



COLLYER'S
Founded in 1532



Travel Plan

November 2025

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Next review: Autumn 2026

Introduction

Collyer's is a Sixth Form College with approximately 2,710 full time students aged 16-19 with a recreational Adult Education evening provision, set in Hurst Road in Horsham with close access to excellent transport links. Hurst Road is a mix of residential properties on one side with emergency services and public buildings on the other making the road very busy at most times of the day. Directly opposite the college is Horsham Hospital.

The college has been on the site since 1893 and welcomes students from the local area, and throughout Sussex and Surrey.

Over the past fifty years the buildings have been developed around a central quad design and its periphery has grown to accommodate our increasing student numbers, we remain on one campus. Our Masterplan is a live plan which considers our accommodation needs, the local demographic growth with its increased housing, including the north Horsham development.

Growth in numbers

We expect to be welcoming 130 extra students in September 2026.

Travel Plan Review

The College's Travel Plan is reviewed yearly, developed and reflects discussions with our Safeguarding Team, Health & Safety Committee, SLT and the Richard Collyer Union. These groups play a key role in ensuring the Travel Plan is communicated to students, staff and parents.

Current Travel to College

Most students at Collyer's travel independently. Some students drive to College and park in the main car park. A permit application form is available from Student Services. Each application is considered on its own merits. This permit is chargeable. There is parking for staff, visitors and designated areas for cycles and mopeds. Parents and friends can drop students safely on Hurst Road adjacent to the bus stop. There are 3 designated parking spaces for the disabled at the front of the College by the main vehicle entrance and 1 disabled space at Richmond Road car park.

Some students and staff walk if living close by whilst others take the train or bus. The College has easy access to the railway station and is served by bus stops directly outside the College. We are keen to work closely to address our neighbours' concerns with students who park in the local roads and regularly monitor and advise students to park considerately.

Transport Routes

The College produces yearly financial support and travel guides, including up-to-date information on concessions.

The following bus routes serve the College (bus stop outside hospital):

17 Stagecoach

Brighton, Henfield, Partridge Green, Cowfold, Lower Beeding, Monk's Gate, Mannings Heath, Horsham

23 Metrobus

Worthing, Washington, Ashington, Southwater, Horsham, Roffey, Faygate, Bewbush, Crawley

63 Stagecoach

Guildford, Cranleigh, Rudgwick, Bucks Green, Slinfold, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham

68 Sussex Coaches

Broadbridge Heath, Wickhurst Green, Horsham

89 Compass

Haywards Heath, Cuckfield, Ansty Cross, Bolney, Lower Beeding, Mannings Heath, Horsham

93 Metrobus

Dorking, Capel, Kingsfold, Warnham, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham

98 Metrobus

Southwater, Horsham, Roffey

100 Compass

Burgess Hill, Hickstead, Woodmancote, Henfield, Small Dole, Upper Beeding, Bramber, Steyning, Washington, Storrington, Cootham, Pulborough, Billingshurst, Five Oaks, Slinfold, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham

200 Metrobus

Gatwick, Langley Green, Ifield, Bewbush, Kenwood Vale, Faygate, Roffey, North Heath, Horsham

271 Metrobus

Brighton, Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Cuckfield, Handcross, Pease Pottage, Crawley

272 Metrobus

Brighton, Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Lindfield, Ardingly, Copthorne, Three Bridges, Crawley

273 Metrobus

Brighton, Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint, Hickstead, Bolney, Handcross, Pease Pottage, Crawley

281 Metrobus

Lingfield, East Grinstead, Crawley Down, Copthorne, Three Bridges, Crawley

291 Metrobus

Tunbridge Wells, Forest Row, East Grinstead, Crawley Down, Copthorne, Three Bridges, Crawley

400 Metrobus

East Grinstead, Copthorne, Three Bridges, Crawley

Collyer's Worthing Bus

College subsidised bus service operated by Compass Travel calling at Rustington, Worthing, Washington and Ashington directly to Collyer's. This is a dedicated service for Collyer's students only. Depart Rustington: 06:55am Arrive Collyer's: 08:26am. Stops are subject to change, based on demand each academic year.

The railway station is within walking distance from the College and has connections to the north of Horsham including Crawley, Three Bridges, and connections to Brighton to the south or Dorking and London Victoria or London Bridge to the north. To the south there are train services to Billingshurst, Pulborough, Arundel and Barnham with connections to Chichester.

Initiatives and Promotions

The Travel Plan is promoted to parents and the wider College community through notice boards, the StudentCommonRoom and to students and parents/carers during the admissions process by way of links to the website.

Safe Drive, Stay Alive

Content produced by the hard-hitting Safe Drive, Stay Alive campaign is included annually in the Tutorial Programme for students. It is aimed at 16–25-year-olds and is a campaign to give the facts about the risks of the road and how to keep yourself safe when driving or being driven.

Students can apply for a number of different railcards to assist with train travel. There is also a West Sussex 16 to 20 Bus Saver scheme. Details of travel discounts that are available can be found on the respective West Sussex and Surrey County Council websites.

Working with Others

The College has close links with:

- Area PCSO or police liaison officers with issues relating to local traffic and parking problems
- Close contact with neighbours who may be experiencing difficulties relating to student parking and standards of driving
- Regular Estates and Health & Safety meetings
- The College has good engagement with local residents, local councillors and our MP
- The College look to support local initiatives which support the safe travel to and from College either highway improvements or pedestrian safety measures

College Trips and Extended School Activities

Transporting students

The college has two minibuses for educational and enrichment opportunities. From time to time the college may need to hire additional minibuses.

Coaches are hired for larger numbers of students to go on college trips. A single coach may collect students from Hurst Road or if several are being hired, they wait in Richmond Road as this is deemed to be safer for pedestrian and traffic flow.

Staff Travel

We have approximately 310 members of staff, this includes 185 part time staff, working across both daytime and evenings. Many of our staff live over 3 miles from the College so must drive to College as public transport in many cases involves complex train connections, slow buses or is non-existent. The WSCC car sharing scheme is promoted to all staff through the staff notice board and the College encourages car sharing and cycling.

We have parking on site for staff, although not guaranteed. Visitors have a designated parking area at the main entrance. We have a loan scheme for staff to purchase bicycles.

Initiatives

- Replace and implement a new Travel Plan, to encourage, incentivise and/or reward staff for walking, cycling, using bus or train, car sharing for College commute expanding and improving student, visitor and staff secure cycle storage. To reduce the numbers of individual journeys by encouraging car sharing and to reduce carbon emissions.
- Aim to purchase electric vehicles when replacing College fleet and investigate other options.
- Consider installing charging points for future College electric vehicle use and signpost staff and students towards local charging points.

Car park capacities

Lower car park

Visitors 8 + 3 Disabled

Staff (permit) 13

Total spaces = 24

Upper car park

Students (permit) 21

Staff (permit) 98

Motorcycles (permit) 8

Minibus spaces 4

Total spaces = vehicles 123; motorcycles 8

Richmond Road car park

Staff 23 + 1 disabled

Cycle (covered) 68

Total spaces = 24