Transport policy statement for students aged 16-18 in further education and continuing students aged 19 and over

**Name of LEA:** LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

**Department Responsible:**
Student Finance – Children And Young People Services

1. Please provide details of all concessionary fares, discounts, subsidies, passes or travel cards available for students aged 16–19 and who provides them. Please provide details of any costs to the student.

Transport for London have introduced new ticketing arrangements whereby under 18’s in full time education are eligible for free bus, tram and tube travel within the London area (zones 1-6)

Full time students aged 18+ can purchase a Student Oyster photocard at a fee of £5 through participating schools and colleges. Travelcards and Bus passes can then be obtained at 30% off the equivalent adult rate.

2. What times during the day can students use their travel pass or obtain concessionary fares?

There is no restriction on the use of travel passes.

3. Please confirm that support will continue to be made available to students who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course.

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4. How will students be assessed to see if they are eligible for support? e.g., means testing or must they be on benefits?

Assistance is based on family benefit entitlement eg income
Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Child Tax Credits ONLY with gross annual income below £14155, Guarantee element of State pension credit, Housing Benefit or Working Tax credit. In addition Orpington College will consider applications from low income families.

Individual cases where exceptional reasons for application for assistance can be proved will be considered individually on merit.

5. What help do you provide for students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities including those over 19 or students facing other difficulties in following their courses?

Assistance is considered on an individual basis according to need

6. Do you provide mobility/independence training for students who face difficulty with transport?

On an individual basis within course structure

7. When should students start to apply for transport support?

July/August for LEA applications. Refer to Colleges for individual dates

8. What help can students apply for if they need to travel to a course that is beyond your LEA area?

LEA will consider if the course is not available within the Borough or the student can demonstrate suitable reasons for wishing to attend a course outside the area.

9. What help is available for students who attend a further
education institution which is beyond daily travelling distance and they need to stay away?

Student aged 16-19 attending specialised full time courses not available locally at residential colleges can apply for Learning and Skills Council residential support. Application forms are available from the relevant college.

10. Please provide information about all points of contact for students seeking transport support, e.g. LEA/college, bus company contact. Please include any websites and e-mail addresses.

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0208 313 4095 – for college travel
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