawe Campus

Located in South Manchester and close to key bus and tram routes, Wythenshawe Campus is easily accessible.

#### Parking

Free on-site parking is available for students, with bicycle parking also provided.

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

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The Manchester College is committed to equality of opportunity, non-discriminatory practices and supporting individual learners. This information is also available in a range of formats, such as large print, on request.