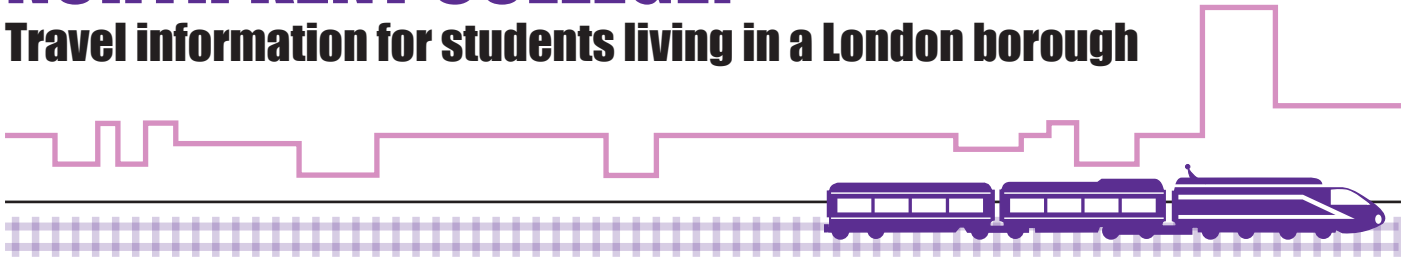


DESTINATION NORTH KENT COLLEGE!

Travel information for students living in a London borough



Free shuttle bus from Dartford Station to Dartford Campus

Students travelling by bus or train to Dartford town centre can use the free College shuttle bus which runs throughout the day between Dartford railway station and Dartford campus. Simply show your North Kent College ID card to the driver and you can board the shuttle bus which runs every 15-20 minutes at peak times.

Travelling by bus to Dartford - some popular routes:

(Oyster card only accepted on these routes):

- The **96** bus runs from Woolwich Arsenal station through Plumstead, Welling, Bexleyheath and Crayford through to Dartford (and then on to Bluewater)
- The **492** runs from Sidcup station, through Bexley Village, Bexleyheath and Crayford through to Dartford Station (and then on to Bluewater)
- The **428** runs from Erith town centre, through Slade Green and Crayford through to Dartford station (and then on to Bluewater)
- The **B12** bus runs from Erith Town Centre /Riverside through Bexleyheath, Bexley Village and Joyden's Wood through to Leyton Cross bus stop (which is within easy walking distance of Dartford campus.)

Students travelling from London to the Gravesend campus will need to take a second bus from Dartford or Bluewater through to Gravesend. (You cannot use an Oyster card on Arriva bus routes, however North Kent College students can obtain discounted tickets on Arriva buses for this part of your journey – please see travel information for students living in Kent). From Dartford (Home Gardens) you can take the Arriva 480 bus to Denton Lion Garage which is a short walk from the Gravesend campus. From Bluewater bus station you can take the 490 or 481 to Denton Lion Garage.

Travelling by train to Dartford – Direct lines

Dartford station is now within the Oyster card zone so students travelling from London can easily access the College and benefit from discounted travel using an Oyster card (see overleaf). There are direct trains to Dartford from the following stations:

- London Victoria Line: Denmark Hill, Peckham Rye, Nunhead, DLR Lewisham, Hither Green, Lee, Mottingham, New Eltham, Sidcup, Albany Park, Bexley and Crayford
- London Charing Cross Line: London Waterloo East, Blackheath, Kidbrooke, Eltham, Falconwood, Welling, Bexleyheath, Barnehurst
- London Cannon Street Line: London Bridge, New Cross, St Johns, Deptford, Greenwich DLR, Maze Hill, Westcombe Park, Charlton Woolwich Dockyard, Woolwich Arsenal DLR, Plumstead, Abbey Wood, Belvedere, Erith, Slade Green

Oyster Photocards

16+ zip Oyster photocard

All 16 or 17 year olds who live in a London borough (this includes Crayford but not Dartford) are entitled to apply for a 16+ Zip Oyster photo card which entitles them to travel completely free of charge on London Buses (some of which stop nearby the College at Leyton Cross or at Dartford station, where students can then pick up the free College shuttle bus.)

The 16+ Oyster card can also be used to purchase train tickets within the Oyster card zone at half the adult rate.

Full - time students (who are on a course at Level 3 or below) who are 18 as at 31 August of the year they start their course and who live in a London borough are also eligible for the 16+ Zip Oyster photocard and can receive free travel on London buses and half price travel on trains throughout the whole of that academic year (even though they may turn 19 during the year.)

18 + Student Oyster photocard

Despite the name of this Oyster photocard please note that if you are 18 on 31 August of the year you start your course, you should apply for the 16+ Zip Oyster photocard and not the 18+ Student Oyster photocard (if taking a course at Level 3 or below).

Full-time students aged 19 or above (as at 31 August 2016) taking a level 3 course or below and students aged 18 or above taking a Higher Education course (Level 4 or above) and who live

in a London borough, can apply for an 18+ Student Oyster photocard and get 30% off the price of adult-rate Travelcards and London bus pass season tickets.

How to apply for your Oyster photocard

Oyster card applications are made via the Transport for London Oyster photocard website: <https://photocard.tfl.gov.uk>. To apply for an Oyster card you must first of all create a web account. For students aged 16 or 17 as at 31 August of the year they start their course, this must be done by a parent or guardian on behalf of the student; students who are 18 or above as at 31 August must create their own web account. A colour digital photo of the student must be uploaded and an administration fee of £20 is payable.

If you live in London and are aged 18, you will have to print off a verification letter that must be stamped by the College (please bring it in to reception or student services for stamping). The stamped verification letter must then be taken to a Post Office in London, along with other required documentation. The Post Office clerk will check your documents and you can pay the application fee. The photocard is usually sent to you within 24 hours. If you are aged 19 or above your application will be verified online by the College.

Please note the College is unable to approve any application if the student does not reside in a London borough.

When to apply

To be eligible for a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard or an 18+ Student Oyster photocard, the College has to confirm that you are a full-time student. You should therefore wait until you are actually enrolled on a course to apply for your Oyster card. (Enrolment for new students takes place at the end of August/beginning of September.) Please note, if you apply before you are fully enrolled, you risk your application being rejected and losing your application fee.

Need further travel advice?

For further information on Oyster photocards, please go to <https://photocard.tfl.gov.uk>. For further advice about travelling to College, please speak to one of our Student Services Officers:

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