
FROM A TO B



*That first step on the road
to something bigger
starts with knowing how
to get there.*

Transport Guide
2026/27

Subsidised Bus Service

As part of Macclesfield College's Transport Plan, which aims to reduce traffic volume, the College provides a subsidised bus service for full-time 16-18 year old students.

The following services are available depending on where you live:

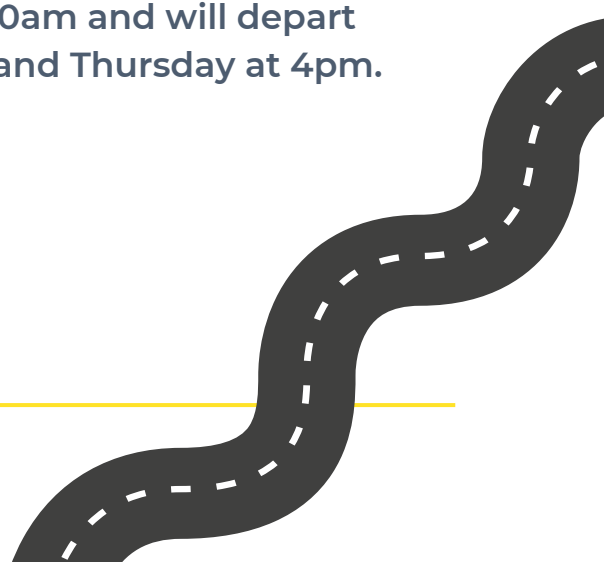
- Alderley Edge
- Biddulph
- Bollington
- Buxton
- Chapel-en-le-Frith
- Congleton
- Disley
- Dove Holes
- Gawsorth
- Handforth
- Hazel Grove
- Heald Green
- Holmes Chapel
- Knutsford
- Leek
- Middlewich
- New Mills
- Offerton
- Pott Shrigley
- Poynton
- Stockport
- Tytherington
- Whaley Bridge
- Wilmslow

Please note that where a contract service exists for your home area, this is the only service that the College will subsidise for you.

No support is provided for students living within 3 miles of the College.

All transport information is correct for September 2026, however, routes and pick up points may be reassessed at any time for operational and efficiency requirements.

All services are timetabled to arrive before 9.00am and will depart Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 4.40pm and Thursday at 4pm.



Help with Travel Costs

Students can choose to travel by public transport if there is no College service provided, e.g. Manchester or Sandbach.

Students will need to apply for the Financial assistance if you qualify for support with these costs. Students will be reimbursed their travel costs on a monthly basis (tickets must be provided.)

Please note that this support is means tested. The following restrictions apply to this assistance:

- Students who are eligible to travel on college buses but choose not to, will not be supported.
- No support is provided for students living within 2 miles of the College.
- Reimbursement is affected by attendance and students must maintain a minimum of 90% attendance to all aspects of the study programme.
- Taxi fares are not reimbursed.
- Charges incurred for parking e.g. permits or tickets from Macclesfield Bus or Train station to the College will not be reimbursed.

Students are expected to purchase tickets in advance direct from the operator, and seek the most cost-effective travel to them. Discount passes are recommended, but will not be reimbursed by the College e.g. Our Pass or Student Railcard

Application links will be sent to students who have completed their enrolment preparation form over the summer.

Full details of how to claim assistance will be all detailed when applying for financial assistance.

Other Support

If you do not qualify for travel support as you do not qualify for financial assistance or you live within the two mile radius, D&G and other local bus companies do have payment plans/monthly travel passes for students available.

Further information about local transport in the area can be found on the local council website.

If your child requires travel assistance, you will need to speak to your Local Authority to arrange this.

Bus Company Contact Details

Got a question about the location of a stop? Get in contact directly with our bus companies to help you travel confidently.

HOLLINSHEADS COACHES

01782 512 209

GOLDEN GREEN TRAVEL

01260 223 453

ROY MCARTHY COACHES

01625 425 060

ANDREWS OF TIDESWELL

01298 871 222

SWANS TRAVEL

0800 799 9425

HOLMESWOOD

01260 282111



College Bus Routes

The College provides a number of dedicated bus routes to help students travel safely and conveniently to and from campus. These services cover a wide range of local areas and are planned to align with the College timetable.

A full list of current routes is available below. Please note that, on occasion, routes may be subject to change due to circumstances beyond the College's control, such as severe weather or travel disruptions. We aim to provide as much notice as possible in these cases, so please check regularly for service updates.

