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THE BLACKPOOL STUDENT EDIT.

WELCOME TO STUDENT LIFE IN BLACKPOOL WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Whether you're starting college, beginning an apprenticeship, returning to education or continuing your studies, welcome!

Moving into student life is an exciting time. It brings new opportunities, new people and plenty of new experiences, but it can also feel a little overwhelming at first. That's where The Blackpool Student Edit guide comes in.

We've created this guide to help you make the most of everything Blackpool has to offer. Inside, you'll discover affordable places to socialise, great spots to study, local businesses offering student discounts, and plenty of ideas for making the most of your time outside of the classroom.

You'll also find useful information to help you settle into life as a student, including wellbeing support, volunteering opportunities, travel information, personal safety advice and contacts for services that are here to support you whenever you need them.

Blackpool has a thriving community of students, apprentices and adult learners, and this guide is here to help you feel part of it. We encourage you to explore, try something new, support local businesses and make the most of your time here.

Stay up to date with everything going on in and around Blackpool, download the **GO Blackpool app**

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FOOD AND DRINK

We are spoilt for choice here in Blackpool when it comes to eating out; from quick bites to fine dining, delicious coffee shops and sweet tooth havens, there's something for everyone.

Be sure to look out for exclusive deals throughout Blackpool Restaurant Week, Thursday 11 - Thursday 18 March 2027!

CHEAP EATS

ABINGDON STREET MARKET

Blackpool's only food hall and indoor market, home to more than 20 independent businesses in Blackpool.

Find us on Google Maps
@abingdonstreetmarket

Open 7 days a week, 10am - 10pm

NUMBER 5 CAFE

An award-winning cafe in the heart of the town centre.

Find us on Google Maps

Open 7 days a week, 9.30am - 4.30pm

PEPPERMILL CAFE

A family run cafe-bar, established for almost 25 years.

Find us on Google Maps

Open Wednesday - Monday, 8am - 5pm

COMPASS CAFE

An independent cafe, which also regularly hosts live music.

Find us on Google Maps
@compasscafebar

Open 7 days a week, 9am - 3pm
(9am - 4pm on Sundays)

INDEPENDENT COFFEE SHOPS

MUG LIFE CRISIS

Coffee, matcha, art, and a board game room, all in one space.

Find us on Google Maps
@amuglifecrisis

Open 7 days a week, 10.30am - 8.30pm
(11am - 8.30pm on Sundays)

CHURCH DOOR COFFEE

A non-profit takeaway coffee spot, operating from an old church doorway.

Find us on Google Maps
@churchdoor.coffee

Open 8.30am - 3.30pm Wednesday - Friday, 8am - 4pm
Saturday & Sunday, closed Monday & Tuesday

LAST LIGHT

A relaxed coffee shop, serving speciality coffee.

Find us on Google Maps
@lastlight.coffee

Open Wednesday - Sunday, 10am - 3pm

LAST LIGHT

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VEGAN OPTIONS

VINTRO LOUNGE
An informal, neighbourhood food-led cafe bar.

Find us on Google Maps
@vintrolounge

Open 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday,
9am - 5pm Saturday & 9.30am - 4pm Sunday

HIVE
Crafted coffee & fresh food served daily.

Find us on Google Maps
@hiveblackpool

Open 9am - 11pm Sunday - Thursday, 9am - 12am Friday & Saturday

BOONNAK THAI
Authentic Thai cuisine served every day.

Find us on Google Maps
@boonnakthai

Open 12pm - 3pm and 5pm - 10pm
Tuesday - Sunday

RUUD COFFEE
Traditionally roasted coffee, based in Abingdon Street Market.

Find us on Google Maps
@ruud_coffee_uk

Open 10am - 5pm Sunday - Tuesday, 10am - 6pm Friday, 10am - 7pm, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday

FLIPADELPHIA
Serving up unique American street food, also based in Abingdon Street Market.

Find us on Google Maps
@flipadelphia_asm

Open 12pm - 8pm Sunday to Thursday,
12pm - 9pm Friday & Saturday

SWEET TREATS

NOTARIANNI'S ICE CREAM
This vanilla ice cream is made fresh each day, to a secret family recipe, using local dairy ingredients.

