



Kaplan International College

Dublin



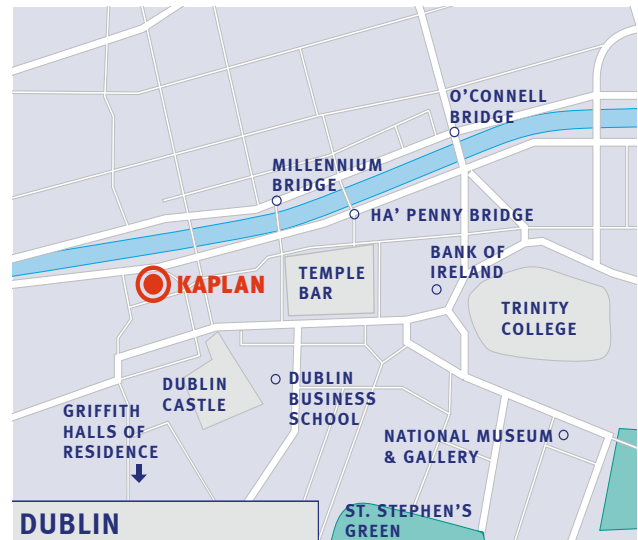
Welcome to Kaplan International College Dublin. Study English in one of our many programmes in our modern college in the heart of Dublin, the big city with a village feel, recently voted one of the world's 'most livable' cities.

Known affectionately by its residents as the 'Fair City', Dublin gives all its visitors a warm welcome. With an elegant city centre rich in cultural history and small enough to walk around, as well as a multitude of stylish bars, fashionable coffee shops and designer boutiques, Dublin has something to offer everyone.

The college is housed in a magnificent Georgian building overlooking the River Liffey. Excellent facilities include a large student common room with new flat-screen computers for personal use, a self-study room, a dedicated study room and free wireless Internet access.



Kaplan International College Dublin



Kaplan International College Dublin
The Presbytery Building
7 Exchange Street Lower
Temple Bar, Dublin 8
Ireland



Kaplan International College Dublin is a member of MEI.



Kaplan International College Dublin is recognised by ACELS, the Advisory Council for English Language Schools, at the Department of Education and Science.



College Facilities

Classrooms

There are 10 large classrooms with typical Georgian high ceilings and double windows. The rooms are bright, airy and spacious. All rooms are complete with tables, chairs and a whiteboard. We have three classrooms which use interactive white boards, and seven with regular white boards. There are televisions, videos, cassette players and overhead projectors available for lessons.

Resource Centre

The multimedia centre has 16 computers with full multimedia facilities. The centre is used for classes and by students wanting to work in English for self-study purposes.

Self Access Area

The college has a self-study room available, including a library where students can borrow books and study materials. There are 3 computers in this room available for students to use and daily newspapers are also available here.

Student lounge

The student common room is on the ground floor. Hot and cold drinks are available from vending machines and lunch can be brought in from outside the college. The room also has a microwave and water cooler. There are 6 computers for internet and email access in any language and a 42" TV.

Wireless Internet facilities

The college provides a free wireless hotspot service for students with their own laptops.

Cafeteria

There is no cafeteria in the college. Students can buy lunch from the numerous shops nearby and eat in the common room. There are facilities for reheating food in the common room.

Sports facilities

The activities coordinator can help with organising sports events.

Gym facilities

Students can join the local gym for indoor sports and fitness training.

Activities/Social Programme

A full and varied social programme 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 college reception at 8.30 am. 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
- A walking tour of Dublin

You will also receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, elective 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. Classes are from Monday to Friday and you could have classes either morning-only or afternoon-only classes.

Morning timetable

08.45 - 10.15	Class
10.15 - 10.30	Break
10.30 - 12.00	Class
12.30 - 14.00	Elective

Afternoon timetable

12.30 - 14.00	Elective
14.15 - 15.45	Class
15.45 - 16.00	Break
16.00 - 17.30	Class



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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. The bus network covers the whole of the Dublin area. Students can check timetables online in the student common room. The train service operates to major cities and local destinations.

Banks and post office

There are many banks in the town centre for you to choose from. Always remember to change money and cheques in banks. There is a post office within walking distance of the college. Post boxes are green and located on many street corners.

Restaurants and cafés

There are many different restaurants, cafés and pubs located nearby in Temple Bar.

Department stores and supermarkets

There are small supermarkets and shops located within walking distance of the college. Supermarket meals are often an economical choice for lunches.

Telephone and Internet café

You can access the Internet and your email in the common room or from nearby Internet cafés. 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 weekend 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

We recommend that you budget 150 Euros for every week of your course. This should be enough for personal expenses, laundry, local travel and college activities. You will need additional money if you plan to rent a car, take weekend trips or travel.

Approximate prices in GBP

Sandwiches	€5.00
Pizza / pasta (snack)	€2.00
Tea / coffee	€2.50
Pub meal	€10.00

Student Bus Passes

5-day bus pass	€16.50
7-day bus and luas pass	€25.00
30-day bus pass	€82.00

These tickets can only be purchased at the above prices with a Student Travel Card which costs €15

Bike Hire	
1 week	€15.00



Study room



Students enjoying an Irish beer at one of the pubs in Temple Bar



Irish church



Reception

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students - free
Tuesday	Trip to Guinness Storehouse - €11
Wednesday	Football match - free
Thursday	Trip to Kilmainham Jail - €7
Friday	Walk in Dalkey - €15.50
Saturday	Excursion to Galway - €45

Week two

Monday	Visit Francis Bacon's art studio - free
Tuesday	Pub night - Students pay for their drinks
Wednesday	Cliff walk in Howth - €15
Thursday	Movie night - €8
Friday	Evening of Irish dancing - €12
Saturday	Trip to Glendalough - €35

Half-day trip prices range from €5 - €16.

Full-day trip prices range from €15 - €85.



Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

You may have booked the Kaplan Transfer Service to take you from Dublin airport to your accommodation. If so, the taxi will meet you at the Arrivals Hall and take you directly to your accommodation. Kaplan Transfer Service must be arranged in advance. The Kaplan Transfer price from Dublin Airport is €90 (one way).

Independent Transfers

Dublin Airport Taxis: There is a taxi rank immediately outside the Arrivals Terminal building at the Airport. There are taxis here at all times of the day and night.

Price: €20+ (depending on the distance and the price on the metre).

Air Coach/Airlink: These are two regular airport bus services operating between the Airport and Dublin City Centre. The buses leave from a bus stop just outside the Arrivals Terminal building and stop at the main bus and train stations in the centre of the city. You can then take a taxi or a local bus to your accommodation. The journey from the Airport to the City Centre will take approximately 30 minutes.

Prices:

€8.00 one way – Air Coach

€6.00 one way – Airlink



Beautiful Irish countryside
