



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.

The Bournemouth College is an official IELTS Test centre for Kaplan students only. It is also a Cambridge computer based test centre for KET, PET, FCE and CAE, ensuring exams are taken at college in familiar surroundings.



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of English



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Bournemouth is a member of
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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 seat a maximum of 15 students. All rooms are complete with tables, chairs and a whiteboard. There are televisions, DVDs, CDs, videos and overhead projectors on each floor.

Resource 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.

Self Access Area

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 4.45pm. 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 cafés a 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.

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:

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

You will also receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, Specific Skills 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 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. You will have morning lessons or afternoon lessons this will be dependent on class levels and student numbers. Your intensive lessons will run between 12.00pm and 1.30pm or, if the numbers require, this afternoon intensive class might run from 5.15pm to 6.45pm.

Morning timetable

8.15am - 9.45am	General English Class
9.45am - 10.00am	Break
10.00am - 11.30am	General English Class
12.00pm - 1.30pm	Elective

Afternoon timetable

12.00pm - 1.30pm	Elective
1.45pm - 3.15pm	Intensive Lesson
3.15pm - 3.30pm	Break
3.30pm - 5.00pm	General English Class

NB The class may run to 6.45pm in peak periods



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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.

Places of worship

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



Common room



Students in the outdoor patio area



Reception



Kaplan students enjoying a game of volleyball on the beach

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in GBP

Sandwiches	£2.00	Tickets:	
Salad bowls	£3.00	Cinema	£6.00
Pizza	£5.00	Bus passes:	
Tea	£1.00	(per 7 days)	£16.00
Pasta dishes	£6.00	(per 30 days)	£58.00
Coffee	£1.50	(per 90 days)	£142.00
Rice dishes	£6.00		
Hamburger	£3.00		
Hot chocolate	£1.50		
Chicken burger	£3.50		
Cold cans	£0.80		

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Monday	Music club - free; Laser Quest - £4.95
Tuesday	Drama Club - free; Bowling - £5.95
Wednesday	Newsletter Club - free; Cinema - £6.95
Thursday	Conversation Club - free; Mini golf - £5
Friday	Presentation on different subjects - free
Saturday	Trip to Bath and Stonehenge - £30
Sunday	Trip to Stratford and the Cotswolds - £35

Half-day trip prices range from £15 to £30.
Full-day trip prices range from £25 to £60.
Prices for international trips available on request.



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Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

Students should arrive at Bournemouth, Heathrow or Gatwick Airports. A driver will meet students at the airport to help with transportation. Kaplan Transfer Service must be arranged in advance. Transfer Service prices for 2011 are: Heathrow £125 (one way), Gatwick £140 (one way), Bournemouth £35 (one way).

Independent Transfers

London Heathrow Airport to Bournemouth

National Express Coach

First coach is at 00.55 and last coach is at 22.00. Coaches approx every 1.5 hours. Journey time: 2 hours 10 minutes approx. Cost: £22.50 (one way).

Train

Approx. every 30 minutes. Journey time: 2 hours 35 minutes approx. Price £39.90 - £47.70 depending on time of travel i.e. before 9am or after.

London Gatwick Airport to Bournemouth

National Express Coach

First coach is at 05.30 and last coach is at 23.35. Coaches every 1.5 hours approx. Journey time: 3 hours 30 minutes approx. Cost: £30.30 (one way).

Bournemouth Airport

The best way to get to Bournemouth town centre from the airport is by taxi. Cost: £20 (one way).



Bournemouth beach