Find us on Google Maps
@notarianniicesblackpool

Open March to October, opening times vary throughout the year so be sure to check!

MUFFIN BREAK
Serving muffins, cakes, slices as well as savoury options every day.

Find us on Google Maps
@muffinbreakuk

Open 8am - 5.30pm Monday - Saturday,
10am - 4.30pm Sunday.

MASTER HENRY'S
Serving up a huge variety of sweets and chocolate to enjoy.

Find us on Google Maps
@master_henrys

Open 9am - 5.30pm Monday to Saturday,
10.30am - 4.30pm Sunday.

CREAMS GELATO
Waffles, sundaes, crepes, doughnuts, the list goes on!

Find us on Google Maps
@creamscafeuk

Open 9am - 5.30pm Monday to Saturday,
10.30am - 4.30pm Sunday.

RUUD COFFEE

PLACES TO EAT

BEACH HOUSE BAR AND RESTAURANT

A Mediterranean bar and restaurant, also serving sunset views.

Find us on Google Maps
@beachhouseb

Open 12pm - 12am Monday to Thursday, 12pm - 1am Friday, 9am - 1am Saturday, 9am - 12am Sunday.

WOK INN

A pan-Asian restaurant, serving modern street food.

Find us on Google Maps
@wokinnblackpool

Open 4pm - 10pm Tuesday - Sunday, closed Monday.

COMMON BAR & KITCHEN

An independent restaurant and cocktail bar, inspired by South American street food.

Find us on Google Maps
@commonbpl

Open 4pm - 10pm Tuesday - Thursday, 4pm - 11pm Friday, 12pm - 11pm Saturday, 12pm - 9pm Sunday, closed Monday.

DIRTY BLONDES

Offering a range of Detroit & NYC pizzas, comedy and live music.

Find us on Google Maps
@dirtyblondesbpl

Open 4pm - 11pm Monday to Thursday, 4pm - 2am Friday, 12pm - 2am Saturday, 2pm - 11pm Sunday.

THE BANK BAR & GRILL

Offers locally sourced food and drink service in a modern, relaxed environment.

Find us on Google Maps

Open 12pm until late Wednesday to Sunday. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

***These fantastic eateries are just a small sample of all the great places to eat in Blackpool. You can explore more options in the GO Blackpool app.**

DIRTY BLONDES

BEACH HOUSE BAR AND RESTAURANT

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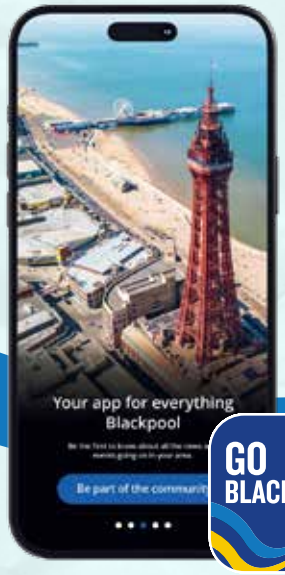
FREE THINGS TO DO

Student life isn't just about studying! Come rain or shine, there is always something to do in Blackpool, no matter the weather, or your budget.



GO BLACKPOOL

If you're looking for something to do in real time, as well as exclusive discounts on events happening in and around Blackpool, be sure to download the GO Blackpool app.

BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS

The greatest free light show on earth! From September to January each year, there are six miles of traditional festoons and interactive features to enjoy.

Find on Google Maps

BLACKPOOL PIERS

There are not one, not two, but three piers to enjoy on Blackpool's seafront. Explore the North, Central and South piers and enjoy their history and the stunning views out to sea.

Central pier Find on Google Maps

North pier Find on Google Maps

South pier Find on Google Maps

THE COMEDY CARPET

One of the largest pieces of public art ever commissioned in the UK, the Comedy Carpet sits in the shadow of the world famous Blackpool Tower, and is covered in jokes, songs and catchphrases from some of the most loved comedians.

Find on Google Maps

GRUNDY ART GALLERY

This free-to-enter gallery has been open for more than 100 years, and has a huge range of works by a number of British artists.

Find us on Google Maps
@grundyartgallery

Open 10am - 4.45pm Tuesday - Saturday, Closed Sundays.

