

## Do you look younger than your age?



Looking younger than your real age can be a real bonus.

However being stopped by the person on the ticket desk when you're buying cinema tickets with your pals in the Christmas holidays is the last thing you need. Your Accord Card acts as a Proof of Age card as your date of birth is printed on it so it pays to keep it handy. Your Accord Card isn't just useful for proving your age at the cinema when you want to see a film with a 12, 15 or 18 certificate. You can use it to prove you're legally old enough to buy other products which are restricted by law to certain age groups, such as tobacco, fireworks, alcohol, lottery tickets, certain games magazines, spray paints, dvd sales and rentals.

The PASS (Proof of Age Standards Scheme) hologram on your card means you can use it as a proof of age card across the whole of the UK.

If you have any queries call the Accord Card Office on **0845 345 2789**.

## HOW TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT CARDS

Have you lost your Accord Card and turned the house upside down in your search for it? If so, then ask the school office to order a new card. Usually, replacement cards are free of charge and the school office will let you know when your new card has arrived.

Having your own card means you'll be able to pay for your meals and snacks in school much more easily, get discounts in shops, and also use the Central and local libraries if you have library membership as part of your card; so it's worth taking two minutes to ask for a replacement card.

If you have left school contact the Accord Card Office on **0845 345 2789**.

## Using cheques to add credit onto your card

JUST A WEE REMINDER.....IF YOU'RE AT SCHOOL YOU'LL KNOW THAT YOU CAN EITHER LOAD CASH ONTO YOUR ACCORD CARD AT LOAD TERMINALS IN SCHOOL, OR TAKE A CHEQUE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Please remind your parents/guardians when they write out a cheque that it should be made payable to 'Aberdeen City Council' and not the name of the school.

This helps the school to add the money onto your card much more quickly.

If you have any queries about how to load credit onto your card, speak to your Accord Card Administrator/school office or call **0845 345 2789**.



## LAST CHANCE TO APPLY TO GO TO UNIVERSITY

Your guidance teachers have probably been reminding you non-stop that the UCAS deadline for most courses is 15 January 2009\*. So, if you haven't done so already, the Christmas holidays really are your last chance to write your personal statement and fill in your form online.

The Central Library has copies of University prospectuses to help you narrow down which ones to put on your form. If you are a member of the library you can also use the PCs to research the courses that appeal to you on the universities' websites.

To get you started, if you want to stay close to home then have a look at the University of Aberdeen or RGU's websites at [www.abdn.ac.uk](http://www.abdn.ac.uk) and [www.rgu.ac.uk](http://www.rgu.ac.uk). For further a field then [www.hero.ac.uk](http://www.hero.ac.uk) - Official Gateway to Universities, Colleges and Research Centres in the UK is a good place to start.

Your library membership card is part of your Accord Card. For library opening times over the Christmas holidays, visit [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/library](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/library)

\* Please note different closing dates apply for courses in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, veterinary science, route B art and design courses, nursing diplomas starting in January or for applying for either Oxford or Cambridge University. For further details visit [www.ucas.co.uk](http://www.ucas.co.uk) or speak to your guidance teacher.



# Accord A Newsletter

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PUPILS AND STUDENTS

## BUS AND RAIL DISCOUNTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



The Scotland-wide Concessionary Travel Scheme for Young People gives all 16 – 18 year olds and young full time volunteers up to the age of 25, discounts on bus and rail journeys. If you fall into this category, you can apply for a Bus Concessionary Card and a voucher for a free Young Persons Rail Card by applying for an Accord card.

The scheme gives you a third off single bus journeys throughout Scotland and your Young Persons Rail Card entitles you to a third off most rail journeys throughout Scotland.

You become eligible on your 16th birthday and fall outside the scheme on your 19th birthday. Full-time volunteers (30+ hours a week) aged between 19 and 25 (up to your 26th birthday) who meet the criteria for Project Scotland are also eligible for the concessionary travel scheme. You must also be a resident of Scotland.

