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15th May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Sixth Form Transport- September 2024

The Education and Skills Act 2008, states that young people are required to stay in education, training or enter employment until they are 18.

When making decisions about which course, school or college to attend, parents/carers/students must consider:

- the different modes of transport available to them
- the timings for arrival and departure
- how much will it cost them

There is no automatic entitlement to home to school or college transport once a student is over 16 even if free transport has been provided in the past.

All School Transport into Mainstream Dorset Schools that have 6th Form provision is provided by independent bus companies under contract to Dorset County Council. The Contractor for QE buses is Go South Coast (operating as Morebus and Damory). Go South Coast has overall responsibility for the allocation of bus places, bus passes and will also advise on all areas of transport related queries.

A surplus seat scheme for non-entitled students is in place where students can apply for space on buses which are run as part of the lower school provision. If you wish to purchase a seat (subject to availability) on one of these services, please follow the link below and make an application ahead of September, this link is live as of today, May 15th 2024: [Surplus seat applications](#)

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on [QUE Office](#)

Yours sincerely

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