Route 1 Buxton

Andrews of Tideswell
Contact Number:
01298 871 222

Pick Up Points	AM
Buxton Harpur Hill Parks Inn	7:10
Buxton Harpur Hill Trent Ave	7:13
Buxton Market Place	7:18
Buxton Working Mens Club	7:23
Fairfield, ST Peters Church	7:25
Dove Holes Bus Garage	7:30
Chinley	7:40
Chapel En Le Frith Fosters	7:50

Route 2

New Mills, Marple, Disley & Whaley Bridge

Pick Up Points	AM
New Mills - Bus Station Circle	7:15
Marple Bus stop Main road opposite Costa & Greggs	7:23
New Houses (Old Marple College) <i>Main road not down at the college</i>	7:25
Hawk Green	7:26
Bottom of Andrew Lane, High Lane	7:29
Dandy Cock Pub, Disley	7:33
Solider Dick, Furness Vale	7:37
Jodrell Arms, Whaley Bridge	7:45

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Route 3

Handforth & Wilmslow

Pick Up Points	AM
Cheadle Hulme - Pointing Dog	7:33
Heald Green - the Griffin Pub	7:40
Handforth - Lakeland	7:44
Handforth - Pinewood Hotel	7:45
Handforth - Paddock	7:46
Handforth - Library	7:47
Handforth - Oaklands Close	7:50
Handforth - Dean Row Road / Lincoln Road	7:52
Handforth - Majestic Wines	7:56
Wilmslow - Styal Road	7:58
Wilmslow - Leisure Centre	8:01
Wilmslow - Coach & Four	8:02
Wilmslow - King Arms	8:04



Roy McCarthy Coaches
Contact Number:

01625 425 060

Route 4

Poynton, Pott Shrigley, Bollington & Tytherington

Pick Up Points	AM
Bramhall Green - Roundabout	7:30
Bramhall - Ravenoak Road	7:34
Bramhall - Woodford Road (Superdrug)	7:37
Poynton - Tern Drive	7:41
Poynton - Station	7:42
Poynton - Chester Rd / Clifford Road	7:43
Poynton Church	7:45
Poynton - London Road / Dickens Lane	7:46
Bollington - High Street Bus Stop	8:04
Bollington - Council Offices	8:06
Bollington - Bayleaf Lounge Restaurant	8:07
Bollington - Henshall / South West Ave	8:08
Tytherington - Beech Lane Bus Stop	8:13

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01625 425 060



Route 5

Middlewich, Holmes Chapel, Knutsford & Alderley Edge

Pick Up Points	AM
Middlewich - Crossroads	7:16
Middlewich - Chester Road / Croxton Lane	7:19
Middlewich - Opp Shell Garage (Holmes Chapel Road)	7:21
Holmes Chapel - Sandiford Road	7:32
Knutsford - Bus Station	7:52
Knutsford - St Cross Church	7:56
Knutsford - Fire Station	7:58
Mobberley - Post Office	7:59
Mobberley - Town Lane	8:01
Mobberley - Bird In Hand	8:05
Brook Lane Corner, Knutsford road	8:08
Alderley Edge - Tower Garage	8:11
Alderley Edge - Chapel Road	8:12
Priory Lane (Bus Stop Outside Rugby Club)	8:23

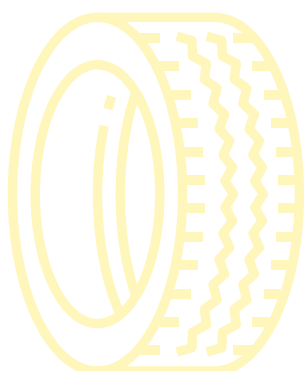
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Route 6

Stockport, Offerton & Hazel Grove

Pick Up Points	AM
The Wycliffe Hotel, Edgeley Road	7:32
Hall Street/Henry Street	7:35
Lisburne Lane/Marple Road	7:40
Offerton - Offerton Green / Marple Road	7:46
Stockport - Golf Club Entrance	7:48
Hazel Grove - Rising Sun	8:00
Hazel Grove - Five Ways (Esso Station)	8:02



Swans Travel
Contact Number:
0800 799 9425

Route 7

Scholar Green, Congleton & Gawsworth

Pick Up Points	AM
Red Bull Traffic Lights	7:33
Bleeding Wolf	7:35
Stone Chair Lane	7:38
Padgbury Lane	7:43
Congleton High Box Lane	7:45
West Heath Aldi (Holmes Chapel Road Side A54)	7:48
Kwik Fit	7:50
Congleton Bus Station	8:00
Rood Hill / Norbury Drive	8:02
Lower Heath Road	8:03
Macclesfield Road / Plough Inn	8:05
Congleton Road / Shellow Lane	8:13
Gawsworth Crossroads	8:15

