

Coleg Cambria Bersham Road Campus Supplementary Transport Information for planning application Planning Reference: P/2016/0218

The Bersham Road Campus is a long established centre for education within Wrexham. The site has provided practical courses for over 40 years and is both successful and well respected as a centre for a wide range of qualifications and vocational education.

1. The site is open to students for 33 weeks per year generally in line with typical academic school years. This provides 19 weeks per year when the campus is effectively closed with limited traffic movements to and from the college site.
2. The site is operational between Monday and Friday and closed during weekends.
3. The site supports a wide range of students. The majority are years 12 to 13 aged typically 16 to 18. The site also support year groups 10 and 11 aged 14 to 16. The site also supports professional training and certification.
4. The courses are varied and support a wide range of students. Many of the courses are vocational with students attending Bersham Road on a part-time basis. A summary of the student numbers is as follows:-
 - a. Full time students: 521: 3 days in college 9.00am till 16.00pm
 - b. Day release students: 799: 1 day in college 9.00am till 18.30pm
 - c. Evening classes: 53: 1 evening 18.00pm till 21.00pm
 - d. School link: 200: 1 day in college 13.00pm till 16.00pm

The college timetable is arranged to be flexible and manage the number of students on site at any one time. On this basis the number of students on site at any one time varies between 300 and 500 per day.

5. Of the students on site at any one time, circa 25% have not reached the age at which they can legally drive a car and many do not have access to private cars.
6. The site has 56 members of staff. The majority are teaching staff with a small proportion of support staff.
7. Many of the students are on vocational courses which offers flexibility to the college to timetable courses and manage student arrival and departure times at the site. This aids the college to manage peak time traffic movements.

8. The site generally supports practical qualifications such as joinery, bricklaying car mechanics and engineering. These activities tend to require larger floor areas for equipment and activities, therefore the density of students per m2 of floor space tends to be lower than for academic qualifications.
9. The site is accessible via a number of public and private transport methods as well as private cars.

Public buses:- The site location is served by a number of public bus routes which have stops within ½ mile from the campus. These have stops on Bradley Road, Ruthin Road, Ruabon Road and Watery Road and include: 2, 2A, 2C 2V, 3, 3E, 4, 4E, 5, 5A, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17A, 21A, 26, 27, 28, D42, J50.

College buses:- There are a wide range of buses which serve the local communities in Wrexham County which terminate either at the Grove Road Campus or at the main town Centre bus station which is next to the Grove Road Campus. These include:- D992A, X50, P92.06, 992D, ELLS, YB1, TRELA' 792A, 792B, 792D, 792E, 792F, 14y and 40.

College buses:- Shuttle buses are provided by the college between the Grove Road Campus and Bersham Road Campus. These enable students to use the wide range of buses serving Wrexham to link to Bersham Road via a bus network. The shuttle bus is free for students to use and managed by the college to cater for demand.

Pedestrians:- The site is well connected within Wrexham and to the main town center with both bus and trains stations. The main bus station is less than 1 mile and takes about 15minutes on foot via King Street, Regent Street and Bradley Road. The route is served by pavements throughout with alternative routes through Bellevue Park and via public footpaths.

Trains:- Wrexham General Train Station:- The station has links to Chester, and Shrewsbury with various stations along the line including Chirk, Ruabon and Gobowen.

Bicycle:- The college provides and will further expand the provision for cyclist at the Bersham Road Campus. Wrexham benefits from a Sustrans map which identifies Bersham Road as an advisory route for cyclists to use.

Motorcycles:- A number of students actively use motorcycles and mopeds to travel to the site. Motor cycle parking is provided on the site along with lockers, showers and changing facilities.