

Kaplan International College Edinburgh

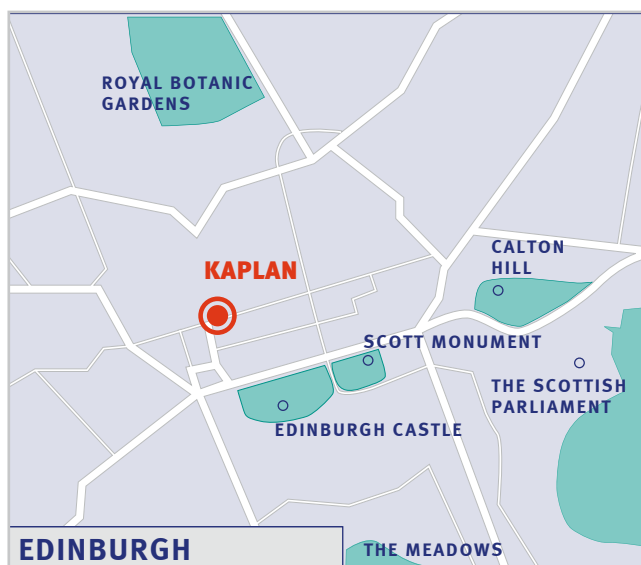
Welcome to Kaplan International College in Edinburgh. The college offers an impressive range of English courses in the magnificent and bustling environment of Edinburgh, the cosmopolitan capital city of Scotland.

Scotland's unique blend of natural beauty and romantic tradition makes it a popular destination for thousands of tourists every year. Whether it is the taste of Scotch whisky, the sound of bagpipes or the warmth of the Scottish people that draws you here, there is no better place to learn English and experience Scottish culture than in its majestic capital city.

The college is in the very heart of Edinburgh, just minutes from the stylish shops of Princes Street and the imposing fortress of Edinburgh Castle. The college is housed in an elegant Georgian building and offers excellent facilities including free wireless internet connection and a multimedia room with the latest language-learning technology.



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College Facilities

Classrooms

There are 10 large classrooms with plenty of natural light. All rooms are complete with either tablet chairs or desk and chairs and a whiteboard. There are televisions, DVDs, cassette players and overhead projectors available for lessons.

Multimedia and IT centre

The multimedia centre at the college has 15 computers complete with language learning programmes, email and internet access. There is also a free wireless internet connection available in the college, so students can bring their own laptops and have internet access in the college.

Library/Study centre

There is a library in the college with both books and videos available for students.

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/VCR and wireless access for use of personal laptops.

Student lounge

The student lounge is bright and spacious and has vending machines, coffee and tea making facilities and a microwave.

Cafeteria

The college doesn't have a cafeteria but there are many shops nearby where students can buy their lunches. Students can eat in the common room or on the patio outside in nice weather.

Sports facilities

Public parks can be used for outdoor sporting activities. The Activities coordinator can help with organising these events.

Gym facilities

Students can 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 students in a classroom



Multimedia room

Your first day

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

Your course will begin with an 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
- Information about internships
- An overview of college activities and excursions
- An introduction to the Multimedia Centre
- A tour of the college, including Kaplan 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 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. Trains operate from Waverley Station to towns and cities all over Scotland and England.

Banks and Post Office

There are many banks in the town centre for you to choose from. Always remember to change money and cheques in banks. There are also post offices in the city, and red post boxes are located on many street corners.

Restaurants and cafés

There are many different restaurants, cafés and pubs located within walking distance of the college.

Department stores and supermarkets

There are supermarkets and shops located near to the college. Supermarket meals are often an economical choice for lunches.

Telephone and Internet Café

You can access internet and email from the multimedia centre and from nearby internet cafés. There are public telephones 5 minutes on foot from the college. Students are advised to buy a phone card for long distance calls and to call at weekends and in the 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 in the welcome pack.

Cost of Living

We recommend that you budget £ 80-100 for every week of your course. This should be enough for personal expenses, laundry, local travel and Kaplan activities. You will need additional money if you plan to rent a car, take weekend trips or travel.

Approximate prices in GBP

Sandwiches :	£1.50-3.00
Pizza/Pasta:	£3.00
Coffee:	£1.60
Tea:	£1.20
Beer:	£2.20
Wine:	£3.50



The student common room



The interior of the college is spacious and bright



Activities programme includes optional hikes in the magnificent Scottish Highlands



Exploring Edinburgh

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	Walk along the Royal Mile on a tour of Edinburgh
Wednesday	Visit the Scotch Whisky Heritage Centre
Thursday	Tour of the city's haunted underground vaults
Friday	International food night
Saturday	Day trip to the Highland Lochs and Glens

Week two

Monday	Movie night
Tuesday	Walk across the spectacular Forth Bridge
Wednesday	Ceilidh with traditional music
Thursday	Karaoke night
Friday	Traditional Scottish Dance evening
Saturday	Day trip to St. Andrews

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 Edinburgh Airport where a driver will meet them to help with transportation. Kaplan Transfer Service must be arranged in advance.

Independent Transfers

Edinburgh Airport to city centre

Bus

Approximately every 10 minutes between 4.45am and midnight. Journey time: 25 minutes.

Airport taxis are also available.



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