

Kaplan International College Edinburgh

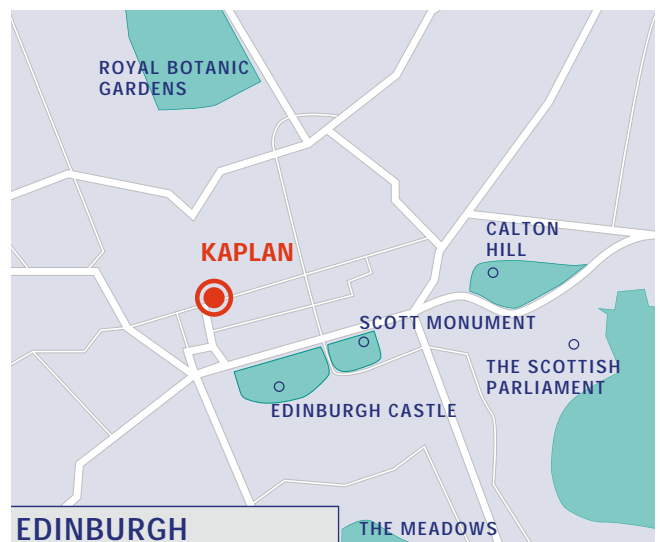
Welcome to Kaplan International College in Edinburgh. The college offers an impressive range of English courses in the magnificent and bustling environment of Edinburgh, the cosmopolitan capital city of Scotland.

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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Edinburgh is a member of
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Edinburgh is accredited by
the British Council.

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.

Resource 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 for students with their own laptops.

Self Access Area

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

Student common room

The college has a common room where students relax and socialise. This is open Monday to Friday from 8.30 to 17.00. It is bright and spacious and has vending machines, coffee and tea making facilities and a microwave. There are computers with internet access, TV/DVD and wireless Internet access for use of personal laptops.

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 and passport 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 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
- Information about the college and area
- An overview of college activities and excursions
- An introduction to Structured Study and the Multimedia Centre
- 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 might have morning or afternoon lessons. You should only use this timetable as an example of what type of structure to expect. Classes are from Monday to Friday.

Peak times

Morning timetable

8.30 - 10.00	Class
10.00 - 10.15	Break
10.15 - 11.45	Class
11.45 - 12.15	Lunch
12.15 - 13.45	Elective

Afternoon timetable

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

Off-peak times

9.00 - 10.30	Class
10.30 - 10.45	Break
10.45 - 12.15	Class
12.15 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 14.00	Elective

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.

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 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
Bus pass (per week)	£15.00



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.kaplaninternational.com

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students - free
Tuesday	Walk along the Royal Mile on a tour of Edinburgh - free
Wednesday	Visit the Scotch Whisky Heritage Centre - £12 and £9 concession
Thursday	Tour of the city's haunted underground vaults - £11 and £10 concession
Friday	International food night - free
Saturday	Day trip to the Highland Lochs and Glens - £29 - £37

Week two

Monday	Movie night - free
Tuesday	Walk across the spectacular Forth Bridge - free
Wednesday	Ceilidh with traditional music - £6
Thursday	Karaoke night - free
Friday	Traditional Scottish Dance evening - £6
Saturday	Day trip to St. Andrews - £29 - 35

Full-day excursion prices range from £22 - £40.

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. Taxi Transfer Service price for 2011 from Edinburgh Airport to city centre is £45 (one way).

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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