

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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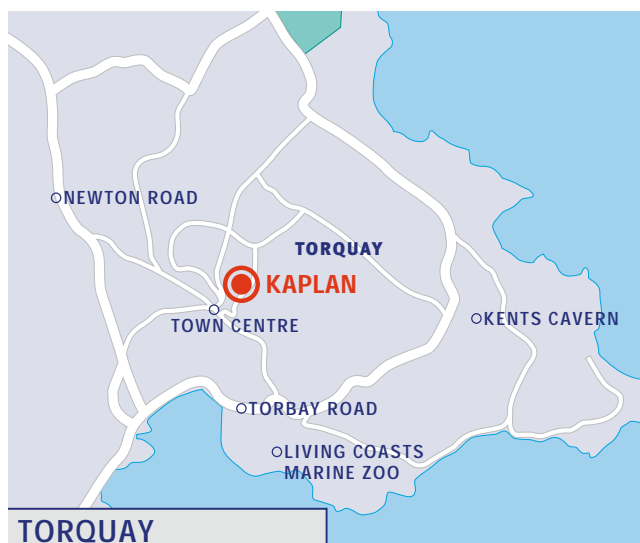
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College Facilities

Classrooms

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

Resource Centre

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

Self Access Area

A library area offers students a quiet place to study between lessons. A lending service allows students to borrow books or DVDs 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 £3.50 and are therefore a good-value lunch option. With a huge TV and video, the cafeteria also serves as a meeting place and general area in which to relax.

Sports facilities

The college has its 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 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
- A tour of the college and facilities
- A walking tour of Torquay

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.

Timetable

9.15am - 10.45am	Class
10.45am - 11.15am	Break
11.15am - 12.45pm	Class
12.45pm - 1.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm - 3.15pm	Elective

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. Students can take advantage of Torquay's seaside location with beautiful walks around the local coastline.

Shops and supermarkets

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

Telephone and Internet

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.

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.

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	(per 2 weeks)	£28.00
Coffee	£1.50	(per 3 weeks)	£43.00
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	£3.50		



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 - free; welcome evening with school staff at local bar - free
Tuesday	Bowling - £3.50
Wednesday	Visit to Cockington Village - £6
Thursday	Film evening at school - free
Friday	Ferryboat trip to Brixham fishing village - £6
Saturday	Full day trip to Dartmoor National Park - £25

Week two

Monday	Trip to the cathedral city of Exeter - £15
Tuesday	Coastal walk - free
Wednesday	Mystery pub tour - £6
Thursday	Student party - £6
Friday	Sports afternoon - free
Saturday	Full day trip to the city of Plymouth - £25

Half-day excursions range from £6 to £17.

Full-day excursions range from £18 to £30.

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

Students should arrive at London Heathrow, Bristol, Exeter or Plymouth airport. We can book your transfer 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. Taxi transfer prices for 2011 are: Exeter Airport £70 (one way), Bristol Airport £105 (one way), Heathrow £205 (one way). Kaplan Transfer Service must be arranged in advance.

Independent Transfers

Students who prefer to organise their own transport from the airport can use the websites below to book these. For more information visit: www.nationalexpress.com (coach service) and www.nationalrail.co.uk (train service). More information about the bus service from Bristol Airport to Bristol train station can be found at <http://flyer.bristolairport.co.uk>

London Heathrow Airport to Torquay

Coach

National Express, Service NX501. Departs LHR central bus station from 0840 hrs and approx. every 2 hours until 23.40. Journey time: 4 hrs 30 mins approx. Tickets cost £25 one way.

Bristol Airport to Torquay

Bus/Taxi/Train

Scheduled bus from Bristol Airport to Bristol Temple Meads rail station. Departs Bristol Airport bus station from 0300 hrs and every 15 minutes until 0033. Journey time: 25 minutes approx. Price £6 single, £9 return. Followed by train service from Bristol Temple Meads to Torquay. Departs Bristol Temple Meads from 0530 and approx. every hour until 1944. Journey time: 1 hour 30 mins (direct) or 2 hours (one change at Newton Abbot or Exeter St. Davids).

Exeter Airport to Torquay

By bus/train

Scheduled bus from Exeter Airport to Exeter St. David's train station. Departs Exeter Airport from 0730 hrs, every hour, until approx. 1845. Journey time: 30 mins (cost approx. £5 one way).

Taxi from Exeter Airport to Exeter St. David's train station. Journey time: 15 minutes. Cost: approx. £10 (one way). Train from Exeter St. David's train station to Torquay from approx. 0515 hrs, and then every 30 minutes, until 2045. Journey time: 45 minutes (direct) or 55 minutes (one change at Newton Abbot). Cost: approx. £7 (one way).

London Gatwick Airport to Torquay

Coach

National Express, Service FK210. Departs Gatwick South Terminal bus station from 0650 hrs and approx. every 2 hours until 2145 hrs. Journey time: 6 hrs approx. Tickets cost £35 one way.

London Stansted Airport to Torquay

Coach

National Express, Service JL727. Departs Stansted from 0600 hrs and approx. every 2 hours until 2345 hrs. Journey time: 6 hrs 30 mins approx. Tickets cost £40 one way.



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