



Coleg Gwent



Young Carers' Support Leaflet

If you are looking to go to college there is support available to you.

Let's start with grants...

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

This is an allowance you receive when you attend college,

You:

- must be aged 16-18
- must live in a house with a low income
- will receive £30 per week
- must carry on attending college to carry on receiving the money.

For further information speak to Student Services.

Applications can also be downloaded from Student Finance Wales.



Welsh Government Learning Grant (WGLG)

If you are aged 19+ you can get some support towards the cost of studying:

- you can get up to £1500 for a full-time course
- you can get up to £750 for a part-time course (studying more than 8 hours per week)
- how much you get depends on your income.

For further information speak to Student Services.

Applications can also be downloaded from Student Finance Wales.



student finance **wales**
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Princes Trust

For young people aged 16-30 you can apply for help towards the cost of:

- course fees
- equipment

You have to be:

- studying less than 14 hours per week or not in compulsory education
- unemployed or working less than 16 hours per week

We understand this information can be a bit confusing, so here are some **useful websites** to help you;

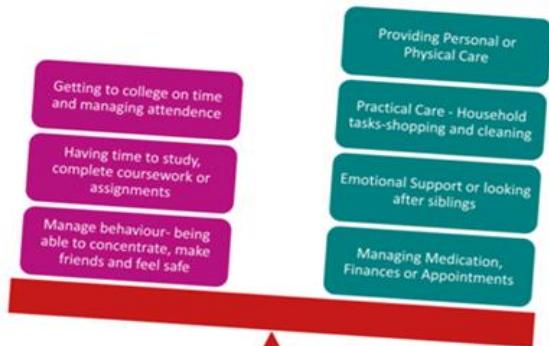
- <https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/fe>
- <https://www.coleggwent.ac.uk/life-at-coleg-gwent>
- <https://www.princes-trust.org.uk//help-for-young-people/get-funding-train-learn>

We also understand the difficult task of balancing Caring with your education.

We aim to be mindful of your role and listen to your specific needs, such as making phone calls to check on the person you care for, making allowances for lateness related to Caring, granting extensions on assignments, and time out if you are anxious or upset.

Education

Caring



Coleg Gwent also has a range of financial support available for our learners.

Here is a quick overview of what you may be able to receive...

Financial Contingency Fund (FCF)

- Coleg Gwent has a fund available to students in need of extra support. This can be used for help towards equipment costs, travel and childcare (if eligible free meals for those under 19)
- There are only limited funds in the pot

Speak to Customer Services on campus if you are in need of this support.

Bus Passes

You could be entitled to discounted bus travel to and from college.

- If you are aged 16-18 and live in Newport, Torfaen, Caerphilly or Blaenau Gwent apply to your local council
- If you are aged 16-18 and live in Monmouthshire, or are aged over 19, you apply directly to the college at enrolment.

MyTravelPass

- A discounted travel scheme for 16-21 year olds which is funded by the Welsh Government, your Coleg Gwent bus pass will only be valid once you receive your MyTravelPass
- You can apply at www.mytravelpass.gov.wales on the phone or by post.



Carers Leads and additional support

The points of contact for young people in Coleg Gwent are:

City of Newport Campus -

June.Bridgman@coleggwent.ac.uk

Crosskeys Campus –

William.Mason@coleggwent.ac.uk

Torfaen Learning Zone -

Sian.Hughes@coleggwent.ac.uk

Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone –

Natasha.Hodgson@coleggwent.ac.uk

For more information about learner support go to:

<https://www.coleggwent.ac.uk/life-at-coleg-gwent>

There is also a range of wellbeing and academic support available at Coleg Gwent...

Before you get to College-

- Advice and guidance on the money you are able to claim to support your studies.
- Informal visits to campus.
- Taster sessions and tours of the campus.
- We can attend your support meetings in school, if appropriate, to get to know you and understand your needs.

When you get to us-

- We offer support with your enrolment.
- A Personal tutor; someone you can trust and talk to.
- Inspire 2 Achieve, who can help with your studies as well as any personal, social and emotional issues.
- A counselling service.
- An on-site youth worker.
- Personal coaches who can help with your studies.
- A Chaplaincy and Inclusion service.
- Support for additional learning needs.
- Libraries equipped with books, journals, eBooks and DVDs. You can also use the PCs, or connect your own device to our free Wi-Fi.

Useful information

<https://www.coleggwent.ac.uk/life-at-coleg-gwent/support/inspire-2-achieve>

<https://www.coleggwent.ac.uk/life-at-coleg-gwent/support/spirituality>

<https://www.coleggwent.ac.uk/life-at-coleg-gwent/support/learning-support>

You can also access additional information at
<https://go.mydaycloud> once you have completed your application.