

Kaplan International

Torquay



A big welcome to students joining us at Kaplan International Torquay. Our school offers a friendly, comfortable environment in which to study English. Students benefit from excellent learning and recreation facilities, as well as an ideal location close to Torquay town center and the stunning South Devon coast line. Homestay and residential students also benefit from accommodation nearby.

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 well known as the birthplace of Agatha Christie and other well-known literary figures. The surrounding countryside (Dartmoor National Park) is renowned for its beauty and is ideal for walks. Students here enjoy the relaxed, welcoming and safe atmosphere, the beach life and the interesting activities on offer.

Our school is just three minutes' walk from the center of town, enabling you to sample everything on offer locally. Inside the school you will find comfortably furnished classrooms, IT facilities, a library and listening center, as well as a student common room with giant screen TV, video and DVD player. There is also a cafeteria serving hot and cold lunches daily, so when the weather is fine, you can eat outside in the gardens overlooking the town, or why not take a plunge in the school's very own swimming pool!



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School Facilities

Classrooms

The school has been renovated with world class educational facilities including bright comfortably furnished classrooms with interactive whiteboards.

Resource Centre

We have the most up to date Wi-Fi throughout the building and PCs are available for students' personal and study use. Many students bring their own laptops, tablets and note pads and there are plenty of areas where you can relax and browse the Internet.

Study Room

There are IT facilities (ipads, notebooks, PCs) and a library area offering students a quiet place to study between lessons. A lending service allows students to borrow books or magazines for study or recreational reading purposes.

Student Lounge/Cafeteria

Students can relax and socialize between classes in the common room with comfortable furnishings and media facilities. The onsite cafeteria serves hot and cold lunches and a variety of delicious snacks.

Courtyard and gardens

The school offers students a number of outside spaces in which to study, relax, eat and drink. These include a pleasant courtyard area, as well as beautiful gardens overlooking the town and sea, with our own Kaplan pool on the premises.

Sports facilities

The school 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, kayaking, paddle boarding and windsurfing. School staff can help you to organize these.

Activities/Social Program

A varied social program is organised each week. Please see overleaf for an example timetable.



Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the school 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 school and area
- An overview of school activities and excursions
- An introduction to online study, study clubs and lectures
- A tour of the school and facilities
- A 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.

School 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 (Intensive)

9:15am - 10:45am	Class
10:45am - 11:15am	Break
11:15am - 12:45pm	Class
12:45pm - 13:45pm	Lunch
13:45pm - 15:15pm	Elective

In high season classes often start at 8:30am and some students will have lessons in the afternoon.

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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 school. 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 an 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. Torquay lies in a Geopark.

Shops and supermarkets

The high street has all the usual British high street brands and several department stores.

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 school. 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. 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

Sandwiches	£2.50	Cold cans	£0.80
Salad bowls	£3.00		
Pizza	£5.00	Hot meal from the school café	£3.50
Tea	£1.50		
Pasta dishes	£6.00	Tickets:	
Coffee	£2.00	Cinema	£7.00
Rice dishes	£6.00	Bus pass:	
Hamburger	£3.00	(per week)	£16.00
Hot chocolate	£2.00	(per 2 weeks)	£28.00
Chicken burger	£3.50	(per 3 weeks)	£43.00



Classroom



School activity



Reception



Student common room

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

Monday	Orientation tour of Torquay - free; 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.

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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 school representative will meet students on arrival at the airport and see them on to the National Express coach to Torquay. Taxi transfer prices for 2015 are: Exeter Airport £95 (one way), Bristol Airport £125 (one way), Heathrow £245 (one way), Gatwick £305 (one way). Kaplan Transfer Service must be arranged in advance.

Independent Transfers

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

London Heathrow Airport to Torquay

National Express Coach

Journey time: Approximately 4 hours
See www.nationalexpress.com

Bristol Airport to Torquay

Train

Journey time: 1.5 hours.
See www.nationalrail.com

Exeter Airport to Torquay

Train

Journey time: 40 minutes.
See www.nationalrail.com

London Gatwick Airport to Torquay

Coach

Journey time: 4.5-6 hours.
See www.nationalexpress.com

London Stansted Airport to Torquay

Coach

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