



To: Post 16 Education Providers, Secondary Schools,  
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Students and Parents, YPLA, Youth Parliament, Connexions,  
Neighbouring Authorities and other stakeholders

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Dear Stakeholder

**Post 16 Education Transport Assistance for Entitled Shropshire Students – Consultation on Arrangements for September 2012**

Shropshire Council provides help with transport to college and sixth form for entitled students under the terms of the Council's policy. I wish to inform you that there are no proposed changes to the entitlement rules of Shropshire Council's Post 16 transport policy for the 2012/2013 academic year. Details of the current policy can be found at the Shropshire council website ([www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)) by following the links or alternatively are available from either Shropshire Council (email [andy.evans@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:andy.evans@shropshire.gov.uk) or telephone 01743 253033) or with the application form TRAN/16 available from colleges and schools' sixth forms.

For students not on defined benefits (e.g. families on Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support, Free School meals or Child Tax Credit where the *current* income is less than £16,190, where the contribution is waived) the new student contribution for those entitled to receive transport assistance is proposed to increase by 25p per journey from September 2012 for all student year groups. The new contribution will therefore be the equivalent of £1.17 per journey or £140 per academic term. The global rising cost of fuel is a major factor in pushing transport costs higher generally and this increase still leaves Shropshire's contribution levels lower than many other councils, and offers excellent value for money. I should mention that the Council will be considering a further increase from September 2013 and this will form part of the annual consultation next year.

In addition to this, a new administrative charge is proposed equivalent to £10 per academic term per student from September 2012 as a standard contribution towards the cost of administering the scheme and providing travel tickets, and this will apply to all entitled students, including those who are on defined benefits.

If you have any comments on the proposed arrangements for 2012/2013 academic year, please write to me at Passenger Transport, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND or email [andy.evans@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:andy.evans@shropshire.gov.uk) by 31 January 2012. Following this consultation, the Council's policy will be published no later than 31 May 2012.

Yours sincerely

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