

# A Simple Guide to Budgeting Your Bursary Money



# Know How Much You Get

- Check your Pay My Student Account to see how much money you have received, how often you will be awarded a payment and what you can spend your bursary on.
- Get into the habit of regularly looking at your Pay My Student account to see how much money you have spent and how much you have left.
- Every student's situation is unique to them. All students have different amounts of money and different spending categories allocated, depending on their own needs.
- The Student Services Team will regularly contact you on your college email address on Outlook. Please read these.

# Know What You Need To Get

- If you need to travel by public transport to get to and from college, make it a priority to use your bursary money for **transport** .
- You can choose to buy a **weekly, 4 weekly, termly** or **yearly** bus pass. In most cases, a termly or yearly bus pass is the most cost-effective.
- Once these funds have been fully spent, we are unable to issue additional funding or give you a bus pass.

<p><b><u>Flexi Week Adult</u></b></p> <p><u>Valid to use on most buses across Leicester i.e. Arriva, First Bus, Centrebus</u></p>	<p><b><u>Flexi 4 Week Adult</u></b></p> <p><u>Valid to use on most buses across Leicester i.e. Arriva, First Bus, Centrebus</u></p>	<p><b><u>Termly Bus Pass Student</u></b></p> <p><u>Term 2: 5<sup>th</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026</u>  <u>Term 3: 13<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026</u></p> <p><u>Valid to use on most buses across Leicester i.e. Arriva, First Bus, Centrebus</u></p>	<p><b><u>Flexi Year Student Pass</u></b></p> <p><u>(One Year Pass – Valid to use on most buses across Leicester i.e. Arriva, First Bus, Centrebus</u></p>
<p>£24</p>	<p>£82</p>	<p>Term 2: £220 Term 3: £250</p>	<p>£585</p>

To purchase your bus ticket, download the First Bus app onto your mobile phone  
Scan the relevant QR code



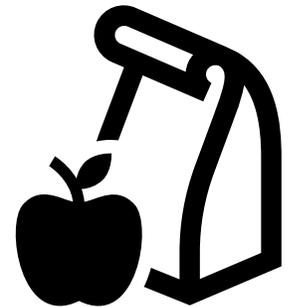
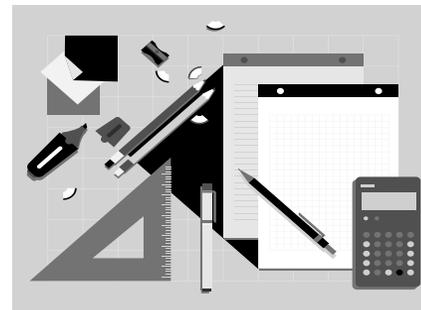
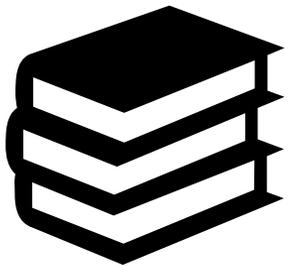
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Or stay!  
We will be supporting students to buy bus passes after this presentation

**If you have bursary money left over, prioritise other essential college costs, such as books, equipment, meals, or study materials.**



# List Your Essential Costs (needs first)

**These are things you *must* pay for:**

- Transport
- Food/lunches
- College supplies (books, stationery)

Add these up so you know your **minimum spending**.

# Avoid Common Mistakes

- ✘ Spending everything in the first week
- ✘ Forgetting about future costs
- ✘ Using bursary money for non-essential big purchases
- ✓ Plan first, spend later

# Where to get help

## You may want to:

- Talk to someone about how to manage your money
- Change your 'P Card' payment schedule to enable you to buy a yearly student bus pass
- Ask for more guidance on how to use your 'P Card'
- Replace a lost 'P Card'

**Contact the Students Services  
Team in room F103**