

Kaplan International College London, Leicester Square

A big welcome to all students coming to Kaplan International College London Leicester Square!

The college's location means that you can experience London in the heart of the city. Leicester Square is only 2 minutes away, as is Trafalgar Square with Nelson's Column and the Lions! Piccadilly Circus and Covent Garden are also both within easy walking distance.

London is one of the world's remarkable and exciting cities. Marvel at its fantastic diversity of population and lifestyles reflected through its wide-ranging cuisine, eclectic shops, thriving music scene and wonderful West End theatres. Admire the spectacular view of the city on the London Eye, or explore the sights such as Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London. There is always something to do in London!



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Kaplan International College London Leicester Square is a member of ENGLISH UK.



Kaplan International College London Leicester Square is accredited by the British Council.

College Facilities

Classrooms

The college has recently been renovated with world class educational facilities including 10 spacious bright classrooms.

Multimedia and IT centre

There is a multimedia lab where students can practise their English and study. The college also has WiFi so students can bring their own laptops with them! Most computers have DVDs so they can watch DVDs which the college lends out to students - all in English of course!

Library

The college has a compact lending library where students can borrow books. There is also Charing Cross Library and a Reference Library 2 minutes' walk from the centre.

Student Lounge

There is a comfortable student lounge with vending machines and microwave facilities so the students can cook their own lunches. It also includes free internet for students to email home.

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

The activities coordinator can help with organising outdoor sports events which usually take place in public parks and include football and tennis.

Gym facilities

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

Activities/Social Programme

Kaplan arranges a full schedule of excursions and activities including excursions to the famous museums, clubbing evenings in Soho and West End theatre trips.



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 9.30am. 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 all-day introduction that will include:

- A welcome talk by the Principal or Director of Studies
- A Placement Test to determine your English level
- Information about internships
- 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, 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 £25 book deposit and pen and paper for note-taking purposes.

College Timetable

Below is an example timetable. Class times are subject to change and you should only use this timetable as an example of what type of structure to expect. Classes are from Monday to Friday and you could have classes either in the morning or in the afternoon.

Morning timetable

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| 08.30 - 10.00 | Class |
| 10.00 - 10.15 | Break |
| 10.15 - 11.45 | Class |
| 11.45 - 12.15 | Break |
| 12.15 - 13.45 | Class |

Afternoon timetable

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| 12.15 - 13.45 | Class |
| 13.45 - 14.15 | Break |
| 14.15 - 15.45 | Class |
| 15.45 - 16.00 | Break |
| 16.00 - 17.30 | Class |

Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

London has a very efficient public transport network of buses, trains and tubes. Daily, weekly and monthly Travelcards can be bought for cheaper travel around London. If your course is 14 weeks or longer you can get a 30% discount on your Travelcard. The college reception can give you a Student Travelcard application form.

Banks and Post Office

There are numerous banks and post offices in the immediate vicinity of the college. Post office boxes are red and located on many street corners.

Restaurants and cafés

London is renowned for excellent restaurants, cafés and pubs catering for all tastes and preferences. Many of these are within walking distance of the college.

Department stores and supermarkets

There are many supermarkets nearby which are often a good economical option for lunches. Oxford Street, with its many fashionable shops and department stores, is within walking distance of the college.

Telephone and Internet Café

There are public telephones within a 5 minute walk of the college. Students are advised to buy phone cards from the college reception for long distance calls and call in the evenings or on weekends as it is cheaper then. You can also buy UK SIM cards from reception to use in your mobile phone. Internet and email can be accessed in the common room via Kaplan computers or through your own laptop and the wireless hotspots.

Church/Mosque

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

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in GBP

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Sandwich | £3.50 |
| Lunch | £5.00 |
| Hamburger | £5.99 |
| Meal in restaurant | £15.00 |
| Tea/Coffee | £1.50+ |

Tickets:

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| Cinema | £10-12.00 |
| Bus (per journey) | £2.00 |
| Weekly metro pass or equivalent (approx per week) | £15.00 |



Student lounge



Reception



Kaplan students



London waterfront

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

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| Monday | Welcome drinks in a traditional pub |
| Tuesday | The British Museum |
| Wednesday | Fun and Dance at the Kaplan Party |
| Thursday | Tate Modern Art Museum |
| Friday | Clubbing in Soho |
| Saturday | Excursion to Bath |

Week two

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|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday | National Portrait Gallery |
| Tuesday | Shopping in Covent Garden |
| Wednesday | West End Theatre Trip |
| Thursday | Cruise on the Thames to Hampton Court |
| Friday | Curry night in Brick Lane |
| Saturday | Picnic on Hampstead Heath |

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 Central London

Underground

Piccadilly Line to Central London.

Departs every 2-3 minutes from 05.30 - 23.30hrs

Journey time: 50 mins approx.

Bus

A1 Airbus from LHR Terminal 3 to London Victoria Coach Station.

Departs every 30 minutes from 05.45 - 23.00hrs

Journey Time: 1.10 hrs approx.

London Gatwick Airport to Central London

Train

Gatwick Express - South Terminal to London Victoria

Departs every 15 minutes from 05.50 - 00.50hrs,

then hourly from 01.35 - 05.20. Journey time 30 mins

Bus

Jetlink/Airlink from both terminals to London Victoria

Departs from 05.05, 06.40 then hourly until 20.20

Journey time: 1.05 hrs

Stansted/Luton Airport to Central London

Train

Stansted – Liverpool Street. Journey time: 41 minutes.

Luton – Kings Cross. Journey time: 30 minutes to 1 hr.

King's Cross Station to Central London

Underground

Next to International Terminal. 5 minutes to Central London on Northern Line.

Bus

No's. 1, 68, 188, 501, 502, 171 every 2-3 minutes to Central London. Price: £2.



Big Ben