



Student Travel Survey 2009 - Key Findings

1 Introduction

1.1 Introduction

During November 2009 students were asked to take part in the University of St Andrews Travel Survey. Links to an online survey were distributed electronically using the internal email system with surveys hosted by Bristol Online Surveys (BOS). A number of paper versions of the survey were also available in the University Library, Student Association building and at Halls of Residence. A prize draw for a £100 voucher from BESS was offered as an incentive to Students.

The aim of the travel survey was to; better understand students travel needs and views and to monitor the progress of the University travel plan.

To enable monitoring of the University's travel plan and assess changes in student travel habits it was necessary to use comparative questions with the previous survey (undertaken 2006) and methodology in reporting. Where a direct comparison of responses from previous surveys has been possible, this has been included in the following analysis.

A total of 1262 surveys were completed either online or in paper copy. The numbers of responses received provide a response rate of 17%. This indicates a decrease in student responses from the previous survey in 2006 which had a 22% response rate.

1.2 Survey Overview

The Journey to University

- 42% of students travel to University by car at the beginning of the year
- 9% of students travel home from University during term by car, 43% travel by train and 26% travel by bus.
- 3% of students travel to lectures by car, 83% walk, 11% travel by bicycle and 2% travel by bus.

Changing travel habits

- Opportunity to buy a bicycle at a discount was suggested by student's respondents as the most popular measure to encourage them to travel by bicycle.
- Further discounted public transport tickets are the most popular measure to support students in travelling by bus.



2 Survey Results

2.1 Introduction

The 2009 survey results shown and discussed in this section are shown as a percentage of those students who responded to the individual question unless stated otherwise.

2.2 Section A - About your Travel to University

A1. How do you usually travel between home and University? (Select one option from each column). If more than one means of transport, please tick the one that involves the greatest distance

The results indicate that 42% of students travel to University at the start of term by car, this is a slight decrease since 2006, and however there has been a corresponding increase in the percentage of students travelling by aeroplane. This can be seen clearly in table 1 and figure 2.

Mode Of Travel	Start Of The Year	
	2006	2009
Car	44%	42%
Aeroplane	37%	41%
Train	10%	9%
Bus/Coach	5%	4%
Boat/Ferry	2%	2%
Other	1%	2%
N/A – (Live in St Andrews)	1%	-

Table 1 Mode of travel between University and home at the start of the year. Comparative data (responses 2006 = 1584, 2009 = 1168)

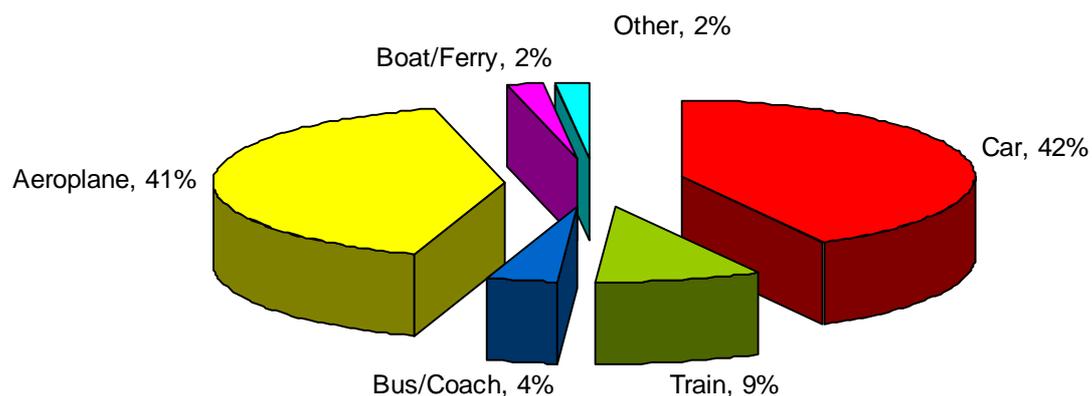


Figure 2 Mode of travel between University and home at the start of the year. 2009 (responses = 1168)



Table 3 and figure 4 provide details of how students travel between university and home during term time. There has been a considerable decrease in the percentage of students who travel by aeroplane and car with corresponding increases in travel by bus and train.

