



Queen Mary's College

## TRAVEL TO COLLEGE 2020/2021

(Information is provisional at this time and will be updated in June 2020 in readiness for enrolment)

QMC has a **Green Travel Plan** which commits us to cutting down car use to the site as much as possible - both for the benefit of the neighbourhood and to reduce the College's impact on the wider environment.

When thinking about travel to College, **look for the most environmentally friendly form of transport:**

- Consider **walking** or **cycling** to College if you live within Basingstoke. These methods of travel are cheap, keep you fit and are good for the environment. There are many safe walking routes to College and an improved network of safe cycle routes. Ample covered cycle parking is available at the College. There are also showers available for use and lockers in which you can store equipment.
- Take **public transport**. College buses or Stagecoach services are available on most routes to College. It takes approximately 20 minutes to walk from the bus or train stations.



- If you are being given **a lift** to College you must use the turning circle and drop off point at the far end of Cliddesden Road. Please be considerate to our neighbours and do not park in neighbouring streets or block driveways.
- **Parking** spaces on the site are very limited and priority is given to students who have completed at least one full year at the College and meet the set criteria. **Be aware that passing your driving test will not give you the automatic right to park at College. The issue of a permit does not guarantee the availability of a parking space.**

If you wish to apply for a parking permit to access the site by car, an application form is available from the Help Desk. Each application will be considered on its merits and special cases will be viewed sympathetically. The smartcards currently cost £120 for the whole academic year, £80 from the Spring Term onwards and £40 for the Summer Term (the charges may be reviewed).

### **COLLEGE BUS SERVICES – The current cost for an annual College bus pass is £450 (charges will be reviewed for the new academic year)**

For students who live in the **Andover, Burghfield, Fleet/Yateley/Hartley Wintney, Hook/Odiham/Warnborough, Newbury/Headley/Kingsclere, or Whitchurch/Overton** areas, the College organises private coach transport. We recognise that transport represents a significant cost to families and offer annual passes at very competitive rates. As the services are contracted annually, tickets are only issued on an annual basis and **payments are not refundable**. However, to help spread the cost we are able to accept an initial payment at enrolment (by cash, cheque or credit card) with the remaining two payments made by direct debit on 1<sup>st</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November inclusive. This facility is only available for the College buses, not for Stagecoach buses. Places are limited and are awarded on a first come first served basis, so please apply early via the June enrolment packs.

College buses have the advantage of delivering you directly onto the College site each morning and returning you at the end of the day. They are faster and more direct than the scheduled services, but they only run once a day each way in term time. They are not used by members of the general public. The passes cannot be used on Stagecoach services. If you lose your College bus pass it will cost £10 for a replacement, which can be purchased from the Help Desk.

## How to Apply for a College Bus Pass

If you wish to apply for a College Bus pass, complete the form in the application pack issued in June and return it to Queen Mary's College as soon as possible. Cheques (made payable to 'Queen Mary's College, with the student's name and address printed on the reverse), can be sent in with your application form, or brought with you when you come to the College to enrol in August, which is when passes will be issued. You can also pay by credit/debit card (not AmEx or Solo) at enrolment. For further information please contact the Help Desk on 01256 417500.

Current routes, which are subject to change, can be found on our website: [www.qmc.ac.uk](http://www.qmc.ac.uk)

## STAGECOACH BUS SERVICES

The Stagecoach Unirider will allow you to use scheduled Stagecoach bus services to get you to and from College each day. It will either cover Zone 1 (local Basingstoke area) or Zone 2 (subsidised for those living outside the inner Basingstoke area), depending on where you live. You must apply for the zone appropriate to your address and this will be checked. The Stagecoach bus pass has the advantage that it can also be used in the evenings, at weekends and during holidays, without additional payments, for travel within your area. **You must carry photo ID in support of your bus pass and your QMC ID card is ideal for this**). Rates are not fixed for the academic year 2020/2021 until May/June. The rates for 2019/20 are given below as a guide but are likely to rise and will not be confirmed until the summer of 2020:

2019/2020	Zone 1	Zone 2	
Autumn term	£167	£280	Includes Christmas holiday
Spring term	£167	£280	Includes Easter holiday
Summer term	£105	£200	Excludes summer holiday; ticket expires at end of term
Annual	£413	£670	Includes all holidays; ticket expires 31 Aug

- Student rate tickets will be available to any full time student aged 16+.
- In planning which bus pass is most appropriate, bear in mind that neither Stagecoach nor Queen Mary's College will make refunds on partially used bus passes. Should you lose your Stagecoach bus pass, it will cost £25 for a replacement, which can be purchased from Stagecoach.
- It is not possible to pay for a Stagecoach Bus Pass by direct debit. The debit form in this booklet is for the College bus services only.
- If you live within the Basingstoke town area and wish to purchase a *weekly* or *monthly* bus pass, you can do so by contacting Stagecoach directly.

## **How to Apply for a Stagecoach Bus Pass**

If you wish to apply for a Stagecoach pass, applications can be made online from mid-August 2019 through Stagecoach at [www.buymyunirider.com](http://www.buymyunirider.com). For further information regarding bus timetables/zone map, please visit their website at [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com). If you do not have access to the internet please contact Stagecoach using the number below, or ask at the Help Desk on the enrolment days.

## **SOUTH WEST TRAINS SERVICES (SWT)**

South West Trains offer reductions for students which vary according to the route. The Scholars Termly Tickets are available from stations in a wide area bordered by Redbridge in the south west, Salisbury in the west, Reading in the north, Woking in the north east, Guildford in the east and Portsmouth in the south. Please check station details with the Help Desk to ensure that this is a cost-effective option for you. Note that the full termly price is still payable if the student starts or leaves part way through a term. The pass is valid from Monday to Friday, College hours and term time only. Costs are unlikely to be confirmed by SWT until the summer of 2020 and are dependent upon the route travelled. If you would like to apply for one of these passes please ring the Help Desk in the summer of 2018 on 01256 417500 to obtain an application form.