THE REGENT

The Regent is an antiques, vintage and craft emporium, spanning 3 floors in an old 1920s cinema. Wander through more than 50 stalls offering unique and interesting antiques from all eras.

Find us on Google Maps
@theregentblackpool

Open 10am - 4.30pm Monday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm Sundays.

STANLEY PARK

This beautiful green space is the perfect place to take a picnic with friends, or have an afternoon of studying. With a lake, bandstand, nature trails and entertainment area, there's always something to see!

Find on Google Maps

Open dawn to dusk, 7 days a week.

THE OLD ELECTRIC

This creative meeting place offers workshops, events and shows to Blackpool's communities. There are plenty of free activities and events, as well as opportunities to join in and even volunteer.

Find us on Google Maps
@theoldelectric

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THINGS TO DO £10 AND UNDER

PLEASURE BEACH ICE ARENA

Why not discover a cool way to spend your day in the world's oldest purpose-built ice theatre. Tickets are from £3.50

Find us on Google Maps

Open 11am - 5pm Monday - Friday, 10am - 5pm Saturday & Sunday.

CORAL ISLAND

The ultimate in 'seaside arcade'! Make sure to take along your 2p collection!

Find us on Google Maps
@coralislandblackpool

Open 10am - late Monday - Friday, 9.30am - late Saturday & Sunday.

SHOWTOWN BLACKPOOL

Blackpool's all-singing, all-dancing museum, discover the stories of comedians, dancers, acrobats and characters who turned our town into the home of showbiz.

Find us on Google Maps
@showtownbpl

Open 7 days a week, 11am - 5pm.

PLEASURE BEACH RESORT

Complete with 10 thrilling rollercoasters, as well as Europe's best water ride!

Find us on Google Maps
@pleasure_beach

Open March to November, with various opening times throughout the year.

THE BLACKPOOL TOWER DUNGEONS

The Blackpool Tower Dungeon is a thrilling, live-action journey through Lancashire's darkest history, packed with terrifying stories, live actors and plenty of laughs along the way.

Find us on Google Maps
@btowerdungeon

Open 11:30am - 4pm Monday - Sunday.

THE BLACKPOOL TOWER TOP EXPERIENCE

Take a trip 380ft into the sky to the top of The Blackpool Tower and take in the best view for miles.

Find us on Google Maps
@theblackpooltower

Open 11am - 4pm Monday - Thursday, 11am - 6pm Friday, 10:30am - 5pm Saturday - Sunday.

MADAME TUSSAUDS BLACKPOOL

An immersive celebrity experience where you can get up close to lifelike wax figures of your favourite stars, sporting legends, superheroes and famous faces.

Find us on Google Maps
@madametussaudsblackpool

Open 11am - 4pm Monday - Friday, 10am - 6pm Saturday, 10am - 5pm Sunday.

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STUDY SPOTS

If you're looking to take your studies away from campus, we have many brilliant spaces for you to get your head down, whether you're working alone or in a group.

BLACKPOOL CENTRAL LIBRARY

A quiet place to study with free wifi and printing, photocopying & scanning access.

Find us on Google Maps

Open 9am - 5pm Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 4pm Saturday, closed Sunday & Monday

RUUD COFFEE

Traditionally roasted coffee, based in Abingdon Street Market

Find us on Google Maps
@ruud_coffee_uk

Open 10am - 5pm Sunday - Tuesday, 10am - 6pm Friday, 10am - 7pm, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday

LAST LIGHT

A relaxed coffee shop, serving speciality coffee.

Find us on Google Maps
@lastlight.coffee

Open Wednesday - Sunday 10am - 3pm

STARBUCKS

There are two Starbucks locations in the town centre:

Victoria Street:
Find us on Google Maps

Open 7.30am - 6.30pm Monday to Friday, 8am - 7pm Saturday and 8.30am - 6.30pm Sunday.

Market Street:
Find us on Google Maps

Open 7.30am - 7pm Sunday - Friday, 7.30am - 8pm Saturday & Sunday.

COSTA

There are two Costa locations in the town centre:

Church Street:
Find us on Google Maps

Open 7am - 6pm Sunday to Friday, 7am - 7pm Saturday.