Mode Of Travel	During The Year	
	2006	2009
Aeroplane	34%	17%
Train	33%	43%
Bus/Coach	16%	26%
Car	14%	9%
Taxi	1%	4%
Other	2%	1%

Table 3 Mode of travel between University and home during the year. Comparative data (responses 2006 = 1475, 2009 = 943)

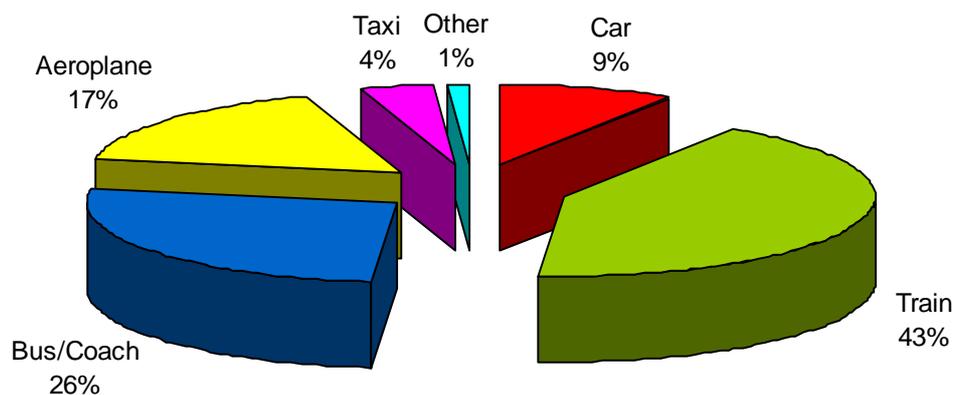


Figure 4 Mode of travel between University and home during the year. 2009 (responses = 943)

A2. Is your home address in the UK?

The results suggest that a higher proportion of student respondents are not from the UK.

Home in the UK	2006	2009
Yes	66%	56%
No	35%	43%

Table 5 Students who home address is in the UK. (Responses 2006 = 1050 & 2009 = 943)

A3. What is your term time postcode?

95% of student respondents live within the KY16 postcode area

**A4. Which is (are) your main teaching building?**

Main Teaching Buildings	2009
Buchanan Building	29.00%
Purdie Building	23.90%
Arts Building	13.60%
Quad	13.50%
Bute Building	10.50%
Irvine Building	9.10%
Mathematics & Statistics	7.40%
Physics & Astronomy	6.10%
School I - VI	6.00%
St Salvators	4.30%
St Marys College	4.00%
Gateway	3.20%
Psychology	2.90%
Castle House	2.40%
Kennedy Hall	2.10%
St Katherine's	1.90%
Edgecliffe	1.80%
Chemistry	1.60%
Jack Cole Building	1.50%
John Honey Building	1.50%
Swallowgate	1.50%
English Language Teaching	1.40%
Mediaeval History	1.20%
Other	15%

Table 6 Student respondents' main teaching buildings. (Responses 2009 = 11880)

A5. On average how often do you (or do you intend to) travel home during semesters?

The results suggest that there has been a slight decrease in the percentage of students travelling home during semester, although the percentage of students commuting has remained static.

Answer Option	2006	2009
Rarely or never	36%	41%
Once or twice a semester	56%	52%
Most weekends	5%	4%
Most days - Commuting to University	3%	3%

Table 7 Frequency of travel home during semester. (responses 2006 = 1565, 2009 = 1239)

A6. How do you usually travel to/from lectures?

The results indicate that 83% of students walk to lectures during 2009, this is a slight decrease since the previous survey however a corresponding increase in travel by bike has occurred. This can be seen clearly in table 8.



	2006	2009
Walk	86%	83%
Bicycle	8%	11%
Bus	2%	2%
Motorcycle/scooter		0%
Taxi	1%	0%
Car (with Others)	1%	1%
Car (alone)	3%	2%
Other	-	1%

Table 8 Mode of travel to lectures by students. Comparative data. (responses 2006 = 1570, 2009 = 1241)

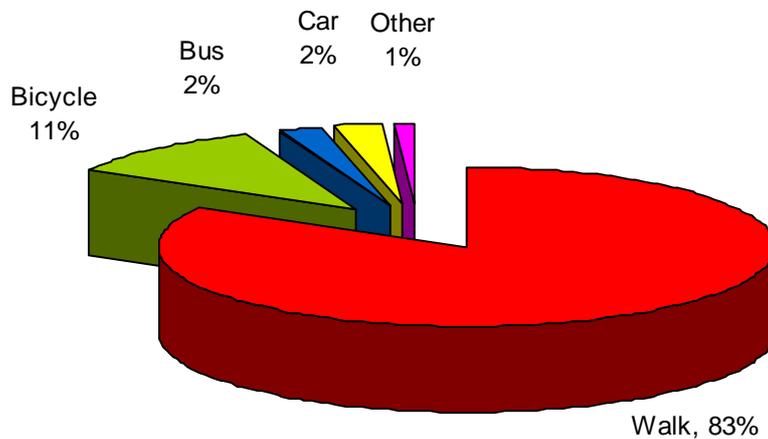


Figure 9 Mode of travel to lectures by students. 2009. (responses 2009 = 1241)

A7. Is your term time address a University residence?

62% of student respondents indicated that they live in a University residence during term time; this is a 9% decrease (shift) since the 2006 survey.

