

BHASVIC Quick Travel Guide 2015-2016

Will I be able to get any help from the College with my travel costs?

Each year, the government allocates a Bursary Fund to Colleges. The aim of the Bursary Fund is to help 16 to 19 year-olds overcome any financial barriers they may face to attend a sixth form or further education college. Travel costs are one of the things the Bursary Fund can help with, **but only if the distance between your home address and College is over 2 miles (we measure 'as the crow flies' postcode to postcode).**

The Bursary Fund is aimed at helping those young people facing the greatest financial barriers to studying at College. The financial support given to these students will depend on their specific needs, including travel where the distance from home to College is over 2 miles. For more information, see the Student Services website: <http://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/students/student-services.aspx>

BHASVIC by Bicycle, Foot and Car

As a Silver Award Eco-School, BHASVIC positively encourages all forms of environmentally friendly transport. Car parking around College is extremely limited (and metered!) and there is NO on-site parking at College for students. We do not recommend students use a car for College travel.

With ample cycle shelters on-site and a new cycle-lane network in the area surrounding BHASVIC, we actively encourage cycling. For more information on cycling in Brighton & Hove visit:

<http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/travel-transport-and-road-safety/cycling>

For tips on how to keep your bike safe visit: <http://www.immobilise.com/>

BHASVIC is easily accessible by foot from much of Brighton and Hove, and lockers are available on site to store heavy items such as course books, which may make your walk even easier!

If you have access needs that may affect how you can travel to BHASVIC, please talk to Student Services. The Learning Support Team can also assist with access requirements within the College.

Travel Discounts and Deals

There are many types of transport offers available to students at BHASVIC, depending on their age, location and form of travel.

Discount	Bus / Train	Age	NUS Extra Required	Area	Application Cost
Sussex Student Card	Train	Under 19	No	Brighton and Hove, East Sussex, and West Sussex	Free
Unizone	Train	Any	Yes	Selected stations in Brighton and Hove, East Sussex and West Sussex	Free
BusID	Bus	Under 19	No	Brighton and Hove	Free
Student Savers	Bus	Over 19	No	Brighton and Hove	Free
Your 3 in 1 Card	Bus	Under 18	No	West Sussex	£50 or Free
3i-D	Bus	Under 19	No	East Sussex	£12 or Free
16-25 Rail Card	Train	16 to 25 (or over 25 if in full time education)	No	Whole UK	£30 per year

Sussex Student Card

This card gives students 34% off rail **season tickets** subject to a minimum period of one month and a maximum period of 10 months and 13 days (to fit the academic year). Tickets must be purchased online and at least seven days in advance of travel (fourteen days in advance over Christmas/Easter periods). The discount applies to any train journey within the Southern Railways area. You can only access the discount with the card (this gives you a unique number you use to buy tickets online via the Sussex Further Education Season Ticket website) and you must carry the card with you when using a rail season ticket purchased under the scheme.

<http://www.southernrailwaytickets.com/buytickets/furthered/FurtherEd.php>

To apply for the card you need to complete an application form. These are available from the Welfare Coordinator in the Student Services Centre, or can be downloaded from the following sites:

http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/learning/schools_ages_4-16/school_transport/sussex_student_card.aspx

<http://www.connexions360.org.uk/travel/publictransport/pages/traindiscounts.aspx>

The form must be countersigned by College (Student Services) and then sent to the address at the bottom of the form, along with a photograph and self-addressed envelope. Your Sussex Student Card will be sent to your home address to enable you to buy season tickets online as outlined above.

If applying significantly before September, please ensure your application forms are for the 2015-16 year, rather than 2014-15.

Unizone

Unizone is a special season ticket scheme for students, which offers unlimited discounted train travel in and around the Brighton areas.

The stations included in the Brighton Unizone area are: Aldrington, Berwick, Bishopstone, Brighton, Cooksbridge, Eastbourne, East Worthing, Falmer, Fishersgate, Glynde, Hampden Park, Hove, Lancing, Lewes, London Road, Moulsecomb, Newhaven Harbour, Newhaven Town, Plumpton, Polegate, Portslade, Preston Park, Seaford, Shoreham-by-Sea, Southease, and Southwick.

To qualify for a Unizone ticket you must be a member of the National Union of Students (NUS) and must present your **valid NUS Extra Card** which can be purchased from the NUS website, along with a **rail photo identity card** when buying your ticket. (Identity cards are issued free of charge from ticket offices – you just need to provide a recent passport-style photo.)

Unizone tickets are only available from staffed train stations within the Unizone area - you cannot buy them from ticket vending machines.