Hounds Hill Shopping Centre:
Find us on Google Maps

Open 8.30am - 5.30pm Monday - Saturday, 9am - 4.30pm Sunday.

BEST PLACES FOR GROUP STUDY

PLATFORM 9

Great coffee and a relaxed atmosphere, right in the heart of the town.

Find us on Google Maps
@platform9_blackpool

Open 7 days a week, 7am - 2am

ABINGDON STREET MARKET

Blackpool's only food hall and indoor market, home to more than 20 independent businesses in Blackpool.

Find us on Google Maps
@abingdonstreetmarket

Open 7 days a week, 10am - 10pm

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MUSIC & CULTURE

From live gigs and festivals to theatre, exhibitions and comedy nights, Blackpool is full of opportunities to experience music and culture. Discover what's on, support local talent and make the most of your time outside the classroom.

WINTER GARDENS

Host to music of all genres across their many venues, all year round!

Find us on Google Maps
@wgbpl

THE GRAND THEATRE

An iconic venue that hosts comedians, musicals, theatre performances and community projects throughout the year.

Find us on Google Maps
@grandtheatrebpl

AUNTY SOCIAL

Offering a curated programme of arts and cultural events, designed to bring people together in a safe, supportive environment.

Find us on Google Maps
@_auntysocial_

BOOTLEG SOCIAL

A live music and events venue in the town centre, also hosting monthly open mic nights.

Find us on Google Maps
@bootleg_social

OLD ELECTRIC

An eclectic mix of workshops and performances, put together by the local community

Find us on Google Maps
@theoldelectric

LEFT COAST

A variety of highly-engaging and socially-useful arts and cultural projects across the town.

leftcoast.org.uk/

ABINGDON STREET MARKET

Regular quiz nights and DJ sets are amongst a range of curated events!

Find us on Google Maps
@abingdonstreetmarket

blackpoolbid.org/category/events-and-leisure/

WORLD FIREWORK CHAMPIONSHIPS

An annual event, where the finalists from around the world come together to compete, taking place in September and October.

visitblackpool.com/things-to-do/events/world-fireworks-championship-blackpool/

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

Looking after your health and wellbeing is just as important as your studies. If you need practical support, someone to talk to or simply ways to stay active and feel your best, this section includes plenty of ideas and services to make use of.

GYMS

THE GYM GROUP BLACKPOOL

Enjoy flexible membership options in this 24/7 gym facility.

Find us on Google Maps
@thegymgroup_blackpool

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

THE GRAND HOTEL

This gym and spa, located within The Grand Hotel, offers a wide range of facilities.

Find us on Google Maps
@grandhotelblackpool

Open 8am - 5pm Monday to Thursday, 8am - 7pm Friday, 9am - 7pm Saturday, 9am - 3pm Sunday.

THE VILLAGE GYM

Offering a range of classes, as well as a well-equipped gym and indoor & outdoor pool.

Find us on Google Maps

Open 5am - 10pm 7 days a week.

BLACKPOOL SPORTS CENTRE

Situated on the edge of the award winning Stanley Park, Blackpool Sports Centre is home to a range of indoor and outdoor sports facilities.

Find us on Google Maps

Open 6.15am - 9.45pm Monday - Friday, 8am - 4.45pm Saturday & Sunday.

To find out more about the range of local leisure services available, visit Active Blackpool

PADEL

JUST PADEL BLACKPOOL

Join a session or book a court, with 6 courts available to hire.

Find us on Google Maps
@justpadelblackpool

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Download the Playtomic app to find out local Padel to you!

VILLAGE GYM

LOCAL WELLBEING & EXERCISE GROUPS

There are a variety of running events in and around Blackpool, for all abilities. If you're a beginner, looking to meet like-minded people, or are trying to improve your times, there's an event for everyone.

RUUD COFFEE SUNDAY MORNING RUNNING GROUP

Regular running events, from Ruud Coffee based in Abingdon Street Market.