Answer	2006	2009
Yes	71%	62%
No	29%	37%

Table 10. Students who live in a University residence during term time, comparative data. (responses 2006 = 1570, 2009 = 1241)



Table 11 provides details of the University residences where students stay.

Answer	2009
Albany Park	7.76%
Andrew Melville	14.88%
David Russell Apartments	9.44%
Fife Park	3.36%
John Burnet Hall	8.41%
McIntosh hall	4.01%
New Hall	16.69%
St Regulus Hall	8.41%
St Salvators Hall	8.28%
University Hall	12.42%
Other	6.34%

Table 11 University residence where students live. Figures shown as a percentage of those who responded to this question. (2009 = 773 student respondents living in University residences)

A8. Do you either have a car at University or commute by car to University?

The results suggest that there has been a decrease in the percentage of students who have or commute by car to University.

Answer	2006	2009
Yes	16%	9%
No	84%	91%

Table 12 Students who have a car at, or commute by car to University comparative data. (responses 2006 = 1557, 2009 = 1166)

2.3 Section B – About Car Travel

The results shown in section C are shown as a percentage of those who indicated in question A8, that they have a car at University or commute by car (2006 = 249 , 2009 = 109 students).

B9. Why did you decide to bring a car to University?

Overall the percentage of students who bring a car to University has decreased, however of those who do bring a car there has been an increase in those who suggested that it is essential to get between home and University as well as ‘Other’ reasons. Other reasons include;

- Don't like public transport
- Enables access to other areas outside St Andrews for recreational purposes
- Shopping
- To get to work



Answer	2006	2009
Essential to get between home & University	52%	66%
Convenience of getting around University	24%	29%
Don't like using public transport	17%	17%
Don't like/have difficulties walking	3%	2%
Other	24%	41%

Table 13 Reasons why students bring their cars to University. (respondents 2006 = 249, 2009 = 170)

B10. What do you use your car for during term time?

The largest proportion of students use their cars for shopping and leisure trips during term time.

Answer	2006	2009
I rarely use my car during term-time	16%	16%
Travel to / from lectures	19%	21%
Shopping /leisure trips	61%	74%
Trips home	41%	45%
Other	10%	28%

Table 14. What students use their cars for during term-time, comparative data. (respondents 2006 = 249, 2009 = 109)

B11. On average how many times per week/month do you make the following journeys by car?

The results suggest that students are more likely to make weekly trips in and around St Andrews by car whilst monthly trips tend to be to areas further afield.

Answer	Per week	Per month
Town Centre and North Haugh	13%	12%
Town Centre and Residence	29%	10%
Town Centre and East Sands area	9%	12%
Between sites in Town Centre	17%	6%
St Andrews and Cupar	7%	21%
St Andrews and Leuchars	11%	34%
St Andrews and Dundee	22%	53%
St Andrews and other	24%	35%

Table 15 frequency of journeys by car student respondents make. (respondents 2009 = 109)

B12. Where do you normally park your car overnight?

The results suggest that a higher proportion of students park their cars in residential streets when compared to the 2006 survey.

Answer	2006	2009
Residence car park	42%	32%
Residential street	45%	58%
Other car park	13%	10%

Table 16 Locations where students usually park their cars overnight. (respondents 2006 = 212, 2009 =92)

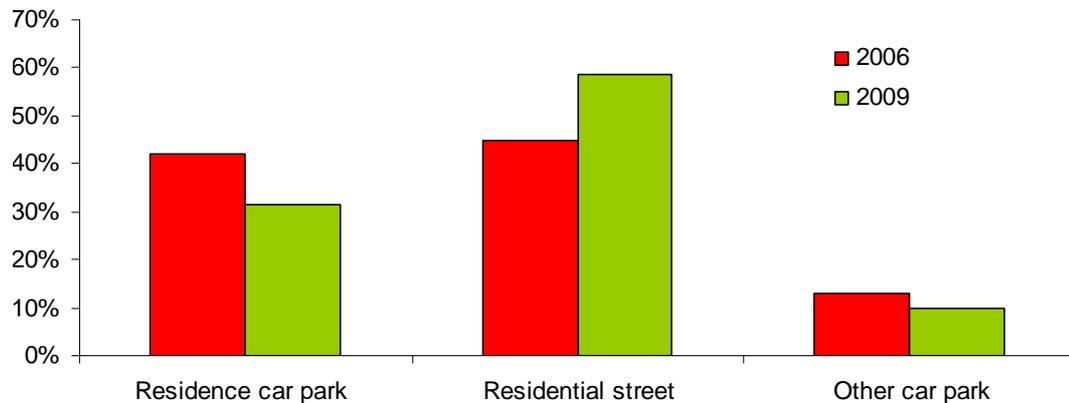


Figure 17 Locations where students usually park their cars overnight. (respondents 2006 = 212, 2009 =92)

B13. In terms of emissions, what band is your car?

