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Student

Travel Guide

2023/24

How to find us

Southport College is located on Morningson Road in Southport's town centre, and can be easily accessed by bus, rail, car, on foot or by bicycle.

www.visitsouthport.com

The aim of the college's travel policy for 2023/24 is to widen participation in education through effective use of student support funds with the large majority of Southport College students being eligible for a free travel pass (or funds where necessary).

Free Travel Passes*

Students aged 16-18 who live more than 3 miles away from the Southport College are eligible for a travel pass for bus or train (or travel funds where necessary).

Students aged 16-18 who live between 1 and 2.9 miles away from the College are means tested to assess eligibility. Students aged 19 and over who live 1 mile or more from the College will be means-tested to assess their eligibility.

If you are studying on a Higher Education course at Southport College and live more than 3 miles away from the College, you may be eligible for a free travel pass.

**It is College policy to assess eligibility by measuring the shortest walking distance using Google Maps.*

Further information on the application process for travel passes and college funding is in the link below.

www.southport.ac.uk/student-support/college-financial-support

By Bus

Southport College is well serviced by buses operating from Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Lancashire, Halton and Southport. The College is situated in the town centre and buses from across the region stop outside or near to the College. If you are unsure about which bus to take, then please contact our Guidance & Information Team for more information.

www.arrivabus.co.uk www.stagecoachbus.com

Number	Provider	Service
44	Arriva	Crossens – Southport – Formby
47	Arriva	Liverpool – Bootle – Crosby – Ainsdale – Crossens
300	Arriva	Liverpool – Maghull – Southport
375/385	Arriva	Southport – Ormskirk – Skelmersdale – Wigan
2	Stagecoach	Preston – Tarleton – Banks – Southport
X2	Stagecoach	Preston – Tarleton – Banks – Southport

By Rail

Southport College is situated within easy walking distance of Southport Train Station (5 minutes). For more information on the wide range of routes available to students travelling to Southport visit:

www.nationalrail.co.uk www.merseytravel.gov.uk www.16-17saver.co.uk

Trio passes

The College offers students who are eligible for a travel pass the option of applying for a Trio (where available) on payment of the price difference between the most cost-effective pass available and the cost of the Trio.

www.merseytravel.gov.uk/tickets-and-pricing/ticket-types/trio-ticket

Apprentice Travelcard for 19 – 24 year olds

Young people enrolled in apprenticeships can get half price unlimited bus travel across Merseyside when buying weekly or four-weekly Solo tickets.

The Apprentice Travelcard is available for anyone aged 19 – 24 living in the Liverpool City Region who's currently enrolled on an approved apprenticeship. Further information is available **via this link**.

By Car

Parking is available at the NCP Car Park on London Street at the side of Southport train station (current daily fee is £4.95, or £3.95 via the ParkPass app)

www.ncp.co.uk/find-a-car-park/car-parks/southport-london-street/

A fuel allowance may be available for students who use their own motor vehicle who live 1 mile or more from Southport College (see free travel pass section above).

Motorbike or Scooter

Free parking is available in Southport Colleges' car park for students using scooters and motorbikes. Dedicated spaces are available. A fuel allowance may be available for students who use their own motor vehicle who live 1 mile or more from Southport College (see free travel pass section above).

By Bicycle

Southport is well serviced by cycle lanes. Bicycle sheds and showers are available to students and staff on the Southport College site. For more information, please contact guidance@southport.ac.uk. Staff may access the Cycle to Work scheme. For a map of the main cycle routes in and around Southport go to the Sefton Council website

www.sefton.gov.uk and search 'Cycling'.

Further Information

You can read more about the support available, including our Travel Policy and Discretionary Support Fund Policy here:

www.southport.ac.uk/about/policies-and-statements#colleg

You can read more about your transport options here:

www.southport.ac.uk/contact/travelling-to-colleg

Or alternatively, find out more details below:

www.arrivabus.co.uk

www.nationalrail.co.uk

www.merseytravel.gov.uk

www.northernrailway.co.uk

www.stagecoachbus.com

www.16-17saver.co.uk

For further information on travel or support please contact our Guidance & Information team:

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