



South Downs Student Travel & Support Application 2026-2027

Section 1 – Student Details – Please complete this form fully, if any information is missing, we will not be able to process this application. Your email address is very important as this is how we may contact you.

Surname:	First Name (s):
Full Address:	
	Postcode:
Home Phone No.:	Student's Mobile No.:
Student Ref No.:	Parent/Carer Mobile No.:
Date of Birth:	Age on 31 st Aug 2026:
Student Email Address (please write clearly as this is how we will contact you):	
Parent/Carer Email Address (please write clearly as this is how we will contact you):	
Name of the course you are studying e.g., BTEC Business:	

Section 2 – Financial Assistance Application – You are entitled to College Financial Assistance if you or your parent/carers are in receipt of an Income Based Benefit, as defined below. Financial Assistance is designed to provide financial support towards essential course related costs such as a travel pass, uniform, kit, equipment, books, etc. Applications cannot be processed without the correct proof of benefit.

Please select below if you are in receipt of any of the following and you must provide the evidence indicated

Eligible Benefit	Please Tick	Evidence Required (before financial assistance can be awarded – please supply at least one of the below which must clearly show your name and address)
Universal Credit (other than Child Tax element)	☐	Your last three most recent monthly Award Statements which can be printed from your online account. Please print the full breakdown of your monthly award statement (under payment section – then select most recent months). The full breakdown shows Universal Credit calculation including name/address, housing element/children/employer earnings/deductions (as applicable), & total payable. The total household income must not exceed £32,500 per annum - this total includes all universal credit payments; wages & benefits received within the household.
OR		
Income Support	☐	Letter dated 1st April 2026 stating you currently receive this benefit
Job Seekers Allowance (income based)	☐	All pages of your notification, dated from 1 st April 2026 – please do not send one page, we must see all the pages
Employment & Support Allowance (income related)	☐	All pages of your notification, dated from 1 st April 2026 – please do not send one page, we must see all the pages
Pension Credit (Guarantee element)	☐	All pages of your State Pension Credit (guarantee element), issued by the Pension Service, dated from 1 st April 2026
Council Tax Support (other than single occupancy)	☐	Letter or annual bill dated from April 2026
Housing Benefit	☐	Local Council letter dated April 2026 to March 2027

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Date Received:

Fund: Approved / Pending Evidence / Pending Other / Rejected / Upgrade / IOW / RFC /
Train: From..... / To: Havant / Cosham
Bus Pass: First Group: AW7 / AH7 ~ Stagecoach: AW / AH / AP / ASH / AG
FSM: Approved FSM / Pending FSM / NE
E1(Y) / E2(Q) / E3(N)

Section 3 – Bus Pass Application for South Downs Campus Students: Please complete this section if you receive an income-based benefit (as listed on page 1) and you require a bus pass. You must live beyond 0.5 miles from the South Downs Campus to receive travel assistance.

For any students wishing to travel by train, please speak to a Student Travel & Support Adviser (contact information at the bottom of the application) as the South Downs Campus is not within walking distance of a train station.

Bus Pass Information: The bus passes (in the table below) are listed by postcode area. The pass relevant to where you live is shown beside each postcode; **please see the bus pass guide on the back of this application form** which displays the zones/areas that each bus pass can be used in. The pass listed (alongside your postcode area) will be purchased for you by the College; these passes cost the college up to £950 each, **but there will be no cost to you once you have provided evidence of an eligible benefit**. The bus pass will enable you to travel from home to the South Downs Campus; these passes are annual (1st Sep –31st Jul 2027 with First Bus and 1st Sep – 31st Aug 2027 with Stagecoach). All passes can also be used in the evenings, at weekends, half terms, Christmas, and Easter Holidays and **must always be used with your Student ID card**.