30% of students who have cars at University suggested that their vehicle was registered before March 2001, a further 30% suggested that their vehicle was in emission band D/E.

Answer	2009
My car was registered before March 2001	30%
Band A - £0 pa - less than 100 g/km	5%
Band B/C - £35 pa - 101-120 g/km	17%
Band D/E - £120 pa - 121-140 g/km	30%
Band F - £125 pa - 141-150 g/km	10%
Band G - £150 pa - 151-165 g/km	5%
Band H/I - £175 pa - 166-185 g/km	2%
Band J/K - £215 pa - 186-225 g/km	1%
Band L/M - £405 pa - above 225 g/km	0%

Table 18 Emission bands of student cars (responses 2009 = 103)

B14. What measures would encourage you to leave your car at home i.e. not bring a car to University?

Of those students who indicated that they have a car at University, 45% indicated that no changes would encourage them to leave their car at home. The top three changes in 2009 are the same as in 2006, these are shown below in table 19.

Answer	2006	2009
No measures would encourage me to leave my car at home	49%	45%
A direct connection from Leuchars station to St Andrews	31%	30%
Improved train services to/from St Andrews e.g. increased frequency, cheaper tickets	30%	31%
Improved bus services to / from / around St Andrews	23%	30%
Improved facilities for cyclists e.g. covered cycle racks, cycle paths	8%	14%
A free shuttle bus between University sites	18%	27%
Parking charges at University car parks	4.8%	6%
Additional parking charges on public roads	4.8%	5%
Other	10.4%	13%

Table 19 measure to encourage students to leave their cars at home (Responses 2006 = 249, 2009 = 109)



2.4 Section C - About Cycling

C15. Which of the following changes would most encourage you to use a bicycle at University? (If you already cycle, which changes would you most like to see?).

The results suggest that there has been an 11% shift in the percentage of students who indicated that no measures would encourage them to cycle since the previous survey.

Answer	2006	2009
No changes would encourage me (please state why in the box below)	32%	21%
Improved / more cycle paths	41%	47%
Improved covered cycle racks at main teaching buildings	32%	30%
Improved covered cycle racks at residence	23%	18%
Opportunity to buy a bicycle at a discount	34%	49%
Improved security e.g. lighting around buildings	20%	17%
Other	4%	21%

Table 20 measure to encourage students to use a bicycle at University. (responses 2006 =1602 , 2009 = 1262)

Students were given the opportunity to identify 'Other' changes to encourage them to use a bicycle at University. A large proportion identified reasons why they wouldn't cycle and these included;

- Everything within walking distance
- Don't like cycling
- Too dangerous
- Difficulties getting a bike to University

Changes identified to support cycling included;

- Shower and changing facilities
- More cycle racks/secure bike huts
- Bike Hire
- Cycle lanes

2.5 Section D - About travel by Bus

D16. Do you regularly use a bus service in St Andrews?

The percentage of students who use bus services and in and around St Andrews has remained fairly static. Table 22 and figure 23 provide details of the bus services used by students.

Answer	2006	2009
No I rarely / never use the bus in St Andrews	88%	89%
Yes, I use a bus at least once a week	12%	11%

Table 21. Student's use of bus services in St. Andrews. (responses 2006 = 1551, 2009 = 1234)



Bus Service	2006	2009
99	26%	47%
92	23%	7%
96	16%	8%
x24	7%	5%
x60	6%	2%
94	6%	3%
95	5%	5%
x26	4%	3%
x59/59	-	6%
other	7%	10%

Table 22 Bus Services used by students, comparative data.(responses 2006 = 254, 2009 = 132)

