

Kaplan International College Manchester

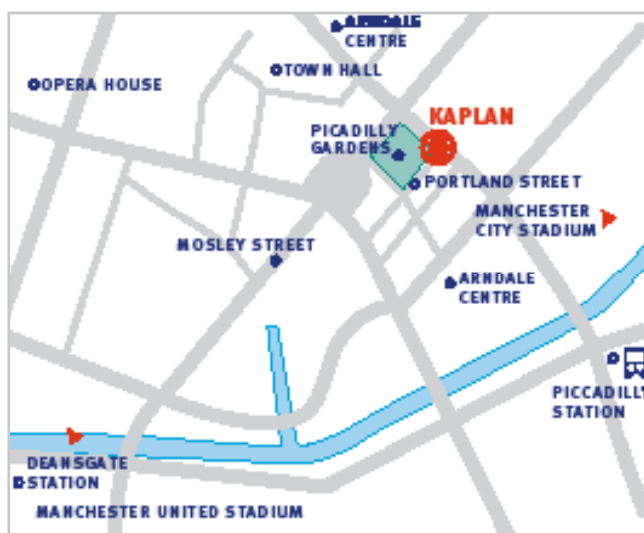
Welcome to Kaplan International College in Manchester. Our college has an exciting international student community, a comprehensive range of courses on offer and excellent learning facilities. It also enjoys a fantastic location right in the heart of one of England's most prominent cities.

The world's first industrialised city, Manchester today is a university city and a major centre for the arts, media, higher education and commerce. Students can enjoy vibrant nightlife, fantastic shopping opportunities and a diverse arts and cultural scene including galleries, museums, theatres and music venues. Manchester is also the home of two well known premier league football teams, making this the perfect destination for sports fans.

The college is centrally located on Portland Street, within walking distance of a variety of restaurants, bars and theatres. Facilities include large, well-equipped classrooms, a multimedia centre and a student common room with internet access.



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College Facilities

Classrooms

There are large, bright classrooms, each complete with desks, chairs and an interactive SMART Board, which allows your teacher to access teaching aids and the Internet during class, and incorporate these into lessons on an interactive screen which the whole class can see.

Multimedia and IT centre

The multimedia centre houses computers and a large collection of learning software for students to use. The multimedia centre is a great place to utilise technology to maximise your learning.

Library

The college has a library with text books, self-study materials, books, magazines, CDs and DVDs.

Student Lounge

The college has a student common room which provides an ideal environment in which to relax and socialise between lessons. The common room offers seating and computers for Internet and email access. The college has free wireless connection so students can get online on their own laptop computers from anywhere in the college.

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 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 a local gym for indoor sports and fitness training.

Activities/Social Programme

Kaplan arranges a full schedule of excursions and activities including trips to local places of interest such as museums, theatres, shopping and pubs.



Classroom



Multimedia centre

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the college reception at 8.30am with your Kaplan documents and your passport. 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, Student Services Manager, Accommodation Officer and Social Activities Organiser
- Information about your classes
- Information about the college and area
- An overview of college activities and excursions
- An introduction to Structured Study
- 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, passport 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 morning classes 2 or 3 days per week and afternoon classes 2 or 3 days per week.

Monday - Friday

Morning timetable

8.30 - 10.00	Class
10.00 - 10.15	Break
10.15 - 11.45	Class
11.45 - 12.15	Break
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

Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

Manchester has a very efficient public transport network of buses and trams. Daily, weekly and monthly Travelcards can be bought for cheaper travel around Manchester.

Banks and Post Office

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

Restaurants and cafés

Manchester 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 a good value lunch option. The college is located in one of Manchester's main shopping districts, so there are many fashionable shops and department stores within walking distance.

Telephone and Internet

There are public telephones within walking distance of the college. We advise students 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 college computers or through your own laptop via the wireless hotspots.

Places of worship

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

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in GBP

Sandwiches	£2-3.00	Tickets	
Green salad	£3.50	Cinema	£7.00
Beef salad	£7.50	Bus	£0.90 -£2.60
Tuna pasta	£4.00	Bus pass	
Chicken pasta	£3.75	(per week)	£11.00
Hamburger	£2.50		
Fruit Salad	£3.00		
Tea / coffee	£2.00		
Hot chocolate	£2.00		
Fish and chips	£5.50		
Spaghetti	£6.00		
Lasagne	£7.00		
Orange juice	£2.00		



Common Room



School Entrance



Classroom



Bridge at Salford Quays

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 tour of Manchester - free
Tuesday	Museum of Science and Industry - free
Wednesday	Day out at the Art Gallery - free
Thursday	Reggae night out at the Saki Bar - free
Friday	Football at the sport centre - £3.50
Saturday	Cinema - £4.25

Week two

Monday	Treasure Hunt 'Get to know Manchester' - free
Tuesday	The War Museum - free
Wednesday	Curry Night out at the Lal Quilqua restaurant £10.00 (3 course meal)
Thursday	Jazz night at The Matt and Phreds - free
Friday	Football at the sport centre - £3.50
Saturday	Trip to Llandudno - £23.50

Weekend trips range from £100 to £185.

Full-day trips range from £22 to £45.

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

Students should arrive at Manchester International Airport. A driver will meet students at the airport to help with transportation and take students directly to their accommodation. The price for the Kaplan Transfer Service for 2011 from Manchester International Airport is £60 (one way) and must be arranged in advance.

Independent Transfers

Manchester International Airport to Central Manchester

The Station, Manchester Airport's integrated transport hub, offers fast and frequent train, tram and bus services to the centre of the city. There is a train which goes directly from the airport to Piccadilly Train Station, the nearest station to the Kaplan college. The bus from Manchester airport to town costs maximum £3.50.



Manchester Town Hall