

Kaplan Aspect Cambridge

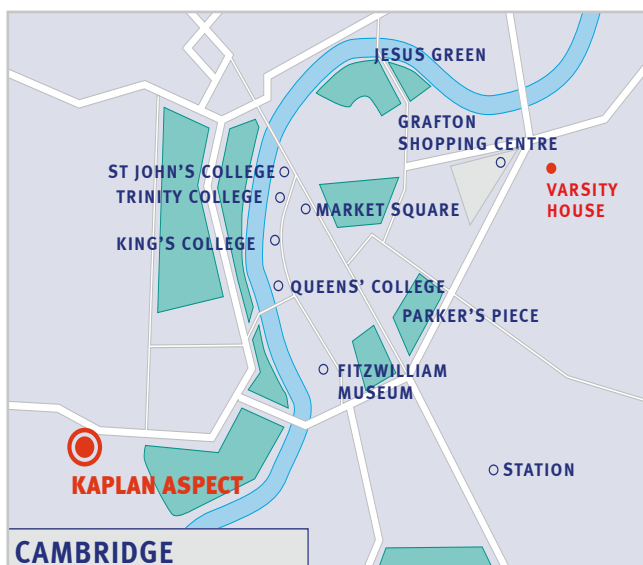
Welcome to Kaplan Aspect Cambridge. Kaplan Aspect Cambridge offers a peaceful study environment with easy access to the attractions of central Cambridge. The school has long been a favourite destination of language students from all over the world.

Less than 1 hour from London, this famous 800-year-old town combines the tranquil beauty of its university with a busy town centre that offers a range of shops, pubs and first class restaurants. It also boasts a lively arts scene with a variety of theatres, concerts and exhibitions.

Founded in the late 1970s, Kaplan Aspect Cambridge is housed in a large, converted Edwardian house with a modern extension. The school is west of the city centre in the quiet, residential area of Newnham, a 10-minute bus ride away from the centre. The school has its own gardens where we hold barbecues on warm summer evenings.



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School Facilities

Classrooms

There are 8 large classrooms which are spacious, each seating up to 15 students. All rooms are complete with tables and chairs and a whiteboard. There are televisions, videos, DVD players, CD and cassette players and overhead projectors available for lessons.

Multimedia and IT centre

Kaplan Aspect Cambridge has 3 computer rooms. The first is for internet access and consists of 5 computers with free email. The second is for study use and has 15 computers with all the software students need to better their English. New to the school this year is our Structured Study Room with 5 computers for General and Intensive English students. The school also has free wireless internet connection, so students with their own laptops can have internet access while at the school.

Reception Library

We have available in our reception area graded readers, cassette tapes and DVDs that students can borrow.

Study room

There is a study room in the school that students can use in their free time for a quiet place to study.

Coffee shop

There is a coffee shop on the premises which serves hot and cold meals and provides a place where students can relax in their free time.

Sports facilities

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

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.



Classroom



School exterior

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the school reception at 8.15am. 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 all-day introduction that will include:

- 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
- Information about the school and area
- An overview of school activities and excursions
- An introduction to the Multimedia Centre
- A tour of the school and facilities
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments
- A walking tour of Cambridge

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 Aspect documents, your passport, £25 book deposit and 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. It takes approximately 10 minutes to get into the town centre by bus. You can reserve tickets and pick up train timetables at the school reception.

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 is also a post office in the town, post office boxes are red and located on many street corners.

Restaurants and cafés

There are many different restaurants, cafés and pubs located in the town centre.

Department stores and supermarkets

There are some small supermarkets and food stores located within walking distance of the school.

Telephone and Internet Café

You can access internet and email in the second computer room and internet cafes in the city-centre. There is a public telephone at the school. Students are advised to buy a phone card for long distance calls and to call on weekend and evenings as call rates are cheaper then.

