

Kaplan International College Torquay

Welcome to Kaplan International College in Torquay. Our friendly college offers a safe environment in which to study English. Students benefit from excellent learning and recreation facilities, as well as an ideal location close to Torquay town centre. Homestay students also benefit from hosts' proximity to the college - you can walk to and from lessons in no more than 25 minutes!

The popular resort of Torquay in South Devon is located in one of the UK's most beautiful regions. Attracting around four million visitors annually, the area's warm microclimate, clean golden beaches, stunning coastal walks, tropical palm trees and stylish marinas have earned it the name of the English Riviera. The town is also well known as the birthplace of Agatha Christie. The surrounding countryside (Dartmoor National Park) is renowned for its beauty and is ideal for walks. Students are drawn here by the relaxed, welcoming and safe atmosphere, the beach life and variety of sports on offer.

Our college is just three minutes' walk from the centre of town, enabling you to sample everything on offer locally. Inside you will find comfortably furnished classrooms, a computer centre, library and listening centre, as well as a student common room with giant screen TV, video and DVD. There is also a cafeteria serving hot and cold lunches daily, so when the weather is fine, as it often is in Torquay, you can eat outside in the lush gardens overlooking the town, or why not take a plunge in the college's very own swimming pool!

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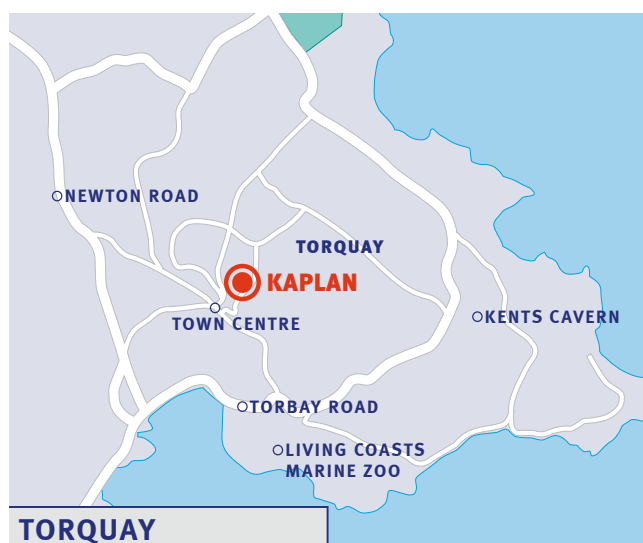
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College Facilities

Classrooms

The college offers comfortably furnished air-conditioned classrooms, providing a pleasant learning environment for students.

Computer centre

There is a computer centre with free Internet and email, enabling students to stay in touch with their friends and family.

Library

A library area offers students a quiet place to study between lessons. A lending service allows students to borrow books for study or recreational reading purposes.

Common room

Students can relax and socialise between classes in the student common room, which includes a giant screen TV and DVD player.

Courtyard and gardens

The college offers students a number of outside spaces in which to study, relax, eat and drink. These include a pleasant courtyard garden, as well as beautiful gardens overlooking the town.

Cafeteria

There is an on-site cafeteria serving hot and cold lunches and snacks daily, so students can eat in the comfort of the college premises. Hot meals cost just £3.00 and are therefore a good-value lunch option. With a huge TV and video nearby, the cafeteria also serves as a meeting place and general area in which to relax.

Sports facilities

The college has own outdoor swimming pool, so students can go swimming on-site in good weather. Torquay itself offers a wide variety of sports both on land and on the water, including tennis, golf, volleyball, sailing and windsurfing.

Activities/Social Programme

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



Computer centre



Patio and pool

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the college reception at 9.15am. 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 induction 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
- A tour of the college and facilities
- Orientation tour of Torquay
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

You will also receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level 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 documents, your passport, and a pen and paper for note-taking purposes.

College Timetable

Class times are subject to change and you should only use this timetable as an example of what type of structure to expect.

Timetable

9.15am - 10.45am	Class
10.45am - 11.15am	Break
11.15am - 12.45am	Class
12.45am - 13.45am	Lunch
13.45am - 15.15pm	Class

Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

Weekly passes can be bought for the local bus service which can save you time and money.

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.

Recreation

Torquay has tennis courts, golf courses, gyms, swimming pools, facilities for water sports and outdoor and indoor swimming pools. It has excellent nightlife, with a wide variety of night clubs, restaurants, bars and cafes to suit all tastes. There are many attractions in the area including Kents Cavern, Paignton Zoo, Agatha Christie's house and gardens and the historic Torre Abbey.

Shops and supermarkets

There are supermarkets and shops located within walking distance of the college.

Telephone and Internet Café

There is free Internet access in the computer room and free wireless access for students with laptops throughout the building. 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	£2.50	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		
Hot meal from the college café	£3.00		



College cafeteria



College terrace



One of Torquay's eighteen beaches



Thatcher Rock

Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change.

Week one

Monday	Orientation tour of Torquay, welcome evening
Tuesday	Bowling
Wednesday	Visit to Cockington Village
Thursday	Film evening
Friday	Ferryboat trip to Brixham fishing village
Saturday	Excursion to Dartmoor National Park

Week two

Monday	Trip to the cathedral city Exeter
Tuesday	Coastal walk
Wednesday	Mystery pub tour
Thursday	Student party
Friday	Sports afternoon
Saturday	Excursion to the maritime city of Plymouth

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

Transfer Information

Transfers organised by the college

Students should arrive at Heathrow, Bristol or Exeter Airport. We can book you a National Express coach ticket for your journey from the airport to Torquay. An optional meeting service is available from Heathrow, where a college representative will meet students on arrival at the airport and see them on to the National Express coach to Torquay. In addition, a private transfer for groups of up to 16 people can be arranged with the college minibus. All of these services are subject to charges and must be arranged in advance.

Independent Transfers

London Heathrow Airport to Torquay

Coach

National Express, Service NX501

Departs LHR central bus station from 0840 hrs and approximately every 2 hours until 23.40.

Journey time: 4 hrs 30 mins approx.

Bristol Airport to Torquay

Bus/Train

Scheduled bus from Bristol Airport to Bristol Temple Meads rail station. Departs Bristol Airport bus station from 0900 hrs and every hour until 1800.

Journey time: 25 mins.

Followed by CrossCountry train service from Bristol Temple Meads to Newton Abbot. Departs Bristol Temple Meads from 0944 hrs and approximately every hour until 1844.

Journey time: 2 hrs 20 mins approx.

Followed by First Great Western train service from Newton Abbot to Torquay. Departs Newton Abbot from 1230 hrs and approximately every hour until 2130.

Journey time: 10 mins approx.



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