How to get the bus pass: Once the application has been approved and the student has officially enrolled on their course (late August onwards), the Student Travel & Support Office will email the student with the full details of how to obtain the student bus pass (Stagecoach passes). Look out for this email towards the end of August. First bus passes are ordered by the college once enrolment is confirmed and are automatically delivered to the student's first bus app.

Type of bus pass: Bus passes must be downloaded on the student's phone via the relevant bus company app (First or Stagecoach). Students will need to scan the pass on their phone each time they board the bus. All passes must be used with the student's College ID card (which will be provided on enrolment days for new students). In some circumstances it may be possible for the student to have a plastic ticket, but this may incur a fee which is charged by the bus company.

South Downs Campus Bus Passes – Please tick only one option for your home address postcode:

<u>STUDENT'S HOME POSTCODE</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUS PASS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>PLEASE TICK</u>
PO1, PO2, PO3, PO4, PO5 & PO6 & Isle of Wight (If you live in Drayton or Farlington , see the postcode box below) The options are either a First Bus Hants or a Stagecoach Portsmouth pass. Isle of Wight students can choose either a First Bus Hants or Stagecoach Portsmouth bus pass depending on which pass suits you best when you arrive on the mainland.	First Bus Hants (All Zones)	
	Stagecoach Portsmouth	
PO6 1 & PO6 2 PO6 1 & PO6 2 have the option of choosing either a First Bus Hants pass (board at Cosham) or a Stagecoach South Hants pass (board at Havant Road and change at Havant Bus Station).	First Bus Hants (All Zones)	
	Stagecoach South Hants	
PO7 & PO8 PO7 - PO8 can choose either a First Bus Hants pass (no. 8/7 bus services) or Stagecoach South Hants pass (no. 37/39 bus services) – you can choose which company suits you best for the area of Waterlooville that you live in. ** Students living in Hambledon/Denmead will need to use Stagecoach buses.	First Bus Waterlooville (valid as far as Cosham train station)	
	Stagecoach Waterlooville (Valid as far as Havant ASDA)	
PO9	Stagecoach Havant	
PO10 7	Stagecoach South Hants	
PO10 8 & PO10 9	Stagecoach Gold	
PO11	Stagecoach South Hants	
PO12, PO13, PO14, PO15, PO16, PO17, SO30, SO31, SO32 & SO40	First Bus Hants (All Zones)	
PO18, PO19, PO20, PO21, PO22 & GU & BN	Stagecoach Gold	

If you have selected a bus pass above, please now go to Section 4 & 5 (if applicable). Everyone must complete & sign Section 6 before the application can be finalised.



Section 4 – Free Student Meals (FSM)

HSDC offer Free Student Meals to all eligible students. An allowance will be loaded onto the students ID card for each timetabled day the student is in college and can be spent in the college refectories on food and drink on that day. The student must be enrolled on a full-time course at the College and must be aged 16 – 18 before 31st August 2026. The student or parent/carer must also be in receipt of one or more of the benefits listed below. Students who are aged 19+ and are either continuing a study programme which began when aged 16-18 or have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) are also eligible for Free Student Meals. Please complete the Free Student Meals section below if you think you may be entitled to this scheme.

Applying for Free Student Meals Online - Please be aware that the college have strict government rules to abide by and therefore we must see evidence of the correct benefit when applying for FSM. Alternatively, you may find it quicker and easier to apply online using the link below as this method has access to your details. Please search for the college as 'HSDC Havant & South Downs'. The Council will email the College if you are eligible.

