

## Further information about Medway bus service and fares

The university has increased the price of tickets for the Medway bus service by 5% effective August 2023. This price change was in response to a much larger increase of about 15% in the cost of running the service<sup>1</sup>. The university made the decision to absorb the larger part of the cost increase to limit price increase experiences for our students and staff.

### What is the Medway bus service and who pays for it?

The university provides a heavily subsidised bus service linking the Medway Campus to the Greenwich and Avery Hill campuses. Whilst lectures and classes are rarely timetabled across multiple campuses, the university has a wide range of co-curricular provision which students can take part in. The bus service also offers a low cost and convenient commuting option to students who choose to live in London whilst studying at the Medway Campus; or live in Medway whilst studying at Greenwich or Avery Hill Campus.

The university pays for 70% of the running costs of the Medway bus service, with tickets sold to students and staff covering the other 30%.

### How does the Medway bus service link with the University's sustainability goals?

The University of Greenwich is aiming to reach net zero in all activities by 2030. We have invested significantly in hybrid diesel coaches on the Medway service, and this has reduced emissions by 23%<sup>2</sup>. At present there is not a fully electric coach option available which can cover the necessary daily distance for the service. By offering the bus service we are reducing the number of private vehicles making this regular journey.

### How are we keeping costs low for students?

Along with the university covering 70% of the cost of the Medway bus service, there are further ways in which students can reduce the cost of regular travel.

Tickets for journeys can be purchased in multiples with discounts applied up to 100-journeys aimed at ensuring this option is as affordable as possible.

Students on low incomes are encouraged to apply for our travel bursary or use the Aspire scheme to help pay for their travel expenses.

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<sup>1</sup> During the 2022-23 academic year.

<sup>2</sup> To 74 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e during the 2021-22 academic year on the Greenwich–Medway route.