

Kaplan International

London, Leicester Square



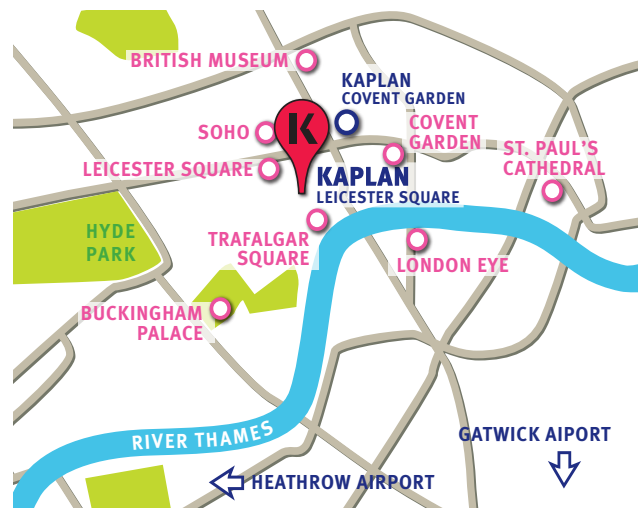
A big welcome to all students coming to Kaplan International London Leicester Square!

The school's location means that you can experience London in the heart of the city. Leicester Square is only 2 minutes away, as is Trafalgar Square with Nelson's Column and the Lions! Piccadilly Circus and Covent Garden are also both within easy walking distance.

London is one of the world's most remarkable and exciting cities. Marvel at its fantastic diversity of population and lifestyles reflected through the wide-ranging cuisines, fashionable shops, thriving music scene and wonderful West End theatres. Admire the spectacular view of the city from the London Eye, or explore the sights such as Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London. There is always something to do in London!



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School Facilities

Classrooms

The school has recently been renovated with world class educational facilities, including 12 spacious bright classrooms.

Media Hub

We have the most up-to-date WiFi and computers in our media hub area. Most students bring their own laptops and tablets and there are plenty of areas in the hub where you can relax and use the internet. Most computers have DVD players so the students can watch DVDs which the school lends out - all in English of course!

Structured Study Center

The school has a fully-equipped Study Center, where you can borrow books, DVDs as well as take part in our daily study clubs. There is also Charing Cross Library and a Reference Library 2 minutes' walk from the school.

Student Lounge

There is a comfortable, modern student lounge with comfortable sofas, TV, vending machine and water cooler.

Cafeteria

The school doesn't have a cafeteria but there are many shops nearby where students can buy their lunches. Students can eat in the student lounge.

Sports facilities

The activities coordinator can help with organising outdoor sports events, which usually take place in public parks e.g. football.

Gym facilities

Students are able to join the local gym for indoor sports and fitness training.

Activities/Social Program

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



Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the school 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 school and area
- An overview of school activities and excursions
- An introduction to Structured Study
- A tour of the school 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.

School 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

08:15- 09:45	Class
9:45 - 10:00	Break
10:00 - 11:30	Class

Afternoon timetable

13:30 - 15:00	Class
15:00 - 15:15	Break
15:15 - 17:45	Class

Elective classes:

First session (A Shift):

11:45 – 13:00	(Mon – Thurs)
11:45 – 12:45	(Fri)

Second session (B Shift):

13:05 – 14:20	(Mon – Thurs)
13:15 – 14:15	(Fri)

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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 school 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 school. 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 school.

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 school.

Telephone and Internet

There are public telephones within a 5-minute walk of the school. Students are advised to buy phone cards from the school reception for long distance calls and call in the evenings or on weekends as it is cheaper during these times. Internet and email can be accessed in the common room via Kaplan computers or through your own laptop and the wireless hotspots. You can also get a free UK SIM card from reception to use in your mobile phone.

Places of worship

There are places of worship for 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

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)	£1.45
Weekly travelcard	£45.00 (approx. per week)



Student lounge



Reception



Kaplan students



Study Center

Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample program and activities may change.

Week one

Monday	Welcome drinks in a traditional pub - £3.50
Tuesday	The British Museum - free
Wednesday	Play football - £7.50 / Trip to see professional football match - £25-£45
Thursday	Tate Modern Art Museum - free
Friday	Clubbing in Soho - £20-£40
Saturday	Excursion to Bath - £55

Week two

Monday	National Portrait Gallery - free
Tuesday	Shopping in Covent Garden
Wednesday	West End Theatre Trip - £27-£37
Thursday	Trip to Greenwich - free
Friday	Boat party on the Thames - £14
Saturday	A day in Brighton - £18

Half-day excursion prices range from £10 to £30.
Full-day excursion prices range from £30 to £75.

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

Students should arrive at Heathrow, Gatwick, City, 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 2015 are (all one way): Heathrow £105, City Airport £105, St. Pancras £105, Gatwick £110, Luton £135 and Stansted £135.

Independent Transfers

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

London Heathrow Airport to Central London Underground

Journey time: 50 minutes.
See www.tfl.gov.uk

National Express Coach

Journey time: 1 hour.
See www.tfl.gov.uk

London Gatwick Airport to Central London Train

Journey time: 30 minutes.
See www.nationalrail.com

Bus

Journey time: 1hour.
See www.tfl.gov.uk

Stansted/Luton Airport to Central London

Train

Stansted – Liverpool Street. Journey time: 41 minutes.
Luton – Kings Cross. Journey time: 30 minutes to 1 hr.
See www.nationalrail.com

King's Cross Station to Central London

Underground

Journey time: 10 minutes.
See www.tfl.gov.uk

Bus

Journey time: 20 minutes.
See www.tfl.gov.uk



Big Ben