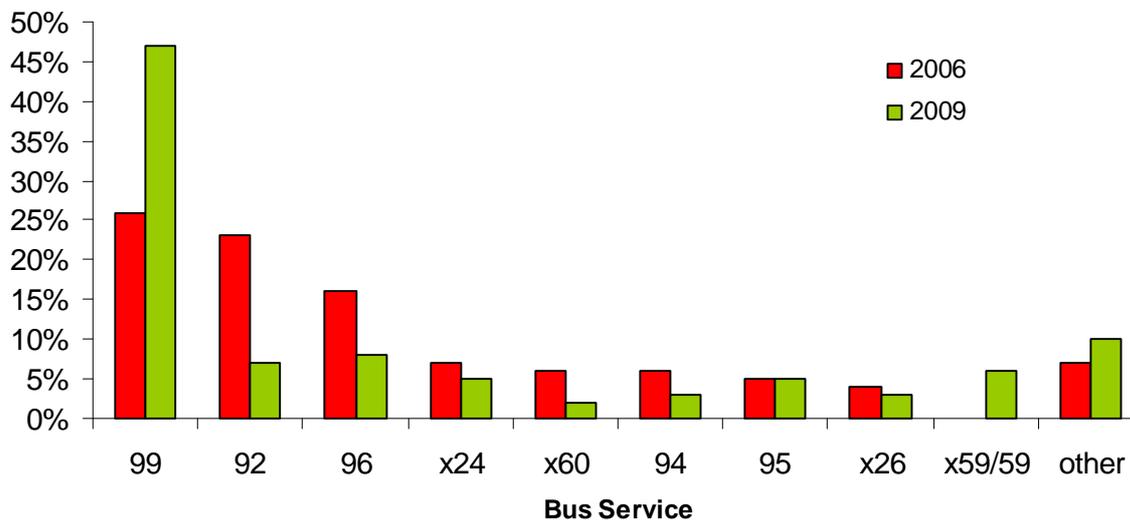


Figure 23 Bus Services used by students, comparative data.

D17. Which of the following changes would most encourage you to use the bus for journeys in and around St Andrews? (If you already travel by bus, which changes would you most like to see?)

The results suggest that there has been a slight decrease in the percentage of student respondents who indicated that nothing would encourage them to travel by bus.

Answer	2006	2009
No changes would encourage me	33%	29%
More direct bus routes	24%	23%
More frequent bus services,	27%	23%
Further discounted tickets/passes	44%	51%
Cleaner and more comfortable buses	9%	6%
More reliable services	11%	8%
More timetable and route information	27%	21%
Other	3%	22%

Table 24 Changes to encourage students to travel by bus in and around St Andrews. (responses 2006 =1602 , 2009 = 1262)



Students were given the opportunity to identify 'Other' to encourage them to use the bus. A large proportion identified reasons why they wouldn't travel by bus the main one being that there is no need to due to everything being so close and it's easier to walk.

2.6 Section E - About You

E18. What year are studying in at University?

Answer	2006	2009
First Year	38%	43%
Second Year	20%	20%
Third Year	21%	18%
Fourth Year	10%	11%
Other	11%	8%

Table 25 Year of study students are in. Comparative data (responses 2006 = 1573, 2009 = 1239)

E19. What category of student are you?

Answer	2006	2009
Full-time undergraduate student	88%	86%
Full-time postgraduate student	10%	12%
Part-time undergraduate student	2%	1%
Part-time postgraduate student	-	1%
Other	-	1%

Table 26 Student categories. (responses 2006 = 1560, 2009 = 1237)

E10. What gender are you?

Answer	2006	2009
Female	61%	62%
Male	39%	38%

Table 27 Student gender. (responses 2006 = 1553, 2009 = 1239)

2.7 Section F – Any other comments

In total 177 comments were received from student covering a range of topics.

Cycling suggestions included; improved parking facilities, safer cycle paths as well as options for bike hire as many students have difficulties getting bikes from home to University.

Public Transport topics includes: cheaper/subsidised fares would be beneficial, better service between buildings to enable students to get to lectures on time. Free service between University buildings. Also better links to train station and Edinburgh airport were also raised.

Other topics comments on included;

- Change of semester dates
- Having exams before Christmas
- Cheaper disabled accommodation closer to University buildings

A list of all comments received in section F as shown in appendix A



Appendix A - Section F Student Respondents Comments

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Not enough access to Leuchars station - difficult to get there in time for trains.
Lectures between Purdue/Buchanan are a nightmare to get to in time, free bus service needed?
95p for bus from union to DRA is far too expensive!
A better service to reach Edinburgh city and the airport would be very useful, especially for the airport during non-standard vacation periods (for example, in the middle of semester break). Edinburgh isn't that far but it takes two hours to get there.
a lift sharing site may be useful for travelling to and from St Andrews.
A regular service between the town and Leuchars which LINKS WITH THE TRAIN TIMETABLE simply must be added. Taxi's or cars are the only option at the moment, and, at peak times (i.e. weekends/reading week/ holidays).
A train station in St Andrews would be extremely helpful as getting luggage, especially bicycles, onto the buses at Leuchars, and waiting for the infrequent service to DRA is very inconvenient.
Airport Transfer service information would be useful
Because im not from the UK (the Netherlands), I still get very confused as to where to look when crossing the road. In London most street lights have a "look left" it really helps to have that.
better cycling paths would be useful
build a train station
bus around town free for students with university id night shuttle around campus / town
bus linkages between Leuchars train station and St Andrews are not very frequent on weekends and service is significantly reduced at night, making is so that I must often resort to taxis to get between them.
bus to Leuchars - too expensive. splitting a taxi 3 ways is cheaper. Also: taxis shouldn't be allowed too idle in Bell Street - they sit there for hours with their engines running.
can university provide shuttle bus among teaching buildings and halls?
change the semester / exam / vacation schedule to be friendlier to Americans who pay much more than other students.
change the semester dates so exams are held before Christmas and the break time is all blocked together so people take less flights (lots of people go home at Christmas and inter semester break).
Cheaper accommodation in St Andrews would also significantly reduce my travel. I already walk/cycle within St Andrews.
Cheaper bus fares - especially from DRA - also bus link from DRA - town on Saturday Sunday
cheaper taxis to Edinburgh airport build a train station in St Andrews.
cheaper taxis. direct train from St Andrews to Edinburgh
clearer bus timetables about where in St Andrews the bus from Leuchars station goes would be useful.
Cycling should be made more attractive. The size of St Andrews is perfect for cycling. Cycle paths and especially more covered bike racks would be the first big step in the right direction.
cyclists need to be encouraged to wear helmets
Definitely need a train station in St Andrews, would be used my many.
direct bus routes to the sports centre would be amazing.
easier travel to Edinburgh airport from St Andrews.
finding information on the cheapest / most direct routes to Edinburgh is difficult
for example I live in DRA now and was considering buying a bike. However it is too expensive and maybe dangerous on the road (main road from DRA to town). I have to walk 25-30 mins to town, bus cost me about £1 a day which is expensive as well.
For students with disabilities I think that accommodation in/near town should be cheaper as cheaper accommodation is far away from classes. We do not have the option of cheaper accommodation as we cannot walk/travel long distances.
free buses after nights out for students
from a students perspective I see no reason why people cant walk everywhere in St Andrews unless disabled etc I would only like a better service from Edinburgh airport to St Andrews.



