

More Greater Anglia trains due to run from September

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Greater Anglia is due to start running more trains next month as more people are expected to return to the railway as commuters are encouraged to return to the office and new school and college terms start.

An extra 12 services every weekday and eight at weekends are being added to the Norwich to London Liverpool Street intercity service – and two express Norwich in 90 services are being reintroduced. The full timetable is being restored on the Great Eastern mainline service between London Liverpool Street and Southend Victoria, Braintree, Colchester, Colchester Town, Clacton/Walton, Harwich and Ipswich. Five additional services are being added to the West Anglia mainline which runs between London Liverpool Street and Cambridge and on to King's Lynn. All additional services will start from the week beginning Monday 13 September, although two schools' services will start from Thursday 2 September – the 15.57 Ingatestone to Colchester and the 06.50 Colchester to Norwich services.

Jamie Burles, Greater Anglia managing director said: "As restrictions have been lifted we've seen our trains get busier on many routes. We anticipate further increases as the Government is encouraging people to return to working from offices.

"We revised our timetable several times during the pandemic to reflect the impact of Covid restrictions on passenger numbers and throughout that time we ran a safe and reliable railway.

"We are continuing to clean and sanitise our trains, paying attention to high touch areas. Regular independent random Covid tests have been carried out on our trains and all have come back negative.

"For people who would still rather travel on quieter trains, we have an improved less busy trains tool on our website, where people can see at a glance which are the quietest stations at every station to and from London Liverpool Street.

"We also remain committed to running a punctual railway and currently on average 95 per cent of our trains are on time."

The extra intercity services due to be added to the timetable are: Weekdays: 06.28, 08.03, 12.32, 13.30 and 18.32 Norwich to London Liverpool Street 10.00, 11.00, 15.00, 16.00 and 21.00 London Liverpool Street to Norwich 06.50 Colchester to Norwich, 18.00 Ipswich to Norwich Saturdays: 06.30, 11.30, 16.30 Norwich to London and 09.00, 14.00, 19.00 London to Norwich.

The express Norwich in 90 services, which call only at Ipswich and make the journey in 90 minutes, will be at 08.00 Norwich to London and 17.00 London to Norwich. As a result of these changes, there is now a near normal weekday and Saturday intercity service in place and a full service on Sundays. Additional West Anglia services are: 06.47 Cambridge to London Liverpool Street, 06.18 Kings Lynn to London Liverpool Street, 08.03 and 08.33 Liverpool Street to Cambridge and 17.37 Liverpool Street to Cambridge North.

There are no changes to the revised Stansted Express service which is currently operating with between two and three services an hour. A small number of intercity services will be operated by trains without First Class seating, with details available on the Greater Anglia website.

Image: A Greater Anglia Intercity train Credit: Greater Anglia