



# BURY COLLEGE WELCOME GUIDE

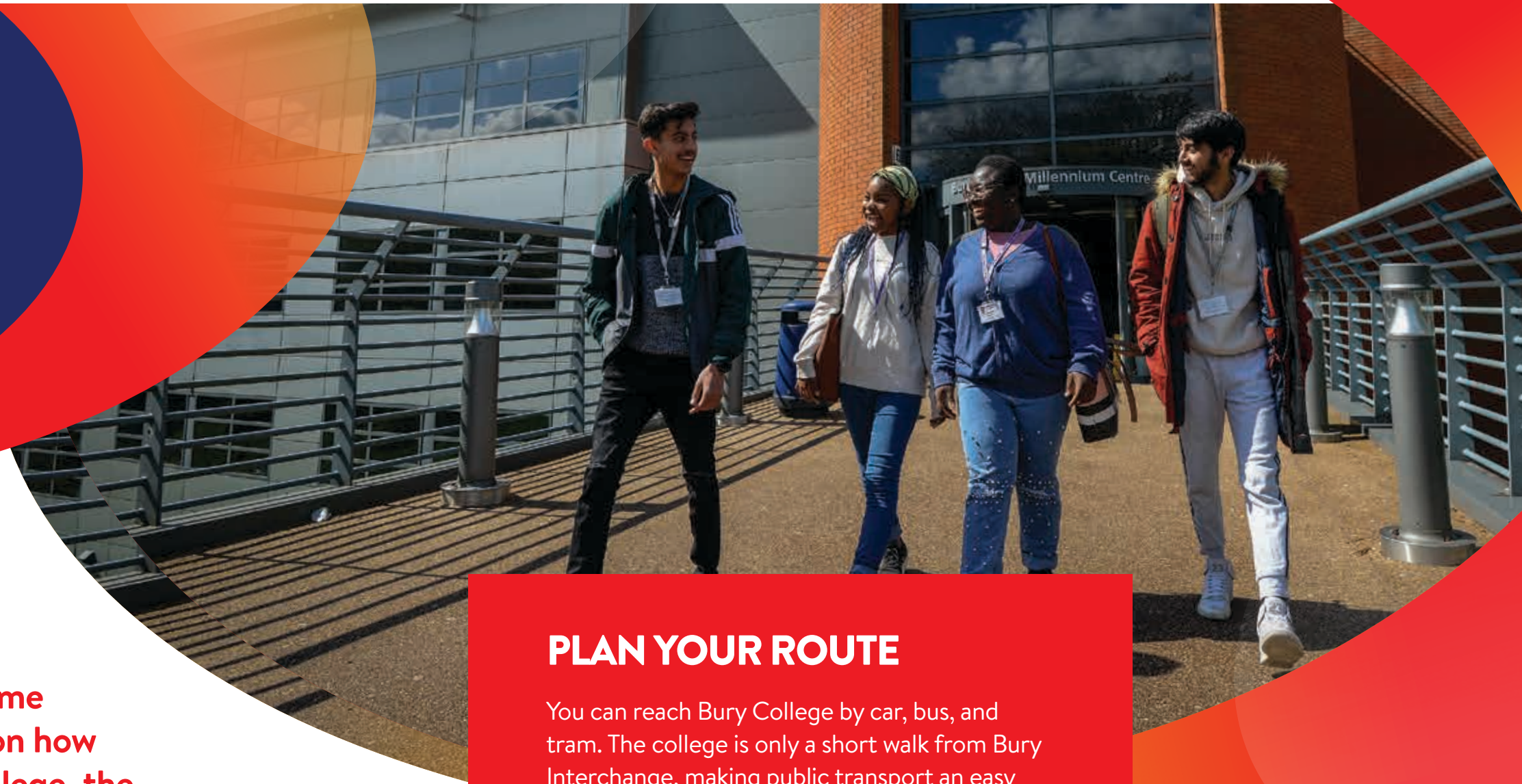


**Your journey to a positive future**





# WELCOME TO BURY COLLEGE



To support you while you make the transition from high school to college, we have created this **Welcome Guide**, which includes information on how to prepare for your time at Bury College, the range of activities you can participate in and the support available to you as a Bury College student.

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR FIRST DAY

To help you feel prepared for college, we have collected some tips on how to get the most from your first day.

### WHAT TO BRING

- Your Our Pass - see page 12 for details on how to apply for an Our Pass
- Bury College lanyard - you will receive this at your induction
- Money for lunch or a packed lunch
- Basic stationery, like pens, a notepad, and a calculator if applicable to your course

## PLAN YOUR ROUTE

You can reach Bury College by car, bus, and tram. The college is only a short walk from Bury Interchange, making public transport an easy and quick way to get into college.