Link to apply for FSM online: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/fe-apply/>

If you are not applying for FSM online (using the link above), please indicate the benefit you are in receipt of and provide the evidence asked for:

Eligible Benefit	Please Tick	Evidence Required (Please supply at least one of the below documents which must clearly show your name and current address)
Income Support		A letter dated from 1 st April 2026 stating you currently receive this benefit.
Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)		<u>All</u> pages of your notification dated from 1 st April 2026.
Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related)		<u>All</u> pages of your notification dated from 1 st April 2026.
Pension Credit (Guarantee Element)		<u>All</u> pages of your State Pension Credit (guarantee element), issued by the Pension Service, dated from 1 st April 2026.
Support Under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999		A letter from either your local Council Asylum Seekers Team or the National Asylum Support Service (NASS) stating you are currently receiving this support.
Child Tax Credit (with <u>no</u> entitlement to Working Tax Credit)		<u>All</u> pages of your final Tax Credit Award Notice for April 2026 to April 2027 providing it shows <u>no</u> entitlement to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 or Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
Universal Credit		Your last three most recent monthly Award Statements which can be printed from your online account. Please print the full breakdown of your monthly payments which show how your Universal Credit payment was calculated.

Section 5 – Vulnerable Bursary - complete this section if the student is aged between 16-18 on 31st August 2026 and meets one of the below criteria – otherwise please ignore and move to section 6

Criteria for the Vulnerable Bursary	Please Tick
The student is In Care (Foster Care or Local Authority Care).	
The student is a Care Leaver (aged 16, 17 or 18 and previously looked after for 13 weeks or more which began after the age of 14 and ended after the age of 16).	
The student receives Universal Credit <u>in their own name</u> because they are financially supporting themselves (or anyone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child).	
The student is receiving BOTH Disability Living Allowance/Personal Independence Payments <u>in their own right</u> AND Universal Credit <u>in their own right</u> .	

Students who meet one of the above criteria, and who have a financial need, can apply for a bursary of up to £1200 – this bursary is for vulnerable groups only as the government recognise that the defined groups above may need a greater level of support to enable them to continue or participate in education. The College will contact you with further information and details of how to apply.

Section 6 – Parent/Carer & Student Agreement

Please make sure you agree to the terms and conditions and **both** student and parent/carers must sign below.

Please return **all pages** of the form and the evidence of your benefit (if you currently have it) to:

HSDC, Student Travel & Support, South Downs Campus, College Road, Waterlooville, PO7 8AA

I confirm that I have read and understood the following:

- The student's address on Section 1 is correct and the proof of the benefit matches this address.
- The information and evidence of the benefit/income provided is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. Giving any false or incomplete information which may lead to wrongfully claiming financial help from the College, may result in any future assistance being stopped and any incorrectly paid funds being recovered. Using false information may result in a referral to the police.
- Awards from the Support Fund are granted on the following conditions: that there is a financial need for assistance, that the student's attendance record is satisfactory, all assignments or homework are produced on time and conform to the College's rules and regulations. If, at any time, attendance, work, or behaviour is considered unsatisfactory, the funding may be withdrawn or suspended.
- Any refunds for essential course related costs (uniform, books, etc) can only be processed with a receipt/proof of purchase. Receipts can be given to the Student Travel & Support Office in September, after full time lessons have commenced.
- If any cost is due towards a train pass, this payment must be made before collection of the pass using the College's online payment system (WisePay) or by cash via the Student Travel & Support Office.
- All bus passes must be used with a College Student ID card (this will be issued on your Enrolment Day where your photograph will be taken onsite). Train passes must be used with a photocard. A passport style photo must be supplied when the train pass is collected, please do not send photos in the post. Continuing students can use their existing photocard.
- The student is liable to pay their own travel fares to and from college until their travel application has been approved, if the pass has been confiscated through misuse or if the student loses or damages their pass/phone.
- For lost travel passes, please speak to a Student Travel & Support Adviser.
- Uncollected train passes will incur a £10 admin fee which is charged by the transport company.
- Replacement Student ID cards can be purchased from the College.
- If you withdraw from your course, you must return your bus/train pass to the Student Travel & Support Office.
- Drivers/Inspectors can confiscate any pass that is used without appropriate Student ID or if the pass is being used out of the specified dates and areas on the ticket. Misuse of any pass may result in the student being withdrawn from the travel scheme and possible referral to the police.
- All students are expected to behave in the correct manner whilst using all public transport.
- HSDC cannot guarantee any public transport services as these services are not run under contract to the College and are therefore subject to availability.
- HSDC will process personal data contained in this application form for the purpose of administering Financial Assistance. If applicable, any bank details (sort code & account number) requested in the future by the Student Travel & Support Department will only be used for processing refunds and the college will adhere to relevant data protection policies and procedures. Should you require any further information, regarding the processing of your personal data, then please contact dataprotection@hsrc.ac.uk

