

Kaplan International College London, Covent Garden

Welcome to Kaplan International College London Covent Garden. The college has an exciting international community, a comprehensive range of courses, excellent learning facilities and a fantastic location in a world-class capital city with something to suit all tastes.

London offers a vibrant night life, stunning architecture, beautiful parks, international cuisine and the finest museums and galleries. With its fashionable clubs and bars and world-renowned theatres, few cities can offer visitors such a diverse range of things to see and do in one place.

The college is situated in a historic, listed building dating from the 18th century which has been fully refurbished and modernised. Located just a 5-minute walk from Covent Garden, the college really is in the heart of London.



Kaplan International College London



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College Facilities

Classrooms

There are 15 classrooms which are bright and comfortable. Each room can seat a maximum of 15 students. All rooms are complete with desks and chairs and a whiteboard. There are televisions, DVDs and overhead projectors available for lessons.

Resource Centre

There are 16 computers in the multimedia centre along with a vast collection of learning software for students to use. The multimedia centre is a great place to utilise technology to maximise your learning.

Self Access Area

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

Student Lounge

The student common room is an attractive and welcoming room overlooking the garden. There are 4 computers which students can use for email while relaxing with friends. 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 on the patio 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 the local gym for indoor sports and fitness training.

Activities/Social Programme

Kaplan arranges a full schedule of excursions and activities including excursions to the famous museums, clubbing evenings in Soho and West End theatre trips.



Kaplan students in a 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, your full London address, your passport and pen and paper for note-taking purposes.

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
- 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.

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 classes either in the morning or in the afternoon.

Morning timetable

08.30- 10.00	Class
10.00 - 10.15	Break
10.15 - 11.45	Class
11.45 - 12.00	Break
12.00 - 13.30	Elective

Afternoon timetable

12.00 - 13.30	Elective
13.30 - 14.00	Break
14.00 - 15.30	Class
15.30 - 15.45	Break
15.45 - 17.15	Class

Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

London has a very efficient public transport network of buses, trains and tubes. Daily, weekly and monthly Travelcards can be bought for cheaper travel around London. If your course is 14 weeks or longer you can get a 30% discount on your Travelcard. The college reception can give you a Student Travelcard application form.

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

London 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 often a good economical option for lunches. Oxford Street, with its many fashionable shops and department stores, is within walking distance of the college.

Telephone and Internet

There are public telephones within a 5-minute walk of the college. Students are advised to 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 Kaplan computers or through your own laptop and the wireless hotspots.

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

Sandwich	£3.50
Lunch	£5.00
Hamburger	£5.99
Meal in restaurant	£15.00
Tea / coffee	£1.50+
Tickets:	
Cinema	£10-12.00
Bus (per journey)	£2.00
Weekly travelcard or equivalent (approx per week)	£30.00



Patio garden



Reception



Student lounge



Tower Bridge

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 drinks in a traditional pub - £3
Tuesday	The British Museum - free
Wednesday	Play football - £5 / Trip to see professional football match - £25-£45
Thursday	Tate Modern Art Museum - free
Friday	Clubbing in Soho - £20-£40
Saturday	Excursion to Bath - £49

Week two

Monday	National Portrait Gallery - free
Tuesday	Shopping in Covent Garden
Wednesday	West End Theatre Trip - £25
Thursday	Cruise on the Thames to Hampton Court - £10.50
Friday	Curry night in Brick Lane - £10
Saturday	Picnic on Hampstead Heath - £5

Half-day excursion prices range from £10 to £20.

Full-day excursion prices range from £30 to 65.

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

Students should arrive at Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton or Stansted Airports. If you book a taxi transfer the driver will meet you at the airport terminal when you arrive, and will have a sign with your name on it. Kaplan Transfer Service must be arranged in advance. Transfer Service prices for 2011 are: Heathrow £85 (one way), Gatwick £95 (one way), Luton £105 (one way) and Stansted £105 (one way).

Independent Transfers

London Heathrow Airport to Central London

Underground

Piccadilly Line to Central London.

Departs every 2-3 minutes from 05.30 - 23.30hrs.

Journey time: 50 minutes approx. Price: £4 (one way).

Bus

A1 Airbus from LHR Terminal 3 to London Victoria Coach Station. Departs every 30 minutes from 05.45 - 23.00hrs.

Journey time: 1 hour 10 mins approx. Price: £6 (one way).

London Gatwick Airport to Central London

Train

Gatwick Express - Gatwick South Terminal to London Victoria. Departs every 15 minutes from 05.50 - 00.50 hrs, then hourly from 01.35 until 05.20. Journey time: 30 minutes.

Price: £17 (one way).

Bus

Jetlink or Airlink from both terminals to London Victoria. Departs from 05.05, 06.40 then hourly until 20.20.

Journey time: 1 hour 5 mins. Price: approx. £5.30 (one way).

Stansted/Luton Airport to Central London

Train

Stansted – Liverpool Street. Journey time: 41 minutes.

Price: £19 (one way).

Luton – Kings Cross. Journey time: 30 minutes to 1 hr.

Price: £12 (one way).

King's Cross Station to Central London

Underground

Next to International Terminal. 5 minutes to Central London on Northern Line.

Bus

No's. 1, 68, 188, 501, 502, 171 every 2-3 minutes to Central London.

Price: £2 (one way).



Big Ben