

Kaplan Aspect Dublin

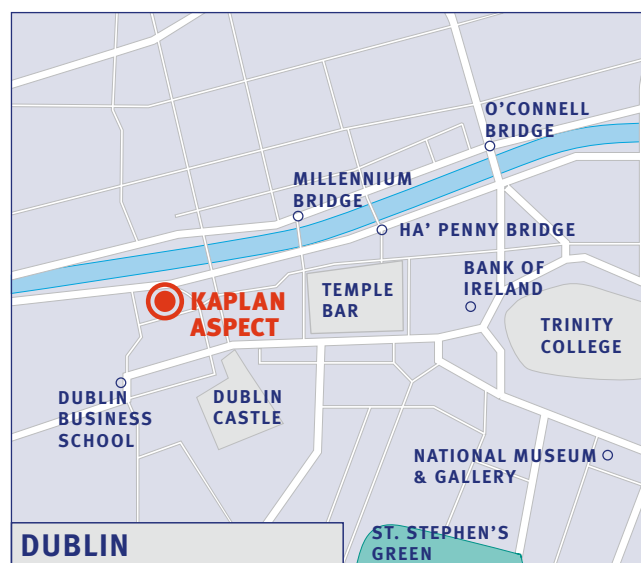
Welcome to Kaplan Aspect Dublin. Study English in one of our many programmes in our modern school in the heart of Dublin, the big city with a village feel, recently voted one of the world's 'most livable' cities.

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 Kaplan Aspect School is housed in a magnificent Georgian building overlooking the River Liffey. The 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 Aspect school



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



Kaplan Aspect Dublin is a member of MEI.



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

School 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. There are televisions, videos, cassette players and overhead projectors available for lessons.

Multimedia and IT 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-study room

The school has a self-study room available, including a library where students can borrow books and study materials. 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 school. 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.

Cafeteria

There is no cafeteria in the school. 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.



Kaplan Aspect student common room



Multimedia room

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the school reception 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 the level of the course you require
- Information about your classes
- Information about the school and city
- Information about internships
- An overview of school activities and excursions
- A short walking tour of the city centre
- An introduction to the Multimedia Centre
- A tour of the school, including Kaplan Aspect 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 your Kaplan Aspect documents, your passport, €30 book deposit and pen and paper for note-taking purposes.

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 school. 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 school. 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 school. 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.

Church/Mosque

There are churches of all religions and faiths near the school. A list of these and their locations is posted at the school.

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 Kaplan Aspect Activities. You will need additional money if you plan to rent a car, take weekend trips or travel.

Approximate prices in EUR

Sandwiches :	3 - 4.50 EUR
Pizza/Pasta:	8.00 EUR
Coffee:	2.50 EUR
Tea:	2.00 EUR
Pub Meal:	10.00 EUR
Bus Passes	
1 week:	21.00 EUR
1 month:	83.00 EUR
Bike Hire	
1 week:	15.00 EUR



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. See a current activities schedule at: www.kaplanaspect.com

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students
Tuesday	Trip to Guinness Storehouse
Wednesday	Football match
Thursday	Trip to Kilmainham Jail
Friday	Walk in Dalkey
Saturday	Excursion to Galway

Week two

Monday	Visit Francis Bacon's art studio
Tuesday	Pub night
Wednesday	Cliff walk in Howth
Thursday	Movie night
Friday	Evening of Irish dancing
Saturday	Trip to Glendalough

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

The Team

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Principal:

Jonathan Duignan
Jonathan is responsible for the overall running of the school. He can help with advice on future studies and alternative courses.


School Administrator:

Pedro Moreira
Pedro is the best person to speak to if you want to extend or upgrade your course. He can give you advice on future studies and other available courses. He also manages the registration of new students and is responsible for student services.


Director of Studies:

Sarah Brown
Sarah is responsible for the management and successful running of the Academic Programme.


Accommodation Manager:

Nan Jiang
Nan is responsible for selecting homestays and placing students in a suitable family or residence. Speak to her if you have any questions about your living arrangements.


Academic Programmes Tutor:

Melissa Doohan
Melissa acts as dedicated programme manager of the Academic Year and Academic Semester programmes. She also provides individual guidance to AYS students.

Course Information

Courses and Services

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- English for Business
- IELTS Preparation (Supplementary)
- Cambridge Exam Preparation (FCE)
- Beginners Course (Intensive)
- St. Patrick's Festival Course
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester
- University Placement
- University Preparation
- Internships
- OPUS Paid Work and Study

Sample Timetables

Students may be studying either in the morning OR afternoon. This will only be determined after the placement test.

8.45am - 10.15am:	Class
10.15am - 10.30am:	Break
10.30am - 12pm:	Class
12pm - 12.30pm:	Lunch
12.30pm - 2pm:	Elective Class
2pm - 2:15pm:	Break
2.15pm - 3.45pm:	Class
3.45pm - 4pm:	Break
4pm - 5.30pm:	Class

Transfer Information

Kaplan Aspect transfers

You may have booked the Kaplan Aspect school Transfer Service to take you from Dublin airport to your homestay accommodation. If so, the taxi will meet you at the Arrivals Hall and take you directly to your accommodation. If you have not booked a taxi transfer there are a number of other ways for you to reach your Dublin address.

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+ EUR (depending on the distance and the price on the meter).

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.

Price:

7.00 EUR one way – Air Coach

5.00 EUR one way – Airlink



Beautiful Irish countryside