Student Money Saving Tips - Clothes

Whilst it is nice to keep up with the latest trends and buy new clothes – realistically, for students, this spending shouldn’t be a priority and should be viewed as a luxury or treat if you have money left over in your budget.

- If you do buy clothes try and buy them in the sales rather than at full price.
- Always ask if stores give a discount with an NUS card.
- Try cheaper high street stores which do good copies of the seasons trends.
- Swap and share clothes with housemates and friends – you can get a whole new outfit at no cost!
- Arrange a clothes swap party with friends – it will make a cheap night in and you can de-clutter your wardrobe as well as picking up a few new items for your wardrobe for free.
- Keep an eye out for Swish events which take place around the UK. You take along clean presentable clothes and accessories you no longer want and in exchange can pick up some news items for your wardrobe at no cost. For more information about Swishing see: http://swishing.com/home/
- You can pick up some good bargains and designer brands in high street sales, charity shops, second hand stores and car boot fairs. Think of it as ‘vintage chic’! The more affluent the area the more likely you are to bag a good bargain.
- In Newcastle City Centre you will find the following charity shops which are all within walking distance of the campus:
  
  **Nun Street:**
  - Shelter Shops
  - Red Cross Shop
  
  **Clayton Street:**
  - British Heart Foundation
  - MIND
  - PDSA
  - The Salvation Army

  **Eldon Square:**
  - The Cyrenians Ltd

  For a map of the city centre see:
  http://www.ncl.ac.uk/about/visit/maps/

  **Percy Street:**
  - Oxfam

  **Grainger Street**
  - Scope
  - Arc Charity Shop
  - Cancer Research UK

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