

Kaplan International College Manchester

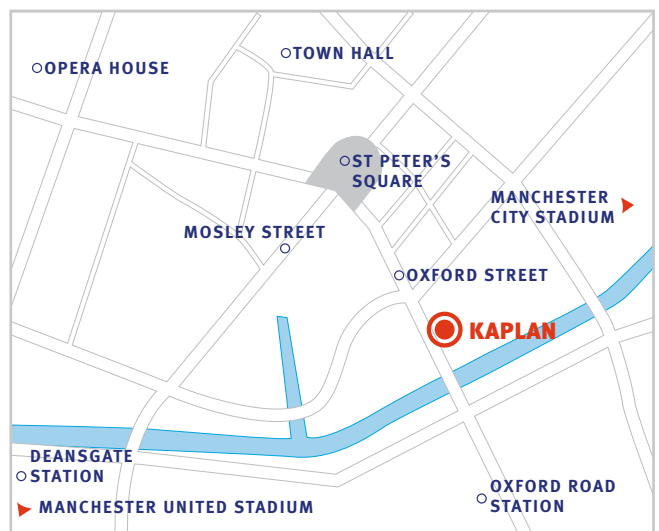
Welcome to Kaplan International College in Manchester. Our college has an exciting international student community, a comprehensive range of courses on offer and excellent learning facilities. It also enjoys a fantastic location right in the heart of one of England's most prominent cities.

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



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College Facilities

Classrooms

There are large, bright classrooms, each complete with desks, chairs and an interactive 'Technology for Tutors' screen, 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 centre

The multimedia centre has computers and a range of learning software for students to use. The centre is a great place to utilise technology to maximise your learning.

Library

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

Student Lounge

The college has a student common room which provides an ideal environment in which to relax and socialise between lessons. The common room offers plenty of seating as well as vending machines which provide drinks and snacks. There are also computers for internet and email access. 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 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 can join a local gym for indoor sports and fitness.

Activities/Social Programme

Kaplan arranges a full schedule of excursions and activities including trips to local places of interest such as museums, theatres, shopping and pubs.



Lobby



Multimedia centre

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the college reception with your Kaplan documents and your passport at 8.30am. 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:

- A welcome talk by the Principal or Director of Studies
- A Placement Test to determine your English level
- Information about your classes
- Information about the college and area
- Information about internships
- An overview of college activities and excursions
- An introduction to the Multimedia Centre
- A tour of the college, including Kaplan facilities
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

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 a £25 book deposit and pen and paper for note-taking purposes.

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 morning classes 2 or 3 days per week and afternoon classes 2 or 3 days per week.

Morning timetable

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| 08.30 - 10.00 | Class |
| 10.00 - 10.15 | Break |
| 10.15 - 11.45 | Class |
| 11.45 - 12.15 | Break |
| 12.15 - 13.45 | Class |

Afternoon timetable

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| 12.15 - 13.45 | Class |
| 13.45 - 14.15 | Break |
| 14.15 - 15.45 | Class |
| 15.45 - 16.00 | Break |
| 16.00 - 17.30 | Class |

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 college. Post office 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 college.

Department stores and supermarkets

There are many supermarkets nearby which are a good value lunch option. The college is located in one of Manchester's main shopping districts, so there are many fashionable shops and department stores within walking distance.

Telephone and Internet Café

There are public telephones within walking distance of the college. We advise students 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 college computers or through your own laptop via the wireless hotspots.

Church/Mosque

There are churches of all religions and faiths close to the college. A list of these is posted at the college.

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in GBP

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| Sandwiches : | £2-3.00 | Tickets | |
| Green Salad: | £3.50 | Cinema: | £7.00 |
| Beef Salad: | £7.50 | Bus: | £0.90 - |
| Tuna Pasta: | £4.00 | | £2.60 |
| Chicken Pasta: | £3.75 | Bus per week | |
| Hamburger: | £2.50 | (approx): | £11.00 |
| Fruit Salad: | £3.00 | | |
| Pizza - Slice: | £2.00 | | |
| Tea / Coffee: | £2.00 | | |
| Hot Chocolate: | £2.00 | | |
| Fish and Chips: | £5.50 | | |
| Spaghetti: | £6.00 | | |
| Lasagne: | £7.00 | | |
| Orange Juice: | £2.00 | | |



Reception



School entrance



Classroom



Bridge at Salford Quays

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

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| Monday | Welcome drinks in a traditional pub |
| Tuesday | Trafford Centre shopping |
| Wednesday | Museum of Science and Industry |
| Thursday | City views from the Manchester Eye |
| Friday | Clubbing in Deansgate Locks |
| Saturday | Excursion to Liverpool |

Week two

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| Monday | Manchester Art Gallery |
| Tuesday | Manchester United Football Club Museum |
| Wednesday | Palace Theatre trip |
| Thursday | Concert at Bridgewater Hall |
| Friday | Dinner outing to the Curry Mile |
| Saturday | Picnic in Heaton Park |

Some activities are not free and students will need to pay the relevant amount (such as entry fees) in order to participate.

Transfer Information

Kaplan transfers

Students should arrive at Manchester Airport. A driver will meet students at the airport to help with transportation. Kaplan Transfer Service must be arranged in advance.

Independent Transfers

Manchester International Airport to Central Manchester

The Station, Manchester Airport's integrated transport hub, offers fast and frequent train, tram and bus services to the centre of the city. There is a train which goes directly from the airport to Oxford Road, the nearest station to the college.



Manchester Town Hall