**Hollinsheads Coaches Contact
Number:**

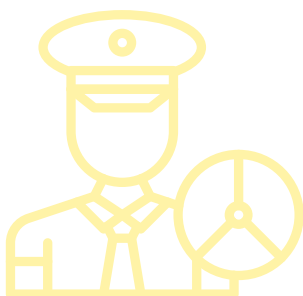
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Route 8

Biddulph, Congleton & Bosley Crossroads

Pick Up Points	AM
Biddulph - Sainsbury's	7:30
Biddulph Rd / Mossley Corner	7:39
Biddulph Rd / Roseville Drive	7:40
Biddulph Rd / Henshall Hall	7:41
Hightown - Pet Stores	7:42
Hightown - Cross Lane	7:44
Canal Rd / Astbury Lane Ends	7:45
Canal Street - The Wharf Inn	7:46
Kinnet Drive / Highcroft Road	7:50
Moor Street	7:53
Buglawton Shop / St.Johns Road	7:55
Bosley Crossroad	8:00
Lyme Green Shell Garage	8:05



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Route 9

Leek

Pick Up Points	AM
Buxton Road, Novi Lane	7.31
Springfield Road, Ashbourne Road	7.34
Leek Bus Station	7.37
Broad Street, Daintry Street	7.41
Wallbridge Drive, Thornhill Road	7.44
Westwood Road, Barngate Street	7.47
Macclesfield Road, Kiln Lane	7.50

**Golden Green Travel Contact
Number:**

01260 223 453



Travelling by Car

If you're planning to drive to college, either daily or as a one off visit, here's everything you need to know.

Student Parking

We operate a ParkingEye system across our campus car parks. The good news? Parking is completely free for students. To avoid receiving a penalty charge, you must register your vehicle registration number with the college. Once registered, you're good to go, no need to sign in each time. If you change cars, don't forget to update your details.

Visitor Parking

Visitors are also welcome to use the car park. However, their vehicle must be registered at Reception within 30 minutes of arrival. This is a quick process and helps avoid any accidental fines. Top Tip: Always double check your number plate is entered correctly, ParkingEye doesn't forgive typos!



Other Transport

Macclesfield College is well connected by both bus and rail, making it easy to get here without needing a car.

By Bus

The college is just a short walk from Macclesfield Bus Station, with regular services from surrounding towns and villages including Congleton, Leek, Wilmslow and Knutsford.

By Train

We're also very close to Macclesfield Railway Station, just a 10-15 minute walk.

Cycling to College

Prefer two wheels? Brilliant! We have secure bike racks on campus for students and staff. Lock your bike safely and you're good to go.



Good to Know:
Students can often get discounts on train travel and Railcards, it's worth checking online before booking to make sure you're getting the best deal. Popular places to look include Student Beans, UNiDAYS, TOTUM, and ticket sites like Trainline.

FAQ'S

We've compiled some of our FAQs below, which will help with any questions you might have.

When will my bus pass be issued?

Once payment has been received your bus pass will be included with your student ID badge during your first week.

What if I lose my pass?

If you lose your student ID badge (which also holds your bus pass), there will be a £5 replacement charge.

I've withdrawn from my course. Can I get a refund on my bus pass?

Refunds depend on the time of year. You may be eligible for a full or partial refund. Please contact the Finance Office for more information.

Can I take a friend home with me?

The pass is issued for your use only. It can't be used for additional passengers.

Are buses running on induction week?

All buses will operate from the 1st September and you will be able to travel without lanyard for the first week.

How does the bus pass work?

Your bus pass is linked to your student ID badge, so make sure to keep it safe!

***If you do have
any questions
please do get
in touch!
We are
always happy
to help.***

FAQ'S Continued

Can I pay for just one journey instead of buying the annual pass?
The pass is only available as an annual purchase.

**I travel between two households and the bus routes are different.
Will I have to pay twice?**

You can add up to two bus routes onto your pass, so you can travel between without extra charges.

What happens if it snows?

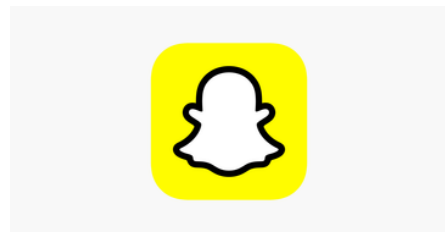
You can find updates on our social media platforms and direct messages will be sent out via the College. Please make sure that your contact details are correct and up to date on our system.

***Got a
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