- Brighton Unizone Weekly ticket: £15.60
- Brighton Unizone Monthly ticket: £59.90
- Brighton Unizone Quarterly ticket: £179.70 (Days and weeks can be added to this ticket to fit term dates)

For further information check online at: <http://www.southernrailway.com/tickets-and-fares/ticket-types/16/>

To get the NUS Extra card needed to purchase this form of ticket go to: <https://cards.nusextra.co.uk/>

BusID

BusID cards are issued free to young people aged 5-19 and who are **permanent residents in the Brighton & Hove area or near one of the Brighton & Hove Bus Company routes in East or West Sussex or Kent**. A BusID card gives reduced fares (up to 50%) and travel offers on Brighton & Hove bus services. (If you are aged 14 - 19 you must have a BusID card to travel at child rate half price fares otherwise you will be charged the full adult rate.)

Cards are issued using the smartcard format 'on the key.' <http://www.buses.co.uk/tickets/busid.aspx>

BusID prices include:

- 7 Day SAVER £11 from bus driver or £9.50 from <https://www.smartbuses.co.uk/smart-card/> or from 1 Stop Travel
- Monthly continuous payment until you cancel, £29 from Smart Card website
- 90 Day SAVER £90 from <https://www.smartbuses.co.uk/smart-card/> or from 1 Stop Travel
- 12 month SAVER £290 from <https://www.smartbuses.co.uk/smart-card/> or from 1 Stop Travel.

You can get a BusID by completing an application form together with a passport size photo and proof of your date of birth which can be either a Birth Certificate, Passport or Medical Card. You can pick up a form from the Student Services Centre or a 1 Stop Travel Office. A PDF version of the form is also available at: <http://history.buses.co.uk/bustimes/busidapp.pdf>

Or apply in person at: 1 Stop Travel, 26 North Street, Brighton, BN1 1EB

19+ Student SAVER

You can buy SAVER tickets for Students, on production of a University, or College registration card (for example, your BHASVIC ID). These must be bought from 1 Stop Travel (26, North Street, Brighton). The student fares are:

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| • 1 Day | £3 |
| • 1 Week SAVER | £12.50 |
| • 3 Month SAVER | £115 |
| • 12 Month SAVER | £365 |

Your 3-in-1 Card

The "Your 3-in1 Card" is a scheme administered by West Sussex County Council which gives those aged 5–19 and in full-time education: 1) cheaper bus fares; 2) ID/proof of ages; and 3) discounts with certain retailers. **Cards cost £50 but are free to those with low-income exemption.**

If you are 5-19 and in full-time education you will be issued with a 3-in-1 Card which will give you **half fare travel at all times/days of the week for journeys wholly or partly within West Sussex** (so you can start your journey in West Sussex and end it in Brighton for example). You can get the discount on single, return tickets, day and any weekly tickets which can be purchased on the bus. To qualify for the half fares you must show your 3-in-1 Card to the driver. (You should find that all bus operators within West Sussex accept the 3-in-1 Card but it is worth checking with your local bus company for the discounts they offer.)

Application forms can either be downloaded at <http://www.yourspacewestsussex.co.uk/default.aspx?page=510> or requested by calling 01243 777330.

3i-D Card

If you're under 19, a 3i-D card gets you cheaper bus travel in East Sussex. The 3i-D card allows you to buy an **East Sussex Freedom bus ticket for £15.00 from the bus driver**. The Freedom ticket gives you unlimited travel on almost any bus in East Sussex for seven days in a row, including weekends. 3i-D cards are also nationally recognised 'proof of age' as part of the Citizencard scheme, and entitle the holder to many other discounts in shops and leisure services.

3i-D cards cost £12 (or are free if you receive Free College Meals) and are valid up to 31st August following your 19th birthday.

To find out more, or download an application form, go to <http://connexions360.org.uk/3id/index.aspx>

You can also pick up an application form at Student Services.

16-25 Rail Card

A 16-25 Railcard is a card for **students aged between 16-25, or a mature student, over the age of 26 and in full-time education**.

A 16-25 Railcard will save you 1/3 on many rail fares throughout Great Britain for a whole year. You can use it anytime on weekends, Public holidays and during the week. There may be restrictions if you travel before 10.00am Monday to Friday. It costs £30 for one year, or £70 for three years.

Application forms are available from your local staffed train station or online at www.16-25railcard.co.uk

You will also need a passport sized photograph, proof of age and proof that you are in full time education (eg your BHASVIC or NUS card). This card can be especially useful when visiting Universities for Open Days, as the discount on a long journey can sometimes cover the £30 cost of the card!



The information in this leaflet is a guide only and is correct at the time of print. Please be aware that services, prices and timetables may change (for example, Southern Railways tend to change their prices in January each year, the Brighton Bus Company change theirs in April). **Please check directly with the travel companies concerned to ensure that you get the most up to date information.**

A Full Travel Guide can be found on our website: <http://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/students/student-services.aspx>

If you need any further advice or support with travelling to College, please contact Student Services.