

# 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.



Kaplan Aspect Edinburgh



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## School Facilities

### Classrooms

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

### Multimedia and IT centre

The multimedia centre at Kaplan Aspect Edinburgh has 12 computers complete with language learning programmes, e-mail 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

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

### 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 purchase 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 teacher and 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 08.45. 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 which 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 school and city
- 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 £25 book deposit and pen and paper for note-taking purposes.

## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

Weekly passes can be purchased 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 city 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 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 e-mail from the multimedia centre and from nearby internet cafes. There are public telephones 5 minutes on foot from the school. Students are advised to purchase 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



Students in 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](http://www.kaplanaspect.com)

### Week one

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

### Week two

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

## The Team

### Kaplan Aspect Edinburgh



**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 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
- Internships
- OPUS Paid Work and Study
- TOEIC Preparation

### Sample Timetables

This is an example of an A shift standard timetable. 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.

#### Morning timetable

8.30am - 10am: Class  
 10am - 10.15am: Break  
 10.15am - 11.45am: Class  
 11.45am - 12.30pm: Break  
 12pm - 1.30pm: Class

#### Afternoon timetable

12pm - 1.30pm: Class  
 1.30pm - 2pm: Break  
 2pm - 3.30pm: Class  
 3.30pm - 3.45pm: Break  
 3.45pm - 5.15pm: Class

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Aspect transfers

Students should arrive at Edinburgh Airport where a driver will meet them to help with transportation. Kaplan Aspect School 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 is 25 minutes to city centre.

Airport taxis are also available.



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