

# DESTINATION NORTH KENT COLLEGE!

## Travel information for students travelling from Kent



### College shuttle bus between Dartford Rail Station and Dartford Campus

North Kent College operates a free all day shuttle bus service between the Dartford Campus and the bus stop in front of Dartford railway station, giving students easy access the College if they can travel by rail or by bus to Dartford town centre. Simply show your North Kent College ID card to the driver and you can board the shuttle bus from and to the Station. Buses run throughout the day, every 15-20 minutes at peak times.

### Kent 16+ Travel Card

North Kent College participates in the Kent 16+ Travel Card scheme, which is available to students aged 19 or under as at 31 August 2016, who live in Kent (i.e. in a household which pays Council Tax to a Kent District Council for KCC Services).

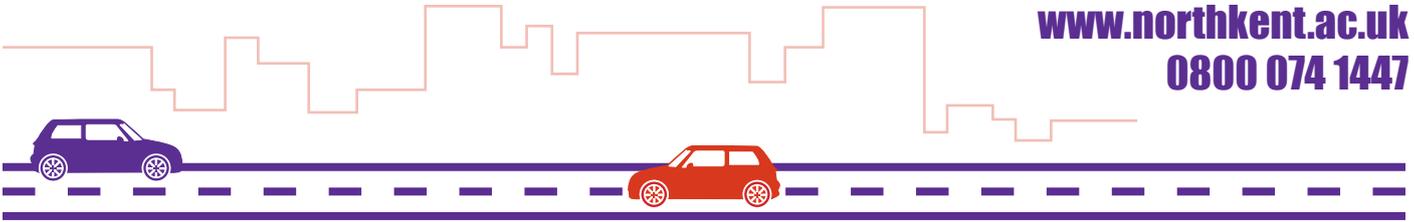
The Kent 16+ Travel Card enables students who are eligible to access unlimited bus travel in Kent (and on direct bus services crossing the county boundary) at any time including evenings, weekends and holidays. The cost of a Travel Card for a full academic year (1 September to 31 July) for 2015/16 was £400. We are currently awaiting confirmation of the price for 2016/17.

Please note: The Kent 16+ Travel Card does not cover students living in Medway. Students who are aged 16-18 living in Medway can apply via Medway Council for a Medway Youth Pass (cost £10) which enables them to travel at half the normal adult fare.

### How to apply

Application forms for the Kent 16+ Travel Card will be available from the beginning of June, either from the College website or from reception at both Dartford and Gravesend campuses. Completed application forms must be returned to the College, along with a cheque for the full amount made payable to North Kent College and a passport sized photograph (please write your name on the back).

**Please note** that the College does not offer the option of payment by instalments; neither does it offer any financial assistance for Travel Cards. Students with a household income of less than £23,000 however may make an application for Student Financial Support and may instead be supplied with an Arriva Thameside or Arriva South East bus pass completely free of charge, together with a package of other support, depending on where they live and the course they are taking. (See College Leaflet on Student Financial Support for further information).



## When to apply

To ensure that your Travel Card is ready for the beginning of term in September, your application must be with the College by 8th July 2016 as KCC will take up to 6 weeks to process the application. If you apply after this deadline, we advise students to apply for their Travel Card from Term 2 (2 November) which will be at a reduced cost (for 2015/16 this was £340). For the first term students would have the option of purchasing a discounted Arriva Student Saver ticket, using the College promotional code (see below).

## Arriva Student Saver tickets

The College has an arrangement with Arriva to offer significant discounts on 4 weekly and termly bus passes to students of any age. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.arrivabus.co.uk](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk) and the discounted price can be obtained by entering the College's promotional code at the checkout (prices quoted on the Arriva website are at full cost until the discount code is activated.)

The promotional code can be obtained at enrolment or from reception or student services after the student has enrolled. Tickets purchased online may either be sent directly to a mobile phone (and can therefore be used immediately), or a paper ticket can be posted to your home address.

## Which Student Saver ticket do I need?

This depends on where you are travelling from:

- The Arriva Thameside Student Saver ticket covers travel across Swanley, Dartford, Gravesend, New Ash Green and Vigo Village
- The Arriva South East Student Saver ticket covers all the South East areas including the Medway towns

There are various Student Saver ticket options available including 10 journey tickets, 4 weekly tickets, termly tickets and an annual ticket. Tickets purchased can be used at any time and not only for travel to and from College, however when using your ticket you must always show your North Kent College ID card. Students who live in a London borough travelling to our Gravesend campus will need to obtain an Oyster card to travel to Dartford (see separate leaflet for students living in London) and then purchase an Arriva Thameside Student Saver ticket for the onward bus journey to Gravesend.

## Need further travel advice?

For further information regarding Arriva bus routes/times please see the Arriva website [www.arrivabus.co.uk](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk). If you require any further advice please speak to one of our Student Services Officers:

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