@ruud_coffee_uk

PARKRUN

A weekly, 5km walk, jog or run for all abilities, taking place in Stanley Park.

parkrun.org.uk/blackpool/

THE WELLBEING HUB

This local initiative offers support to people, through workshops and events throughout the year.

whub.co.uk/events/

WELLBEING WALKS

Free wellbeing walks take place across a number of locations throughout Blackpool, all year round.

activeblackpool.co.uk/community/wellbeing-walks

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VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is a fantastic way to build new skills, boost your confidence, meet like-minded people and make a positive difference in your local community. Whether you can spare a few hours or want to get involved regularly, there are plenty of opportunities waiting for you.

BLACKPOOL FOOD BANK

There are many opportunities to volunteer at The Big Food Project, including warehouse, driver, driver's mate, fundraising and more.

thebigfoodproject.co.uk

BEACH CLEAN WITH SEA LIFE BLACKPOOL

The team at Sea Life Blackpool conduct beach cleans throughout the year, and are always looking for volunteers to help them.

visitsealife.com/blackpool/conservation/beach-clean/

FRIENDS OF STANLEY PARK

This group of volunteers works to maintain Stanley Park, to ensure its beauty all year round.

friendsofstanleypark.org.uk

VOLUNTEER CENTRE BLACKPOOL

Volunteer Centre is a hub of volunteering opportunities from a number of organisations across Blackpool.

volunteercentrebwf.org.uk/

LEFT COAST

Left Coast delivers highly-engaging and socially-useful arts and cultural projects in Blackpool.

leftcoast.org.uk/volunteer/

OLD ELECTRIC

This creative meeting place offers workshops, events and shows to Blackpool's communities.

theoldelectric.co.uk/support/volunteering/

Find us on Google Maps

CREATIVE BLACKPOOL

Creative Blackpool is leading on Blackpool's Cultural Strategy - a bold roadmap to become the UK's Coastal Capital of Creativity by 2030.

creativeblackpool.com/

STUDENT OFFERS

Being a student comes with its perks! Here's how you can make your money go further while enjoying everything Blackpool has to offer.

Offers and listings are updated regularly, and are just a snapshot of the great food, experiences and things to do in Blackpool Town Centre, they're not the definitive list!

For the latest offers and what's on each day, keep an eye on GO, your go-to guide for Blackpool.

If you have a recommendation contact BID on marketing@blackpoolbid.org and tell us about your favourite places to visit.

PLATFORM 9

15% off food and drink with a valid student ID

Find on Google Maps

Open 7 days a week, 7am - 2am

BELLA ITALIA

30% off food Sunday - Thursday

Find on Google Maps

Open 11am - 10pm Monday - Thursday, 11am - 10.30pm Friday & Saturday, 11am - 9pm Sundays.

BLACKPOOL PLEASURE BEACH RESORT

10% off eTickets

Find on Google Maps

Open March to November, with various opening times throughout the year.

COMMON BAR & KITCHEN

15% off food and drink with a valid student ID

Find us on Google Maps

Open 4pm - 10pm Tuesday - Thursday, 4pm - 11pm Friday, 12pm - 11pm Saturday, 12pm - 9pm Sunday, closed Monday.

DIRTY BLONDES

15% off food and drink with a valid student ID

Find us on Google Maps

Open 4pm - 11pm Monday to Thursday, 4pm - 2am Friday, 12pm - 2am Saturday, 2pm - 11pm Sunday

THE BLACKPOOL TOWER DUNGEONS

When booked through UNiDAYS, tickets start from £14

Find on Google Maps

Open 10am - 5pm Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 9pm Saturdays, 10am - 6pm Sundays, 1pm - 5pm Mondays.

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STUDENT OFFERS CONTINUED

SEA LIFE BLACKPOOL

Student entry is available from £14

Find on Google Maps

Open 7 days a week, 10am - 4pm

PRECIOUS GEMS GIFT SHOP

Enjoy 10% off everything with a valid student ID

Find on Google Maps

Open 9am - 3pm Monday to Saturday,
11am - 2.30pm Sundays.

