

Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College

College Transport Subsidy for 2011/2012

The College is able to provide some financial support towards the travel costs of students who live more than five miles from the College and where the household income is less than £35,000 per year.

Students from County Durham

Durham County Council will provide to CONTINUING STUDENTS only (i.e. 2nd and 3rd year students), £240, £345 or £405 per annum towards the travel costs of students living in County Durham depending on how far they have to travel to College. The Council should notify all continuing students but students will still need to reapply for assistance before the start of the new academic year. Visit Durham County Council website www.durham.gov.uk (transport to sixth form and college) or call 0191 383 5500 for more information.

This Council subsidy is not available to students starting college for the first time in 2011 but where the household income is less than £35,000 per year, students living in County Durham will be eligible to support from the College at a rate of £1 per day for every day attended. This is equivalent to £180 per year and can be used towards the cost of private transport, service buses or a pass for one of the College buses. Continuing students who received Home to College Transport Assistance in 2010/11 will also be entitled to apply for this again in 2011/12.

Students from North Yorkshire

Students living in North Yorkshire may be eligible for support towards transport costs from North Yorkshire County Council. Visit NYCC website www.northyorks.gov.uk (School transport – 16-19 year olds) or call 0845 345 2153 for more information.

Eligible Students

Students who are eligible for financial support from North Yorkshire County Council will pay the Council £340 and receive a bus pass. In most cases, the bus pass provided by NYCC enables the student to use public transport only.

In exceptional circumstances NYCC may pay the College for a place on the QE bus. It is our understanding that this only applies to students living in the Bedale to Morton-on-Swale areas who can demonstrate that their course at QE is necessary for their future career and that it is not available at other schools or colleges in North Yorkshire.

The College is unable to provide any financial support to students who are eligible to support from North Yorkshire County Council.

Non-Eligible Students

Where the household income is less than £35,000 per year, students who can demonstrate that their local authority has refused to provide support, will be eligible to support from the College at a rate of £1 per day. This is equivalent to £180 per year and can be used towards the cost of private transport, service buses or a pass for one of the College buses. Continuing students who received Home to College Transport Assistance in 2010/11 will also be entitled to apply for this again in 2011/12.

Students from Stockton

It is our understanding that students living in Stockton are able to apply for a Stockton Pathfinder bus pass that enables them to travel for half-fare on service buses. The Pathfinder can be ordered from the College Finance Office for £10.00. Some students from Stockton choose to use local train services or the College's Sedgefield bus but will not be eligible for support from their local authority.

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Students from Darlington (living more than 3 miles from College)

The authority provides travel assistance in the form of a £180 travel grant to students who live more than three miles from the College by the shortest walking route from their home. Visit Darlington Borough Council website www.darlington.gov.uk (School transport) or call 01325 347485 for more information or pick up an application form from the Finance Office (Room 132).

Evidence of Household Income

Students applying to the College for assistance with travel costs due to their household income being less than £35,000 will need to provide the Finance Office with written evidence in the form of a TC602 (Tax Credit Award Notice) from HMRC.

Exceptional Circumstances

If a student can demonstrate exceptional financial hardship, the College may be able to provide further support towards travel costs. Please see Laurence Job, Assistant Principal (Room 184).

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College Bus Services for 2011/2012

Service Number	Service	Route and Proposed Pick-up points
1	Sedgefield	Trimdon Grange Trimdon Village Fishburn Bishop Middleham Sedgefield QE, Darlington
2	Bedale	Bedale Aiskew Leeming Bar Morton on Swale Romanby Northallerton Brompton Great Smeaton QE, Darlington
3a	Bishop Auckland via Shildon	Bishop Auckland Shildon School Aycliffe Aycliffe Village QE, Darlington
3b	Bishop Auckland via Ferryhill	Bishop Auckland Ferryhill Chilton Newton Aycliffe QE, Darlington
4	Billingham/ Stockton	Wolviston Billingham Norton Stockton Eaglescliffe Eggescliffe Middleton St George QE, Darlington
5	Catterick	Catterick Village Colburn Catterick Garrison Richmond Scotch Corner Middleton Tyas*/Barton* QE, Darlington

* to be confirmed

Please note that routes are subject to change. More than one bus may run on each route depending on demand. Application forms will be posted to students/parents in July when final routes, actual pick-up points and timetables will be published. Financial transport assistance may be available either through your Local Authority or the College and can be used towards the cost of these College Bus services. Further details can be found overleaf.