Many Bury College students are entitled to apply for an Our Pass card, which allows you to travel anywhere in Greater Manchester free of charge, at any time. For students who do not live in Greater Manchester, and therefore do not qualify for the Our Pass card, Bury College offers a free return coach service running in the following areas: Bolton, Littleborough, Moston, Rawtenstall.

Familiarising yourself with the best route into college before your first day will help you arrive on time and feel confident. Transport for Greater Manchester have resources for journey planning to help with this:

## PLAN YOUR JOURNEY







## WHAT TO WEAR

You won't be required to wear a uniform like you did at school, except for those studying courses where certain protective clothing or equipment is required. You can find out what courses require a uniform, and what you need to buy, here:

### UNIFORMS & KITS

## WHAT TO DO AT LUNCH

Your lunch break can vary from day to day, and is an opportunity for you to meet up with your friends and enjoy the facilities.

You are welcome to stay on college campus and you can either bring your lunch to eat in any of our canteens or buy food from our refectories:

- A Level Centre Canteen
- Woodbury Centre Bistro
- Millennium Centre Vista Canteen
- Millennium Centre Shop
- Prospects Centre Pavilion Canteen
- Beacon Centre Express Canteen

Alternatively there are plenty of food outlets in Bury town centre for you to enjoy.

Our college map, accessed via the following link, can help you find out where you can eat on your breaks:

### COLLEGE MAP

## VIRTUAL TOUR

To help you find your way around when you get here, you can check out our Virtual Tour, which will take you through the buildings and into individual classrooms, as if you were really on campus!

### VIRTUAL TOUR







## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

When you start your course, there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved in different activities, enrichment groups, and societies, all aimed at helping you to meet new people, learn new skills, and add value to your CV.

A timetable will be made available for enrichment activities which will be displayed on college tv screens, posters, tutorials and the VLE. Most activities are turn up and take part, there is no need to sign up unless stated.

Opportunities include\*:

- Accentu8 Performing Arts Club
- A-level Newspaper
- Art Club
- Be Involved Group (BIG)
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Dance, Drama and Singing Workshops
- Debating Society
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Film Club
- Gaming Hub
- Guided Meditation
- Media Production Workshops
- Pride Club
- Science Workshop
- Student Ambassador Scheme

We also have a range of sport enrichment activities which will help to keep you active and will enhance your college experience. These are accessible to all students as part of our enrichment offer. Sport activities available may include Badminton, Boxing, Cricket, Football, Running, Gym, Nerf, Volleyball and Table Tennis.

Our sports teams are always looking for new players to join – trials are held during the first few weeks of the academic year and our teams include:

- Women's Football
- Men's Football
- Netball

We are currently members of the North West Colleges Sports League, meaning we play fixtures against a number of colleges throughout the North West.

To register your interest in in any of the enrichment activities please scan this QR code:



### COLLEGE SPORTS TEAM TRIALS

Wednesday 14th and 21st September - all students welcome.

**Football:** 1.30pm-3.30pm - Grass Pitches behind the Sports Centre

**Netball:** 1.30pm-3.30pm - Sports Hall

As a Bury College student you will also have **free use of our college gym**.

To sign-up for one of our sports teams please scan this QR code:



### TRIPS, VISITS, AND WORK EXPERIENCE

There will be plenty of chances for you to get involved in trips and visits to locations of interest, either abroad or in the UK. You will also be able to take advantage of our work experience opportunities, adding value to your CV and allowing you to gain some industry experience.

\*Please note – all activities are subject to availability

**For more information please contact Scott or Matthew by emailing: [enrichment@burycollege.ac.uk](mailto:enrichment@burycollege.ac.uk) or visit them in the Enrichment Hub which is situated just outside the Beacon Centre.**



# WHAT'S ON IN BURY

The Bury College campus is only a stone's throw away from Bury town centre, giving you quick access to a variety of shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues.

## EATING AND DRINKING

There are plenty of places to grab a bite to eat either over your lunch break or once you have finished your classes for the day. There are bistros and canteens throughout the college campus. You may also wish to visit the centre of Bury to get something quick to eat, or have a sit-down meal at any of the many restaurants.

## SHOPPING

There are a variety of different places to shop in the centre of Bury, including two shopping centres, the Millgate and The

Rock. Here, there are high street shops and department stores. You will be able to take advantage of a student discount on your purchases, and The Rock regularly give students huge discounts on their Student Savings Nights.