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generally is very easy to get everywhere due to small size of St Andrews (on foot), but some roads get very busy and it can take a while for pedestrians to have an opportunity to cross road.

helmet wearing is not enforced - for there safety single bus tickets to Leuchars train station are a joke. student have no alternative for that transportation and are exploited for that.

I have lived in St Andrews for just over one month. It took me about 20 minutes to walk to town and 25 minutes to my class room. I only took the bus service twice because I get lost every time. The bus information is not straightforward and complicated.

I am an international student

I am happy to be more sustainable if more services were provided, free parking and places for me to leave my belongings

I appreciate the ongoing work to improve transport and reduce environmental impact. Continue the good work!

I believe there are not enough bicycle paths around Fife and I personally would use my bike instead of my car if I felt safe riding.

I can't wait to get out of here!

I commute from Edinburgh 2-3 times per week, and have done for the last 2 years, so have made this journey a lot!

I cycle around St Andrews a lot, and it seem that there really are not enough covered racks around.

I don't believe that the issue is about travel within St Andrews, rather than the cost of getting to and from St Andrews

I don't have a car at University and walk to all the places. I take a taxi to Morrison's once a week to get all my grocery shopping done.

I don't think taxi firms should have such a monopoly with the student body: Reducing the use of the taxis, reduces emissions. I can see the point if one needs to get to Edinburgh for a flight home if late, but there should be more emphasis on walking and cycling.

I feel that if the semesters were different, particularly around Christmas it would greatly reduce the number of people travelling in and out of St Andrews for short periods, taking unnecessary flight to go home for 10 days at the most expensive time of the year.

I feel travel in St Andrews to be satisfactory

I find travel very easy around St Andrews. Everything is within walking distance - I lived in DRA in first and second year and rarely took the bus into town.

I have access to a car, which I use for commuting >2 times per month. Otherwise, I use the bus. I come to uni Monday-Friday.

I live in a small village next to Leuchars in D17 I wrote that I would like a more frequent bus service (my bus only comes once every hour) but I can understand total that that is very unlikely to happen since most of the time I am the only passenger on the bus.

I often go away on weekends, returning on Sundays. I have had to wait up to half an hour for a bus from Leuchars to St. Andrews because they are so rare.

I personally believe the centre of St Andrews should be completely pedestrianised with better parking facilities.

I quite like cycling, when the weather is nice ...

I ride my bicycle every day to lectures and there is never any room to park my bike! More covered bike racks....especially near the Purdie are desperately needed! The Purdie rack is always completely full and so are all the lampposts.

I stay in the country and have no other means of commuting to St Andrews other than by private car. Parking in a problem if I need to come into the library during the day to study.

I strongly agree with the need for more covered bicycle shelters around St Andrews. The ones at the library are great, but there are not enough everywhere else.

I think it should be fewer cars in St Andrews, because it's a very smell town and you can get around by foot or by bike.

I think that there should be a bus service from all halls of residence regularly (e.g. new hall)

I travel home a bit more frequently than once or twice a semester but not most weekends. I have used the



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bus service because it's cheaper and more direct than the train.

I try where possible to use public transport, bike and walk. What is irritating about St Andrews is that it is so far out of the way and there are only expensive connections - why can't the uni provide mini buses for the busy times (i.e. holidays, reading etc).