THE GRAND THEATRE

Enjoy a range of events at this iconic venue at discounted prices when booking direct

Find on Google Maps

Dial M For Murder - Tue 15 to Sat 19 Sep
(Students Band B tickets for £23 Monday to Friday)

Other Side of Murder - Tue 20 to Sat 24 Oct *(Students Band B tickets for £18 Monday to Friday)*

Heathers The Musical - Tue 27 to Sat 31 October
(Students Band B tickets for £28 Monday to Friday)

The Disappearing Man - Tue 03 to Sat 07 November
(Students Band B tickets for £18 Monday to Friday)

The Choir of Man - Tue 17 to Sat 21 November
(Students Band B tickets for £28 Monday to Friday)

Private Peaceful - Mon 01 to Wed 03 February 2027
(Students Band B tickets for £18 Monday to Friday)

PUNCH - Tue 09 to Sat 13 March 2027
(Students Band B tickets for £24.50 Monday to Friday)

T&C Student offer available on Band B tickets for Monday-to-Friday performances only, subject to availability. A valid student ID must be presented on arrival.

RALESIDE BREWHOUSE

20% off coffee, food, drink and interactive darts

Find on Google Maps

VIVA BLACKPOOL

50% off Feature Show, Viva Anthems, use the code FY-ANTHEM

Find on Google Maps

Offers correct at time of publication, please check with the venues directly for Ts&Cs.

STAYING SAFE

Feeling safe helps you make the most of your student experience. Here you'll find useful contacts and information to help you stay safe, look after yourself and know where to turn if you ever need support.

We want you to enjoy everything Blackpool has to offer with total peace of mind. Local businesses, retail stores, and venues work closely in partnership with Lancashire Constabulary and Blackpool Council through key schemes like Shopwatch and Pubwatch to maintain a safe, welcoming town centre. Venues operate a shared radio network with direct links to the council's CCTV control room and BID Patrol Wardens ensuring swift monitoring and quick support whenever needed.

If you ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable on a night out, you can discreetly "Ask for Angela" at Pubwatch member bars, staff are trained to help get you out of a situation safely.

You can also visit the Safe Space / Safe Haven located at The Place on Clifton Street. Open on Saturday nights, it provides a supportive base run by Street Angels where you can charge your phone, get minor first aid, arrange safe transport, or simply recharge if you get separated from your friends.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

POLICE, FIRE OR AMBULANCE:
Call 999

NHS URGENT MEDICAL ADVICE:
Call 111

BLACKPOOL VICTORIA HOSPITAL:
01253 300000

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE:
0800 915 4640

LOCAL TAXIS

PREMIER TAXIS
Premier Taxis fleet of more than 300 taxis cover the whole of the Fylde Coast.
01253 401000

C CABS
Established for more than 60 years, providing taxis to Blackpool and all surrounding areas.
01253 292929

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GETTING AROUND

Whether you're travelling to college, heading to work, exploring the town or visiting friends, knowing the easiest ways to get around can save you both time and money.

Don't forget! All public transport in Blackpool offers student concession rates, and be sure to purchase a 16-25 Railcard, to save 1/3rd on your train fares.

BUSES & TRAMS

For more information about getting around Blackpool by bus and tram, visit

blackpooltransport.com

RAIL

Blackpool North Train Station offers the most travel choices in the town.

Find on Google Maps

CYCLING

Blackpool offers fantastic flat routes along the coastline and through many of our green spaces.

Cycle storage is available at both Blackpool North Train Station and Central Car Park Multi-Storey

BLACKPOOL NORTH:

Find on Google Maps

CENTRAL CAR PARK MULTI-STOREY:

Find on Google Maps

Open 7 days a week, 7am - 12am.

PARKING

There are many car parks across Blackpool town centre. Visit blackpool.gov.uk for a full list of car parks and relevant charges.

COMPETITIONS

GO BLACKPOOL

Simply download the GO Blackpool app, and at the end of each term, a student will be randomly selected to win a £50 voucher for Abingdon Street Market!

PLATFORM 9

Head down to Platform 9, and take a photo with their selfie-board, that best captures 'Campus to Coast - Your Town. Your Blackpool' for your chance to win a Platform 9 food voucher!

Find on Google Maps

Open 7 days a week, 7am - 2am

CORAL ISLAND

WIN a PlayStation 5 or Xbox Series X EVERY WEEK at Coral Island Blackpool!

Find us on Google Maps

Running from 4 September
to 1 November 2026

It's completely FREE to enter!

Click here to find out how to enter.