There are also charity shops and independent stores throughout Bury.

Bury Market Hall is open Monday to Saturday, and the Open Market Days are Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.



## ENTERTAINMENT

The centre of Bury has everything you could want in the way of entertainment. You can catch a showing at the Vue Cinema, or get a work out in at Pure Gym, which offers contractless memberships. There is also a bowling alley, and plenty of green spaces for you to spend time with your friends.





# STUDENT SUPPORT

**Your welfare is extremely important to us, our Student Services team aims to offer support for all aspects of your life, both within and outside college.**

## INFORMATION AND ADVICE

Our Student Services team will work with you, alongside the National Careers Service, to provide you with advice and information to ensure you are on the right path. The team can identify your skills and interests, assist with your career plans, higher education applications, or apprenticeships, and provide CV and interview-skills help.

## STUDENT SAFEGUARDING AND WELFARE

Bury College has a dedicated team for student welfare and safeguarding which helps to keep you and your classmates safe. If you would like to speak with a member of the team, please contact them on 07713312773 or email [safeguarding@burycollege.ac.uk](mailto:safeguarding@burycollege.ac.uk).

You will also have access to our Counselling and Wellbeing team, who are on hand to support you with issues such as stress, anxiety, personal relationships, and general wellbeing.

Support is available via drop-ins or pre-arranged appointments, on a one-to-one basis or through groupwork sessions.

## ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT (ALS)

For students who require extra help for any reason, including learning disabilities/difficulties or language proficiency, the ALS team can provide bespoke support to ensure that you are in the best position to succeed on your chosen course. The ALS team includes Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Advisory tutors who work with designated curriculum areas in supporting students.

The SEND Advisory tutors are based in the Millennium Centre in the Personalised Learning Centre. All students are welcome to visit to discuss any issues that they may be facing.

## LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRES

Our Library Resource Centres are available for all students to use. Enjoy our wide range of books, DVDs and resources to help with your studies or to use in your leisure time. There are over 150 computers, including Apple Macs, and free Wi-Fi for you to use.





## STUDENT FINANCE

**There are a variety of financial support mechanisms available for students who may experience financial difficulty while at Bury College.**

Loans and bursaries can include:

- 19+ Learner Support Funds
- 19+ Advanced Learner Loan Bursary
- 16-19 bursaries
- Free college meals
- Support with travel costs
- Care to Learn (for young parents aged 16-19)

This support can help you with the costs of attending college, such as transport, college equipment, meals, books, trips, specialised kits and other course related costs.

In addition, we also offer a Sports and Community Scholarship to Bury College students. For more information please visit:

### STUDENT FINANCE

Student Finance can be contacted on **0161 280 8421** or via email: **financialsupport@burycollege.ac.uk**



## TRAVELLING TO BURY COLLEGE

OURPASS

### OUR PASS

Many Bury College students are entitled to apply for an Our Pass card, which allows you to travel anywhere in Greater Manchester free of charge, at any time. This free bus travel card is available to all 16 to 18-year-old students who live in Greater Manchester and can be used to travel to and from Bury College free of charge, as well as allowing students the freedom to travel throughout Greater Manchester at the weekends. You can apply for the Our Pass here:

### OUR PASS

### TRAVEL SUPPORT

There is financial support available for students who are not eligible for the

Our Pass. For more information, please contact the Bury College Student Services team on 0161 280 8421.

### FREE COACH SERVICE

For students who do not live in Greater Manchester, and therefore do not qualify for the Our Pass card, there is a free return coach service, running in the following areas:

- Bolton
- Littleborough
- Moston
- Rawtenstall

The coaches will drop you off outside the Millennium Centre campus and run throughout the whole academic year. For the route map, please click here:

### ROUTE MAP



# STUDENT DISCOUNT SCHEMES

Becoming a student at Bury College means you will be able to enjoy a wide range of exclusive student discounts, on food, clothes, and even travel.

## STUDENT BEANS

Student Beans is a completely free student discount app, and can be used over the till or online. Sign up here:

STUDENT BEANS

## UNIDAYS

Unidays is a completely free, virtual way to access student discounts. All Bury College students are eligible to use it, and it can be used to generate codes for online shopping or shown at the till for physical purchases.

UNIDAYS

## 16-25 RAILCARD

Save on travel with the 16-25 railcard, available for anyone from 16-25, or over 25 and in full-time education. The card is £30 per year and offers a third off most train fares.

16-25 RAILCARD

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD (ISIC)

This card that can be used internationally, allowing you to access discounts in over 130 countries. It costs £12 for a virtual copy, and £15 for a physical card. More information available here:

ISIC







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