

Travelling to Suffolk Rural - Transport Guide 2026/27

Travelling by train to Suffolk Rural

Greater Anglia:

Travelling into central Ipswich by train from the surrounding areas

If you are travelling into central Ipswich by train from surrounding areas, for example from places such as Bury St Edmunds, Clacton, Harwich or Stowmarket, you will need to purchase a Greater Anglia travel pass.

You will need to arrange this yourself by applying directly through Greater Anglia.

If you are eligible for bursary the College will make payments to you monthly in advance so that you can buy the respective travel pass.

You may wish to purchase what is called a “Student Season Ticket” rather than a standard return ticket. You can use your Student Season Ticket for travel between your home area and Ipswich on any day, at any time (including weekends and half-terms).

If you wish to apply for a Student Season Ticket, there is an option to do so paying on a monthly basis by Direct Debit, which would fit in with the College’s scheme of payments if you are eligible for a bursary.

For timetables please refer online to Greater Anglia for full details
<https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/travel-information/timetables>

When your train arrives into Ipswich railway station, you will be able to board our complimentary college shuttle bus for the last part of your journey to Suffolk Rural. This is the SB1 (shuttle bus 1).

Please refer to our shuttle bus guide for further details and timetable

<https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/college-life/travel-to-college/travel-to-suffolk-rural/#freebus>

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If your train journey stops at Colchester North Station, you must get off and board the RC8 at Colchester North Station.

This travels direct to Ipswich railway station, where it then becomes the SB1 for onward travel to Suffolk Rural (you stay on the vehicle). Please refer our dedicated routes guide for further details and RC8 timetable:

<https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/app/uploads/2025/08/2025-26-Dedicated-bus-routes-information-guide.pdf>

What do I do if I'm unsure which train I need?

If you are not sure which route you need, please get in touch with our Student Support team via their email support@suffolk.ac.uk or by calling 01473 382738.

What about paying for my Greater Anglia travel pass?

You are encouraged to purchase your travel pass as soon as possible from this point.

The College bursary will pay for the most cost-effective way of getting you to college, provided you fall under the household income threshold of £33,000. You may wish to reflect on this prior to purchasing a Student Season Ticket.

We will reimburse you if you are eligible for bursary on assessment of your application for bursary support, this would be for a maximum of the equivalent of 8 weeks' worth of payments.

REMINDER:

You must have a valid travel pass when travelling. You would be breaking the law on public transport if you were to travel without a valid pass and would risk getting fined.

Is there any financial support available?

Yes!

The College offers a number of different bursary schemes to students who meet the eligibility criteria.

You must apply online to be considered for a bursary. For more details of the College's bursary scheme, please access www.suffolk.ac.uk/bursary

End of 'train travel' information guide.