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As a student, you may have to travel long distances often, and this can be expensive. However, by using the information in this guide you can save money on your travel.

TRAIN

Trains are one of the quickest and easiest ways to travel long distances, unfortunately train tickets can be very expensive.

Book in advance - tickets can be booked weeks in advance online which can save you money. However, these tickets are not flexible so you need to have a plan.

Railcards - the 16-25 railcard is an annual card which is available to young people and students. It saves 1/3 off tickets and can be used at peak times (busy times). It only costs £30 per year so is worth the investment if you travel regularly by train.

Book off-peak - you can save money by booking tickets at off-peak times. An off-peak train time is when the trains are less busy, usually outside of commuting hours and during weekends

BUS

Traveling by bus takes longer than a train, however if you are not in a rush it is a great way to travel on a budget.

Young Person's Coachcard - similar to a railcard, a young person's coachcard can save you 1/3 off National Express coach fares if you are between 16-26 years old.

Travel off-peak - as with trains, traveling off-peak can save you money and you also avoid heavy traffic.

Cheap Buses - companies such as Megabus offer cheap seats from as little as 50p, however these are limited so you need to be quick!

CAR

Car travel is much more flexible than public transport. However the cost of owning, insuring and running a car can be very expensive so it is important to think of ways to save money.

Car Share - car sharing is a great way to save money and the environment! Plan routes in advance and share with someone - this splits the cost and gives you someone to talk to on the drive! Student car share schemes have been set up at many universities to allow students to share journeys safely by showing ID's and informing family members prior to setting off.

Car Club - car clubs allow you to rent a car on an hourly rate. Due to the cost of insurance and upkeep, this option may save you money if you rarely drive.

MOTORBIKE OR SCOOTER

If owning and running a car is too expensive, you could consider a bike or scooter.

Cheap models - scooters and bikes are generally much cheaper than a car to buy.

Cheaper tax - road tax is much cheaper than for a car, a 150cc scooter is around £20 and a 600cc bike £90, compared to the average car at £100.

Lower fuel costs - scooters and bikes tend to be much more economical than a car, meaning you get more miles to the gallon than you would with a car.

BICYCLE

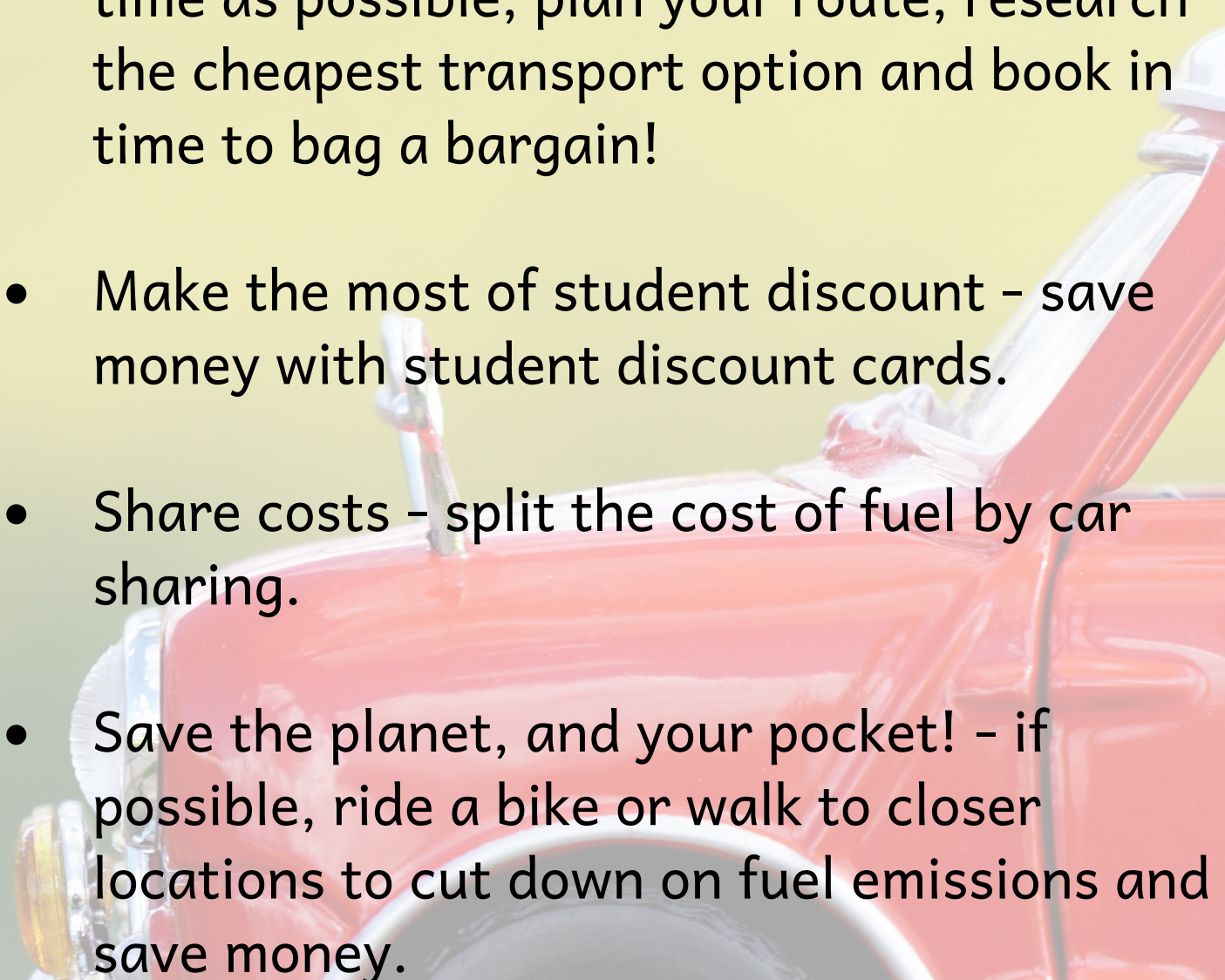
If you are in a city or living close to campus you might want to consider a bicycle. Bikes are very popular in locations with high concentrations of students such as York, Oxford, Cambridge and Norwich.

Cheap to buy - bikes are much cheaper to buy than cars, motorbikes or scooters; especially if you buy second hand.

Almost no running costs - apart from any repairs or general maintenance, bikes have no running costs. You may have to buy new tyres once in a while and perhaps some oil, but you don't need to pay for fuel, tax or MOT's like you do with other transport.

Think about the environment! - bikes have zero emissions so are an environmentally friendly way to travel.

TOP TIPS

- Plan in advance - give yourself as much time as possible, plan your route, research the cheapest transport option and book in time to bag a bargain!
 - Make the most of student discount - save money with student discount cards.
 - Share costs - split the cost of fuel by car sharing.
 - Save the planet, and your pocket! - if possible, ride a bike or walk to closer locations to cut down on fuel emissions and save money.
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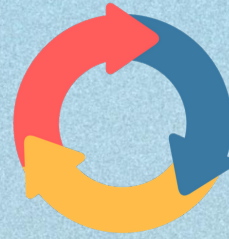
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