To find out more contact the Accord Card Office on **0845 345 2789** or Email: [accordhelp@accordaberdeen.co.uk](mailto:accordhelp@accordaberdeen.co.uk)



## Have your own 'X factor' style party

There's far more to libraries than just books! If you're looking for something to do over the Christmas holidays then why not have your own 'X factor' style party? The Media Centre in the Central Library has a karaoke machine for hire at a price which won't leave your wallet empty.

Hiring a karaoke machine is really simple. They can only be taken out by adults, but by paying just a £5 booking fee and leaving a cheque as a deposit, which is returned on return of the equipment, it's yours for a whole week!

If singing isn't your thing then there are electric guitars, drums, keyboard and amplifiers for hire too.

To find out more call **01224 652506** or **652505**, email [AudioVisualLibrary@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:AudioVisualLibrary@aberdeencity.gov.uk) or visit [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/library](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/library)



# SAVE MONEY ON YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Did you know that you can use your Accord Card in loads of shops to get discounts? Why not use your card when Christmas shopping, get a little extra discount in the January sales or just treat yourself to something special? All you have to do is show your card with its Young Scot logo on at the cash desk when paying at participating stores and you will get money off your shopping.

## Shopping

### BEAUTY COUNTER DIRECT

- 10% discount use the code YZA77.

### BOOK BUILDER

- www.yimple.com
- £2 off per year book
- Total books ordered must be 30+ per establishment

### BURTON

- Unit 24, Bon Accord Centre, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 625723
- www.burton.co.uk
- 10% discount. Excludes sale items and Burton reserve the right to vary the discount.

### CRAIGDON MOUNTAIN SPORTS

- 5 St. Andrew's Street, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 624 333
- www.craigdonmountainsports.com
- 10% discount. Excludes sale goods, special offers, GPS, books and maps

### d2

- Unit 1, The Trinity Centre, Abdn
- Tel: 01224 213202
- Unit 22, Bon Accord Centre, Abdn
- Tel: 01224 625852
- www.d2jeans.com
- 20% discount. Excludes sale items and accessories

### DOROTHY PERKINS

- Unit 24, Bon Accord Centre, Abdn
- Tel: 01224 625720
- www.dorothyperkins.com
- 10% discount
- Excludes sale items

### INTERNACIONALE

- 99 Union Street, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 213003
- www.internacionale.co.uk
- 10% discount cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Discount applies to full price items only.

### LAPJACKS

- 10% discount using voucher code SL5Gkp5f

### McCALLS LTD

- 15-17 Bridge Street, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 405 319
- 10% discount highland & formal wear hire

### ORTAK JEWELLERY

- Bon Accord Shopping Centre, Aberdeen. Tel: 01224 621 889
- www.ortak.co.uk
- 10% discount. Excludes sale items

### SYMINGTON'S THE JEWELLERS

- 128 Union Street, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 633 283
- www.symingtons.co.uk
- 10% discount. Excludes sale and promotional items.

### THE JEAN SCENE AND MX ACTIVE

- Unit 21, Bon Accord Centre, Aberdeen. Tel: 01224 622 425
- 10% discount. Excludes sale items, Levi's and other offers

### TOPMAN

- 73/77 Union Street, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 590 710
- www.topman.com
- 10% discount. Excludes sale items. Cannot be used at www.topman.com

### TOPSHOP

- 73/77 Union Street, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 590 710
- www.topshop.com
- 10% discount. Excludes non-participating concessions - terms and conditions apply. Not available at www.topshop.com

### WILDDAY.COM

- Huge discounts on a massive range of cool outdoors clothing and equipment! Look out for the exclusive Young Scot package deals throughout the year.