I use walking as it's the cheapest way. I was considering a bike, but not many bikes on sale, and have no idea what happens with them over summer? (are they stored safely etc) if I had a car id use it but its costly and would be inefficient

I walk everywhere but more lighting needed in kinburn park

I walk everywhere within St Andrews. Getting home for vacations is awful - expense of train tickets, extortionate bus prices (inflated) to Leuchars, not sure whether the travel office is great at getting deals.

I wish I knew about bikes - where to buy / how to get an affordable one or a used one. is there a used bike place? it would also be nice to have a brochure of common / useful travel knowledge - best way to get to Edinburgh?, Glasgow? the best way to travel.

I would like to have more bus frequency from DRA to Lechers and Dundee

I would like to see St Andrews become a much bike-friendlier town. EG. limited car traffic on market St, WAY more bike racks around town, SMOOTH bike paths on cobbled streets

I would like to see the term dates changed so Christmas break and intersemester break are coincided into one to avoid students travelling long distances twice

I would love to see a shared bike scheme set up in the town, at least between the top of North Haugh and the two Quads (so three storage areas for the shared bikes). I think that would really encourage more people to cycle.

I would love to see much greater promotion of cycling, through more cycle paths, subsidised cycle light sales, well lit and large cycle storage areas at all University buildings, and the University actively promoting cycling.

I would perhaps like to see an ecologically-friendly bus travel from the New Hall/DRA-area to the centre of town to discourage car use, spare people from the hazards of cycling, and ease the distance for walkers.

I would really enjoy a free shuttle service.

I would really like to see more frequent and cheaper bus services around Fife so that I may be able to afford the cost and time to get around more.

I'm from Germany and I travel by bus to Edinburgh Airport. This works very well on normal days but at the beginning/end of breaks, reading week or semesters, it's really a night-mare because a lot of students are travelling and buses are often absolutely full.

in general, the travel in St Andrews is more than adequate for such a small town. but a nightbus when union shuts would be good. I only use car to drive to boyfriends in Dundee.

In relation to buses we need a faster more reliable bus service to Leuchars. May be a shuttle bus that just runs between St Andrews bus station and Leuchars stopping once in guard bridge in between.

In town: more bike-racks (covered or not) are needed around University Hall. It would also be great if the cycle racks (presently uncovered) overlooking North Haugh/the Maths Physics buildings could be covered there is a small covered bay on the same le

It is a pity that the former train line to St Andrews was discontinued along time ago. Not having a train station makes the town feel much more remote than it already is.

It is absurd there are no train service in St Andrews! Public transport overpriced and poor!

it is hard to get from St Andrews to Edinburgh cheaply.

it might be useful to offer lessons in bike maintenance/security

It will be good if the bus fares can be cheaper and better bus services on the weekend especially Sunday.

It would be great if there was a cheaper bus from saint Andrews bus station to Leuchars, because at the moment, even though it is a very short journey, the ticket still costs £2.35 for a single.

it's relatively good, most places are within walking distance. more busses to Dundee / or other shop able places.

it's hard to find a second hand bike which has discouraged me of doing cycling here. I also find it strange that at least on Sundays the buses to Leuchars don't really match too well with train times - sometimes I needed to wait around 40 mins.



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Lots of students use bikes, improvements aimed at that method of travel would be the most beneficial.
make getting to Edinburgh airport easier, cheaper and more available
many Scottish and overseas students seem to have cars in St Andrews with some English students also driving, perhaps the granting of university parking licences should be divided into residence and teaching building parking, so that only those w
More airport taxi transfer points (rather than just DRA) would be useful...
More bike paths, bike awareness signs.
more buses to Dundee
more buses to met trains from London at Leuchars, the time tables do not match therefore more people take taxis instead of waiting
more buses would be nice
more direct bus service to Edinburgh airport would be nice. as well as early morning transport to airport
more information for new students especially foreign students who may not know about UK travel
move the semester date forward by two weeks, with exams before Christmas, so that American students don't fly back and forward so much. this is important because it is probably the greatest cause of environmental harm amongst St Andrews students.
My family home is in OL5 9, but I moved to Edinburgh at the end of my penultimate year of study (i.e. June) to live with my partner because I could no longer afford rent in St Andrews. Because of this I now commute to St Andrews twice a week for lectures,
My family lives in Edinburgh, and it is far too expensive for me to maintain a separate residence near or in St Andrews.
no direct rail line i.e. not a station in St Andrews no direct bus to Edinburgh
no need to drive in St Andrews, everything is within 15 mins or less. students should not have cars.
No student rates for St Andrews to Leuchars Station is not acceptable. Student rates available on every other route. Why this is deemed acceptable?
not enough cycle lanes - feels dangerous
not enough room outside halls to secure bikes.
Not very convenient to get to Edinburgh airport and vice versa. There are not enough buses, especially if you have a late flight (AFTER 8PM).
Oh yea, a better service to Edin Airport. At the moment it takes an age and you have to get a selection of busses/trains Thanks
on the whole it is very easy to travel in this town!
Provide more discount on bus ticket for student
Quick and direct transportation to Edinburgh would be greatly appreciated (university run shuttle if enough people confirmed in advance?)
quite content
residences and classroom can be very far for people without cycles and using the bus on a daily basis is not very economical, so I would like to emphasise the importance of being able to rent bicycles or to buy passes such as for "velib" in Paris.
seems pretty good as is
Shame theres no train station.
should be a cheaper means of getting to Edinburgh
St Andrews is a very convenient town to live in if you don't want to use a car. there is absolutely no need for one. there are great transport links with the rest of Scotland (apart from it would be good if there was an earlier bus to Dundee on Sunday morning.)
St Andrews is already fairly suitable for cycling - I think more secured places for storing your bike whilst in lectures would really increase sincere interest in cycling.
St. Andrews needs better services to the airport for international students. The main problem for international students is that their flights my arrive/depart really early/late in the day in which trains and buses stop running to Edinburgh Airport. More
Stagecoach provide many reliable bus routes, and all the most popular city destinations (e.g. Edinburgh, Glasgow) use clean and comfortable coaches rather than 'buses'. I highly recommend it as a way of



