



GET SET



16-18 Students' Benefit Guide - 2018/19
Stuff for free and stuff for less at [ecc](http://ecc.ac.uk)



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Life is expensive enough – we don't want to make it any worse when you come to college.

That's why we've put together a welcome package of lovely benefits jam-packed with FREE and DISCOUNTED stuff, just for you.

These fantastic student benefits are available to ALL full time students aged 16 to 18 on 31st August 2018 and students aged 16 to 25 on that date if they have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

Cash Cash Cash

Get amazing cash rewards to help with college costs – here's the deal...

Deal 1 – For students from households with an income of £25,000* or below.

Get up to £360 for the academic year, paid at £10 per week, as long as your attendance for ALL timetabled sessions is 90% or above.

**Household income is any income from work, plus any benefits being claimed such as working tax credits, child tax credits, etc. Household income does NOT include disability benefits.*

Deal 2 – For students from households with an income of £25,001* or above.

Get up to £100 for the academic year, paid at £50 in February and £50 in July, as long as your attendance for ALL timetabled sessions is 90% or above.



Ride for FREE†

We've teamed up once again with Arriva to offer you a free bus service to get you to college and home again. You can simply show your college ID badge to jump on any Arriva bus during term-time, Monday to Friday, till 9pm.

To check details on Arriva's routes, please log on to arrivabus.co.uk/north-east or call their Customer Service team on 0344 800 44 11





Travelling to work experience

If you have work experience as part of your study programme, and you are unable to get there using our free travel service, we offer a reimbursement package for your travel there and back.

Household Income	Work Experience Travel Reimbursement
£16,190 or below	100%
£16,191 - £25,000	50%
£25,001 - £30,000	25%
£30,001 or above	0%

Get dressed for LESS

Unless you need to wear a uniform or specialist PPE (Protective Personal Equipment) as part of your chosen course, you can wear whatever you like to college.

But if you do need to buy uniform, sports kit or any specialist equipment or clothing – which you will have been told about at your interview – we offer eligible students some tasty discounts.

Household Income	Uniform, Kit and/or Essential Equipment Discount
£16,190 or below	75%
£16,191 - £25,000	50%
£25,001 - £30,000	25%
£30,001 or above	0%

Eat for FREE™

Who said there's no such thing as a free lunch? There is here, because we offer eligible students the choice of a free lunch – or breakfast - every day you are at college.

Note: Some students may be eligible for free college meals based on certain types of benefits (see T&Cs). We will assess your eligibility automatically when you apply for the student bursary.

Get fit for FREE

Impact Health & Fitness is the state-of-the-art gym based at our Peterlee Campus. Any EDC student qualifies for free membership to the gym and any health and fitness classes.

So you can save an amazing £450 a year while you're doing yourself a power of good.

Note: A one-off £5 gym induction fee applies.

Travelling to uni open days

Claim up to 50% of the cost to visit university open days.

Note: Maximum of two per academic year.



Print for FREE

You know how fast your home printer's ink runs dry, so it's nice to know that you'll have your own quota for free printing at college through our Learning Resources Centre.

Note: A fair use policy of 60 printed copies per half term applies.

SAVE on stationery

Pens, writing pads, folders – you need them all, and the cost soon adds up. But it adds up to a lot less at college, because we have big discounts on a wide range of stationery.

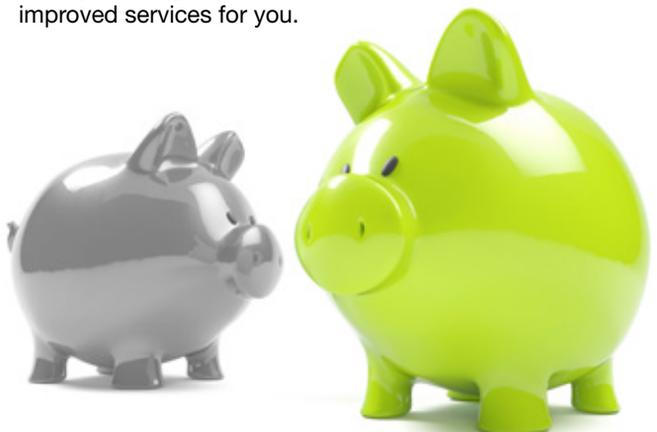
Software for FREE

We'll give you a free subscription to Microsoft's Office 365 – which gives you the latest versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more – for as long as you're enrolled.

Extra stuff

NUS Extra is the definitive student discount card with a range of exclusive discounts, offers and competitions designed to make student life more exciting, more memorable and more rewarding. Just flash the card to make your money go further on books, clothes, sports stuff, travel, computer gear, gigs, eating out and a whole lot more.

NUS Extra costs just £12 per year – not bad at all for something that's going to save you a whole load of cash. And part of this sale price goes back to your Students' Union, so by buying a card you're making sure they have money to plough back into improved services for you.





Making your **MONEY** go further

EXTRA help for teenage parents

Care to Learn gives financial support to teenage mothers and fathers who want to continue their education or training and need help with the cost of their childcare and travel expenses.

To check eligibility criteria, plus the terms and conditions, or to apply for Care to Learn funding, visit the Care to Learn website at www.gov.uk/care-to-learn

How to apply

To apply for any means-tested benefits, including attendance cash reward payments, travel costs to work experience, free meals and help with uniform/equipment, please visit our website or call Student Services. You will automatically qualify for all other benefits once you have enrolled in September.

Following your initial course application to EDC, and on successful completion of your interview, Student Services will send you a student benefits application pack in July.

This pack will contain further information about the student benefits that you may be eligible for, along with an application form. Please complete the application as soon as possible and return it to Student Services.

The application form is also available on our website if you'd like to complete the application form before July.

ANY QUESTIONS?

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Terms & Conditions

East Durham College's student benefits are available to ALL full time students aged 16 to 18 on 31st August 2018 and students aged 16 to 25 on that date if they have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

No benefit costs are transferable and no cash equivalents are available. Student benefits for work experience travel, free meals, cash rewards and uniform/equipment are means tested.

Cash Rewards Scheme

The student eligibility criteria for cash rewards payments are as follows:

Deal 1 = £360 (£10/week). Attendance is calculated on a week by week basis and paid one week in arrears, if your attendance is below 95% payment will not be made for that week.

Deal 2 = £100 (Two £50 payments, one in February and one in July). Attendance is calculated by using attendance up to the last week in January for the February payment and the full academic year's attendance for the final July payment.



Free Meals

**Students must be aged between 16 and 18 on 31 August 2018 to be eligible for a free meal in the 2018 to 2019 academic year. Students who turn 19 during their study programme will remain eligible for a free meal until the end of the academic year in which they turned 19 or to the end of their study programme, whichever is sooner.

Students aged between 19 and 25 who are subject to a Learning Difficulty Assessment (LDA) or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan), and ESF students aged between 16 and 18, on 31 August 2018 are also entitled to a free meal while attending their provision if they meet the eligibility criteria.

Free meals will be provided to students who are in receipt of, or have parents who are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- During the initial roll out of the benefit, Universal Credit.

A student is only eligible to receive a free meal when they, or a parent/guardian on their behalf, have made a successful application to East Durham College.

Free Bus Service

†This offer is available to East Durham College students, who are studying on campus and are on a funded full or part time course as defined by the college, regardless of age or household income.

The information in this guide is accurate at the time of publication, but is subject to review and may be subject to change please check the website for the latest information.