Student Travel & Support

If you would like any further information, please phone 023 9279 7991 (option 2), email travelandsupport@hsrc.ac.uk or visit our website www.hsrc.ac.uk

Parent/Carer Agreement:

Name:

Parent Signature:

Date:

Student Agreement:

Name:

Student Signature:

Date:

Bus Passes available for the South Downs Campus and the areas they can be used in:

Name of Bus Pass	Areas Pass can be used in (all passes can be used at weekends & in the evenings in the listed areas and must be used with your College Student ID card)
First Bus Student Waterlooille (Valid from 1 Sep – 31 Jul 2027)	Waterlooille, Clanfield, Horndean, Lovedean, Cowplain, Purbrook, Cosham Health Centre and as far as Cosham Railway Station. Students living in Hambledon/Denmead will need a Stagecoach Waterlooille pass. ** This pass covers travel to the South Downs Campus only **
First Bus Student Hants (All Zones) (Valid from 1 Sep – 31 Jul 2027)	Waterlooille, Clanfield, Horndean, Lovedean, Cowplain, Purbrook, Cosham, Portsmouth, Bishop's Waltham, Swanmore, Waltham Chase, Shedfield, Wickham Square, Gosport, Fareham, Portchester, Paulsgrove, Titchfield, Whiteley, Warsash, Locks Heath, Hedge End, Southampton (except the motorway service). Students living in Hambledon/Denmead will need a Stagecoach Waterlooille pass. ** This pass covers travel to the South Downs Campus only **
Stagecoach Portsmouth StudentRider (Valid from 1 Sep – 31 Aug 2027)	Portsmouth, Southsea, Milton, North End, Cosham, Anchorage Park, Hilsea, Cosham, Paulsgrove, Drayton, Farlington, Crookhorn Precinct. ** This pass covers travel to the South Downs Campus only **
Stagecoach Waterlooille StudentRider (Valid from 1 Sep – 31 Aug 2027)	Waterlooille, Hambledon, Denmead, Clanfield, Horndean, Lovedean, Cowplain, Purbrook, South Downs Campus & as far as Havant Asda. ** This pass covers travel to the South Downs Campus only **
Stagecoach Havant StudentRider (Valid from 1 Sep – 31 Aug 2027)	Rectory Avenue, Bedhampton, Havant, West Leigh, Leigh Park & as far as South Downs Campus. ** This pass covers travel to both Havant & South Downs Campuses **
Stagecoach South Hants StudentRider (Valid from 1 Sep – 31 Aug 2027)	Havant Road, Rectory Avenue, Bedhampton, Havant, West Leigh, Leigh Park, Waterlooille, Hambledon, Denmead, Clanfield, Horndean, Lovedean, Cowplain, Purbrook, Portsmouth, Hayling Island, Emsworth (as far as Emsworth Square). ** This pass covers travel to both Havant & South Downs Campuses **
Stagecoach Gold StudentRider (Valid from 1 Sep – 31 Aug 2027)	Havant Road, Rectory Avenue, Bedhampton, Havant, West Leigh, Leigh Park, Waterlooille, Hambledon, Denmead, Clanfield, Horndean, Lovedean, Cowplain, Purbrook, Portsmouth, Hayling Island, Emsworth, Chichester, Petersfield, Liss and Bordon. This ticket can also be used within Hampshire, Surrey, West Sussex, Wiltshire & Brighton. ** This pass covers travel to both Havant & South Downs Campuses **