

Kaplan Aspect Edinburgh

Welcome to Kaplan Aspect Edinburgh. The school offers an impressive range of English courses in the magnificent and bustling environment of Edinburgh, the cosmopolitan capital city of Scotland.

Scotland's unique blend of natural beauty and romantic tradition makes it a popular destination for thousands of tourists every year. Whether it is the taste of Scotch whisky, the sound of bagpipes or the warmth of the Scottish people that draws you here, there is no better place to learn English and experience Scottish culture than in its majestic capital city.

The school is in the very heart of Edinburgh, just minutes from the stylish shops of Princes Street and the imposing fortress of Edinburgh Castle. The school is housed in an elegant Georgian building and offers excellent facilities including free wireless internet connection and a multimedia room with the latest language-learning technology.



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School Facilities

Classrooms

There are 10 large classrooms with plenty of natural light. All rooms are complete with either tablet chairs or desk and chairs and a whiteboard. There are televisions, DVDs, cassette players and overhead projectors available for lessons.

Multimedia and IT centre

The multimedia centre at Kaplan Aspect Edinburgh has 15 computers complete with language learning programmes, email and internet access. There is also a free wireless internet connection available in the school, so students can bring their own laptops and have internet access in the school.

Library/Study centre

There is a library in the school with both books and videos available for students.

Common room

The school has a common room where students relax and socialise. This is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm. There are computers with internet access, TV/VCR and wireless access for use of personal laptops.

Student lounge

The student lounge is bright and spacious and has vending machines, coffee and tea making facilities and a microwave.

Cafeteria

The school 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 on the patio outside in nice weather.

Sports facilities

Public parks can be used for outdoor sporting activities. The Activities coordinator can help with organising these 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 students in a classroom



Multimedia room

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the school reception with your Kaplan Aspect documents, passport and two passport photos at 8.45am. 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 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 area
- Information about internships
- An overview of school activities and excursions
- 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 a 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. Trains operate from Waverley Station to towns and cities all over Scotland and England.

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 are also post offices in the city, and red post boxes are located on many street corners.

Restaurants and cafés

There are many different restaurants, cafés and pubs located within walking distance of the school.

Department stores and supermarkets

There are supermarkets and shops located near to the school. Supermarket meals are often an economical choice for lunches.

Telephone and Internet Café

You can access internet and email from the multimedia centre and from nearby internet cafés. There are public telephones 5 minutes on foot from the school. Students are advised to buy a phone card for long distance calls and to call at weekends and in the evenings as call rates are cheaper then.

Church/Mosque

There are churches of all religions and faiths close to the school. A list of these and their locations is in the welcome pack.

Cost of Living

We recommend that you budget £ 80-100 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 GBP

Sandwiches :	£1.50-3.00
Pizza/Pasta:	£3.00
Coffee:	£1.60
Tea:	£1.20
Beer:	£2.20
Wine:	£3.50



The student common room



The interior of the school is spacious and bright



Activities programme includes optional hikes in the magnificent Scottish Highlands



Exploring Edinburgh

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	Walk along the Royal Mile on a tour of Edinburgh
Wednesday	Visit the Scotch Whisky Heritage Centre
Thursday	Tour of the city's haunted underground vaults
Friday	International food night
Saturday	Day trip to the Highland Lochs and Glens

Week two

Monday	Movie night
Tuesday	Walk across the spectacular Forth Bridge
Wednesday	Ceilidh with traditional music
Thursday	Karaoke night
Friday	Traditional Scottish Dance evening
Saturday	Day trip to St. Andrews

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:
Jackie Simpson
Jackie is the overall manager of the school and is in charge of the smooth running of all its programmes and services.



Accommodation and Welfare Manager:
Elaine Hutton
Elaine is in charge of placing you in your chosen type of accommodation and can answer your questions about living in Edinburgh.



Director of Studies:
Rachele Walker
Rachele is responsible for the academic management of the school and oversees the teaching team.

Course Information

Courses and Services

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- English for Business
- Cambridge Exam Preparation (Dedicated FCE)
- Edinburgh Festival Course
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester
- University Placement Service
- Internships
- OPUS Paid Work and Study
- TOEIC Preparation

Sample Timetables

Class times are subject to change and can be on mornings some days of the week and afternoons on others. You should only use this timetable as an example of what type of structure to expect. Classes are from Monday to Friday.

Morning timetable

8.30 - 10.00	Class
10.00 - 10.15	Break
10.15 - 11.45	Class
11.45 - 12.15	Lunch
12.15 - 13.45	Class

Afternoon timetable

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

Transfer Information

Kaplan Aspect Transfers

Students should arrive at Edinburgh Airport where a driver will meet them to help with transportation. Kaplan Aspect Transfer Service must be arranged in advance.

Independent Transfers

Edinburgh Airport to city centre

Bus

Approximately every 10 minutes between 4.45am and midnight. Journey time: 25 minutes.

Airport taxis are also available.



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