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travelling: I think better advertisement to student

Student discounts for the bus within five would be nice. It just doesn't make sense to take the bus when it is so expensive.

Student travel services have always been very friendly and helpful whenever I've used them, thank you :)

Students are so keen to cycle. it would be so good to have more undercover bike shelters around town and more cycle paths

Students should be provided with a 50% student discount on bus fares. In many other countries, travel facilities are a lot cheaper for university students. Also, student discounts should be valid on holidays also since postgraduate students have huge work

Students should be provided more discounts in transportation, other countries provide 50% student discount for university students, and the discounts should be valid for holidays and weekends as well, since postgraduates require to travel to university

The bike routes are a bit rubbish. also, the DRA bus I used last year was really expensive.

The current travel service is - in my limited experience - usually significantly more expensive than comparable online services. I would be much more likely to use travel services if an incentive programme or discount scheme were in place that made the c

The issue concerning the affordability of bikes is probably the most important to me. St. Andrews is a very small town and I have lived in major cities that encouraged people to bike more than so in St. Andrews. Not only is it good for one's health, it re

the lack of late night bus (midnight and later) to and from the airport is really detrimental as I always take really late flights for weekend trips if visiting family or friends

the long distance buses (e.g. St Andrews to Edinburgh) should be more frequent

the newest generation of bike shelters are an improvement by why not make them water tight when we live and work by the sea? - chains rust!

the pathways in the town centre should be wider (e.g. market street)

the sidewalks are very small

The University really needs to work on a long term plan for linking the train station at Leuchars with the town. I feel this is the biggest gripe from students relating to travel in the town and the only people who don't complain are the taxi drivers!

The use of the Travel Service at most times escapes me : what is the incentive for me to book things via them when I can do the exact same myself?

there are not very many problems, the town is small enough to walk everywhere

there really ought to be a train station in town

there should be a train station.

there should be more bus stops, and better transport option to get to the fitness centre.

there should be more cross over's and we should get longer to cross.

This survey is probably a pretty poor representation of my travel habits, as I am something of an anomalous case. I live in the Netherlands and have supervisors here and in St. Andrews; I travel to St. Andrews once a month to meet with my St. Andrews supervisor.

too many cars

too many international students fly home for both the Christmas holiday and inter semester weeks. it would be complicated to introduce such a change but own carbon footprint could be greatly reduced if the first semester ended at Christmas :)

Train station in St Andrews!

Transport about St Andrews is not really an issue although cheaper and more frequent buses would encourage travel out-with the town. Also it is really difficult to get a hold of a second hand bike - demand way outstretches supply.

travel has not been much of a hindrance for me. I doubt it shall be. our travel agency is pretty good at what they do.

Travel to the north Haugh from the quads between back to back lectures always results in arriving late, or missing the end of the first lecture in order to leave early. This is embarrassing, stressful, off putting to the other students!



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Unirider tickets are too costly for journeys from Dundee to St Andrews only and vice versa. The cost of the ticket also covers Fife area, which isn't conducive for someone not intent on travelling the wider Fife area.

we need a direct train service.

Why not have a lift share service for start and end of terms? Students with cars could match themselves up with potential passengers

will there ever be a train station in st andrews again? buses to cupar seem to take twice as long as they should.

With the current bus services in Fife, I believe a major change would be needed to encourage people to leave cars at home - the service is terrible: it is unreliable i.e. showing up early/late/not at all, and it is shockingly and illogically overpriced I.

Table A1 Student respondents comments in Section F