

Kaplan International

Manchester



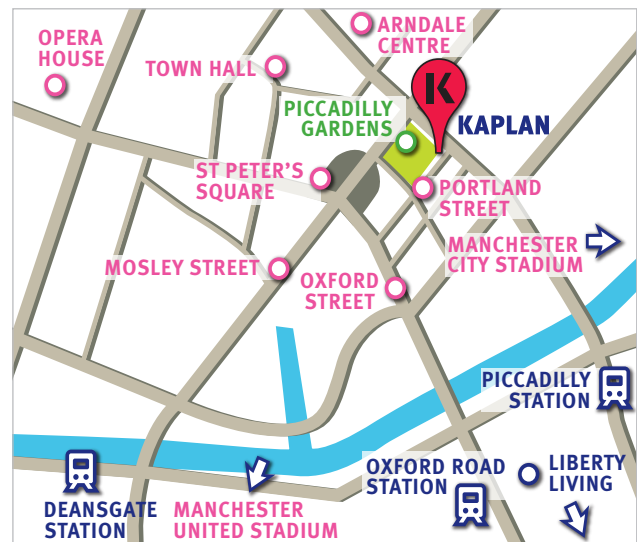
Welcome to Kaplan International in Manchester. Our school has an exciting international student community, a comprehensive range of courses on offer and excellent learning facilities. It also enjoys a fantastic location right in the heart of one of England's most prominent cities.

The world's first industrialised city, Manchester today is a university city and a major center 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 school is centrally located on Portland Street, within walking distance of a variety of restaurants, bars and theaters. Facilities include large, well-equipped classrooms, a multimedia center and a student common room with internet access.



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School 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 center

The multimedia center houses computers and a large collection of learning software for students to use. The multimedia center is a great place to utilize technology to maximize your learning.

Structured Study Center and Library

The Structured Study Center offers a varied menu of online and offline language practice activities, study clubs, talks and project work, monitored by the study center manager. The school has a library with text books, self-study materials, books, magazines, CDs and DVDs.

Student Lounge

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

Cafeteria

The school doesn't have a cafeteria but there are many shops and cafés 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, or indoors in the winter, and include football and tennis.

Gym facilities

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

Activities/Social Program

Kaplan arranges a full schedule of excursions and activities including trips to local places of interest such as museums, theaters, shopping and pubs. Every weekend there will be a day trip outside of Manchester to places such as Liverpool, Chester, York, and the Peak District.



Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the school reception at **8:15am** 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 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, 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 morning or afternoon classes.

Morning timetable

08:15- 09:45	Class
09:45 - 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

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 school. 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 school.

Department stores and supermarkets

There are many supermarkets nearby which are a good value lunch option. The school is located in Manchester's central shopping district, so there are many fashionable shops and department stores within walking distance.

Telephone and Internet

There are public telephones within walking distance of the school. We advise students to buy phone cards from the school reception for long distance calls and call in the evenings or on weekends as it is cheaper then. All students get a free UK SIM card with their welcome pack on the first day. Internet and email can be accessed in the common room via school tablets or through your own mobile device via the wireless hotspots.

Places of worship

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



Common room



School entrance



Classroom



Kaplan students in Manchester

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in GBP

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

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

Monday	Welcome tour of Manchester - free
Tuesday	Museum of Science and Industry - free
Wednesday	Football at the sport center - £3.50
Thursday	Latin Dance night at Copacabana Club - free
Friday	Day out at the Art Gallery - free
Saturday	Cinema - £7.00

Week two

Monday	Treasure Hunt 'Get to know Manchester' - free
Tuesday	The War Museum - free
Wednesday	Football at the sport center - £3.50
Thursday	Jazz night at The Matt and Phreds - free
Friday	Curry Night out at the Lal Quilqua restaurant £10.00 (3 course meal)
Saturday	Trip to Liverpool - £20.00

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 2015 from Manchester International Airport is £55 (one way) or £90 return and must be arranged in advance.

Independent Transfers

Manchester International Airport to Central Manchester

Train

Journey time: 20 minutes.
See www.nationalrail.com



Manchester Town Hall