Church/Mosque

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

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in GBP

School Coffee Shop	Buying lunch in town
Canned drink £0.70	Sandwich £2.50-3.50
Coffee £0.80	Coffee £2.50
Hot Chocolate £0.80	Tea £2.00
Tea £0.50	Canned drink £0.80-1.00
Fruit Juice £0.55	Bottled water £1.00
Baguettes £2.10-2.50	Lasagne £6.50
Sandwiches £1.80-2.00	Burger meal £3.80
Salad Bar £1.95	Pizza Slice £5.00
Pizza slice £1.00	Chicken Salad £4.00
Pannini £2.00	Jacket Potato £5.00
Pain au chocolat £0.90	
Fruit salad £1.90	Tickets/Rental
	Cinema (student rate) £5.30
	Bike hire (per week)
	£6.00-18.00
	Bus pass (per week) £10.00



The school garden area



Interior of the school



School coffee shop



Bikes outside the school

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 tour of Cambridge
Tuesday	Sports afternoon (tennis, football, badminton)
Wednesday	Theatre trip to London to see a musical
Thursday	Evening at a traditional English pub
Friday	Disco Night
Saturday	Trip to Windsor Castle and London

Week two

Monday	Party
Tuesday	Film Night
Wednesday	Sports afternoon (tennis, football, badminton)
Thursday	Visit to the Fitzwilliam museum
Friday	Student Quiz
Saturday	Trip to Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick Castle

Some activities are free, but for others students will need to pay the relevant amount (such as entry fees) in order to participate.

The Team

Kaplan Aspect Cambridge



Principal:
Isabel Ribeiro
Isabel is responsible for maintaining the quality of all aspects of the school. She can help you if you have any questions about Kaplan Aspect's services or if you would like to attend specific courses.



Accommodation Manager:
Sarah Tennant
Sarah is responsible for finding host families and placing students in the residence. She will also help you adjust to the English culture.



School Administrator:
Sarah McIntosh
Sarah is the best person to speak to if you want to extend or upgrade your course. She can give you advice on future studies and other available courses. She also manages the registration of new students and is responsible for student services.

Course Information

Courses and Services

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- Cambridge Exam Preparation (Dedicated FCE and CAE)
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester
- University Placement

Sample Timetables

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 morning-only classes or afternoon-only classes.

Mon - Fri (Year round)

8.25am - 9.55am	Class
9.55am - 10.10am	Break
10.10am - 11.40am	Class
11.40am - 12.25pm	Break
12.25pm - 1.55pm	Class

Mon - Fri (Peak times only)

12.25pm - 1.55pm	Class
1.55pm - 2.05pm	Break
2.05pm - 3.35pm	Class
3.35pm - 3.45pm	Break
3.45pm - 5.15pm	Class

Transfer Information

Kaplan Aspect Transfers

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

Independent Transfers

For students who prefer to organise their own transport from the airport, National Express runs coach services to Cambridge from most of the major airports. See the National Express website for more details: www.nationalexpress.com

London Heathrow Airport to Cambridge

National Express Coach
Coach departs LHR Terminal 4 and LHR Central Bus Station approximately every 30 - 45 minutes. First coach is at 05.20 and last coach is at 23.40. Journey time: 2 - 3 hours.

London Gatwick Airport to Cambridge

National Express Coach
Coach departs from South or North Terminal Coach Station approximately every hour. First coach is at 02.00 and last coach is at 23.55. Journey time: 4 - 6 hours.

London Luton Airport to Cambridge

National Express Coach
Coach departs from Bus Station outside Terminal approximately every hour from 02.55 until 23.25. Journey time: 1.5 - 4 hours.

Stansted Airport to Cambridge

National Express Coach
First coach at 04:55, then a coach departs from the Coach Station approximately every hour from 07.00 until 23.00. Journey time: 50 minutes.

Train

Approximately every 30 minutes. Journey time: 30 minutes.

Central London to Cambridge

National Express Coach
Departs London Victoria Coach Station approximately every 30 minutes from 06.30 until 22.00. Journey time: 2 - 4 hrs.

Train

Trains to Cambridge depart from London Kings Cross station and London Liverpool Street every 30 minutes from 06.00 - 23.00. Journey time: 50 minutes.



Picnic benches in the school garden