

# Travel Guide 2020/21

## How to find us

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

The aim of the College's travel policy for 2020/21 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. For more information contact the Student Information Team on 01704 392704.

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.*

## By Bus

Southport College is well serviced by buses operating from Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Lancashire, Halton and Southport itself. 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 Student Guidance team for more information.

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](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

[www.merseytravel.gov.uk](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk)

[www.16-17saver.co.uk](http://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.

## 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 Rd at the side of Southport train station (current daily fee is £3.70) 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. In order to support and encourage cycling as a means of getting to and from college an additional bicycle shed is being introduced for 2020/21 and further financial support may be available to support students wishing to cycle to college. For more information please contact [guidance@southport.ac.uk](mailto: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](http://www.sefton.gov.uk) and search 'Cycling'.

## COVID-19 travel guidance

Staff, students and visitors should continue to adhere to the government's safer travel guidance when planning their journeys. Particular care should be taken when accessing public transport.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

## Further Information

You can read more about the support available here:

- Travel Policy
- Discretionary Support Fund Policy
- <https://www.southport.ac.uk/contact/travelling-to-college>

You can read more about your transport options below:

[www.arrivabus.co.uk](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk)

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

[www.merseytravel.gov.uk](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk)

[www.northernrailway.co.uk](http://www.northernrailway.co.uk)

[www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)

[www.16-17saver.co.uk](http://www.16-17saver.co.uk)

For further information on travel or support please contact our Student Information team on [guidance@southport.ac.uk](mailto:guidance@southport.ac.uk) or Tel. 01704 392704.