

Annex B2: Indicative Additional Costs Table

Typical Additional Costs by Programme

- ✔ Business programmes: Optional field trip – £150
- ✔ IT programmes: Suggested laptop – £400 (student-owned)
- ✔ Health programmes: Professional body membership – £50 (required)

Clarification of Essential vs Optional Costs

All additional costs listed are either optional or non-essential to course completion. For example, field trips in Business programmes are strongly encouraged for enrichment but are not mandatory to achieve learning outcomes. IT students are advised to have personal laptops for convenience, but the college provides access to computer labs and loan equipment to ensure no student is disadvantaged. Professional body memberships are only required where linked to specific vocational pathways and are clearly explained during enrolment.

Communication of Costs

All potential additional costs are communicated to students prior to enrolment through our prospectus, offer letters, and induction materials. We ensure full transparency so students can make informed financial decisions before accepting a place.

Support and Mitigation

Where students are unable to meet optional costs, the college provides alternatives such as access to on-campus resources, hardship funds, or sponsored opportunities. This guarantees that no student's academic progression is compromised by financial barriers.

Notes:

- ✔ All costs are reviewed annually.
- ✔ No student will be required to pay for essential resources needed to pass their course.