

Kaplan International College Bournemouth

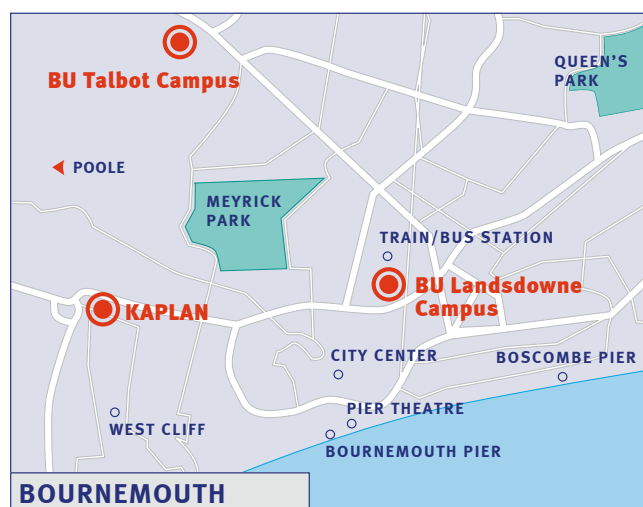
Welcome to Kaplan International College in Bournemouth. The college has a vibrant and lively atmosphere, a comprehensive range of Kaplan courses on offer, first class learning facilities and a great location in the seaside town of Bournemouth.

Bournemouth is one of the most popular seaside resorts in England. Summer shows, great nightlife and excellent shopping all make Bournemouth a year-round destination for tourists. With seven miles of beautiful golden beaches, this town is also very popular with international language students.

The college was built in the 1960s. It is a modern building with three floors and is situated in the area of Westbourne, roughly 5 minutes by bus from Bournemouth town centre. The college is located on a main street and has a lovely patio at the back.



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College Facilities

Classrooms

There are 20 large classrooms with double height windows making our rooms bright, airy and spacious. Each room can sit a maximum of 15 students. All rooms are complete with tables, chairs and a whiteboard. There are Televisions, DVDs, CDs, videos, Overhead projector and projectors on each floor.

Multimedia and IT centre

There are 30 computers in the multimedia and IT centres along with a collection of learning software for student use. The multimedia centre is a great place to utilise technology to maximise your learning. There is also a Structured Study Centre with a further 10 computers that students can use to complement their learning in class.

Student Resource Centre

We have a student library with graded readers and cassette tapes.

Common room

The college has a common room where students relax and socialise. This is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm. There are computers with internet access, TV/DVD and wireless access for use of personal laptops. There are also microwaves for students to heat their own food.

Cafeteria

The college doesn't have a cafeteria but there are two supermarkets, coffee houses, restaurants and cafes 1-2 minute walk from the college. Students can eat in the common room or on the patio outside in nice weather.

Sports facilities

Bournemouth and Poole have excellent sports facilities. These include tennis courts, several golf courses, leisure/health centres with swimming pools, and a variety of water sports all located a short distance from the college. Your activities coordinator can help you to book sports facilities.

Gym facilities

Students are able to join the local gym for indoor sports and fitness training.

Activities/Social Programme

A full and varied social programme is organised each week. Please see overleaf for an example timetable.



Kaplan teacher and students in a classroom



Multimedia room

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the college reception at 9.00am. Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a holiday on the Monday, in which case your first day will be Tuesday.

Your course will begin with an all-day introduction that will include:

- A welcome talk by the Principal or Director of Studies
- A Placement Test to determine the level of the course you require
- Information about your classes
- Information about the college and area
- An overview of college activities and excursions
- An introduction to the Multimedia Centre
- A tour of the college and facilities
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

You will also receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, elective course, and the hours you are to attend class. We will put you in the most suitable class for your level of English. Please bring your Kaplan documents, your passport, and a pen and paper for note-taking purposes.

Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

Weekly passes can be bought for the local bus service which can save you time and money. There is a bus stop outside the college which goes to Bournemouth town centre. It takes approximately 5 minutes to get into town by bus.

Banks and Post Office

Banks and a post office are within walking distance of the college. Always remember to change money and cheques in banks. Post boxes are red and located on many street corners.

Restaurants and cafés

There are many different restaurants and cafés located near to the college.

Department stores and supermarkets

There are supermarkets and shops located within walking distance of the college. Supermarket meals are often an economical choice for lunches.

Telephone and Internet Café

You can access internet and email in the common room and from nearby internet cafés. The college has free wireless Internet access for students. There are public telephones located a 5-minute walk from the college. Students are advised to buy a phone card for long distance calls and to call on weekends and evenings as call rates are cheaper then.

Church/Mosque

There are churches of all religions and faiths close to the college. A list of these and their locations is posted at the college.

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in GBP

Sandwiches	£2.00	Tickets:	
Salad Bowls	£3.00	Cinema	£6.00
Pizza	£5.00	Bus pass	
Tea	£1.00	(per week)	£16.00
Pasta dishes	£6.00		
Coffee	£1.50		
Rice dishes	£6.00		
Hamburger	£3.00		
Hot Chocolate	£1.50		
Chicken burger	£3.50		
Cold cans	£0.80		



Common room



Students in the outdoor patio area



Reception



Kaplan students enjoying a game of volley on the beach

Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: www.kaplanaspect.com

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Volleyball on the beach
Wednesday	Fun and Dance at the Kaplan College Party
Thursday	Theatre visit to Poole Arts Centre
Friday	Bowling evening
Saturday	Excursion to London

Week two

Monday	Sightseeing from a hot air balloon
Tuesday	Boat trip
Wednesday	Film night
Thursday	Trip to 'Qasar' - fighting with laser guns!
Friday	Disco night
Saturday	Football in the park

Some activities are not free and students will need to pay the relevant amount (such as entry fees) in order to participate.

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

Students should arrive at Heathrow, Gatwick, or Stansted Airports. A driver will meet students at the airport to help with transportation. Kaplan Transfer Service must be arranged in advance.

Independent Transfers

London Heathrow Airport to Bournemouth

Coach

National Express, Service 205 F

Departs LHR bus station from 07.15 hrs and approximately every hour and a half until 23.59.

Journey time: 2.15 hrs approx.

London Gatwick Airport to Bournemouth

Coach

Flightlink and Jetlink Services 747 and 777

Coaches leave from LGW South Terminal Coach Station.

Connections can be made at LHR central bus station and LHR Terminal 4. 1 or 2 every hour.

Journey time: 3.30 hrs approx.

Central London to Bournemouth

Coach

National Express, Service 035.

Departs London Victoria Coach Station from 08.00 hrs and then at 09.30 and every hour until 20.30, then 22.00 and 23.30 hrs.

Journey time: 2.35 hrs approx.

Train

Monday - Sunday: The Bournemouth trains depart from London Waterloo Station.



Bournemouth beach