## Music

### BRUCE MILLERS

- 363 Union Street, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 592211
- www.brucemillersdirect.co.uk
- 10% discount on CDs and DVD's. Excludes sale items

## Entertainment

### HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE

- Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 641122
- www.boxofficeaberdeens.com
- Concessionary rates apply
- Applies to most productions - may not apply to certain performances. Cannot be used alongside other offers

### MUSIC HALL

- Union Street, Aberdeen
- Tel: (01224) 337642
- www.musicallaberdeens.com
- concessionary tickets available for certain performances; call box office for details; subject to availability; selected performances only

### THE LEMON TREE

- 5 West North Street, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 641122
- Money off tickets where concession discounts are offered. Studio no exceptions lounge 14+, under 18s accompanied by adult

### VUE CINEMA

- Lighthouse Cinema, 10 Ship Row, Aberdeen
- Tel: 08712 240240
- www.myvue.com
- Cinema tickets at student rates. Valid on cinema tickets only. Tickets can only be purchased in person. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.



## Hair and Beauty

### INSPIRATIONS HAIR AND BEAUTY

- 108 Cornhill Rd, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 492 400
- www.inspirations.org.uk
- 15% off colour and finish
- 20% off cut and blow dry
- 10% off all beauty treatments. Excludes sunbeds

### J B HAIRSHOP

- 107 Willowbank Rd, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 586 314
- 20% discount

## Education

### LECKIE & LECKIE

- www.leckieandleckie.co.uk
- 20% discount on orders placed through the Leckie & Leckie website, or by phone on 0870 460 7662 quoting Young Scot. Only one copy of each title per order/ household. You can only order online if you have a Young Scot card that has 16 digits. If you don't just give them a phone.

## Food & Drink

### O'BRIENS

- 132 Union Street, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 645557
- 10% discount. Participating outlets only.

## PIZZA HUT

- Unit 4, Queens Links Leisure Park, Addn. Tel: 01224 592 345
- 1/7 Union Bridge, Aberdeen. Tel: 01224 573 363
- 20% off full menu food items. Present your Young Scot card when ordering. Not available on Buffet Lunch, meal deals, drinks or alcohol, or in conjunction with any other discount. Pizza Hut Express not included.

## SUBWAY

- 520 Union St, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 649900
- 14 Back Wynd, Abdn
- Tel: 01224 624800
- 331 North Deeside Rd, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 863 642
- Elphinstone Rd, Abdn
- 10% discount. Not in conjunction with any other offer.

## Travel & Accommodation

### SCOTTISH CITYLINK COACHES

- Stagecoach Bluebird, Guild Street Bus Station, Aberdeen
- Tel: 08705 505050
- www.citylink.co.uk
- 20% off standard fares. Young Scot or Euro<26 cards must be carried at all times. No further discount on promotional fares or products.

## SCOTTISH YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION

- Free annual membership of SYHA

## Car Hire/Driving

### ARNOLD CLARK CAR AND VAN RENTAL

- Girdleness Road, Aberdeen
- Tel: 01224 249 159
- Whitemyres Avenue, Lang Stracht, Aberdeen. Tel: 01224 663 723
- www.arnoldclarkrental.com
- 10% off dual control tuition car rental. Available to over 17's who hold a UK provisional driving licence only

## FOCUS MULTIMEDIA

- www.focusmm.co.uk
- 10% discount on Driving Test Success and all other products using code Youngscot10.

## Recreation Activities

### TAI CHI NATION

- www.taichination.com
- Email: talktours@taichination.com
- £10 off first purchase using discount code TCNYS001



# ACCORD CARD COMPETITION

Your chance to win 4 DVDs!

### Spider Man (PG)

### Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG)

### Dreamer (U)

### Wimbledon (12)

To enter simply answer the following question:

**How much can 16-18 year olds save on single bus fares and train fares by showing their Concessionary Travel Card?**

Answer: .....Accord Card Number: .....

Name: .....Age: .....

Address: .....

Tel: .....School: .....

Closing date for the competition is **Friday 30th January 2009**. Please note this competition is for Accord Card holders only. Send your entry to: Accord Card Competition (Pupil), c/o Marketing Team, Aberdeen City Council, Town House, Broad Street, Aberdeen AB10 1AQ