

Kaplan Aspect Oxford

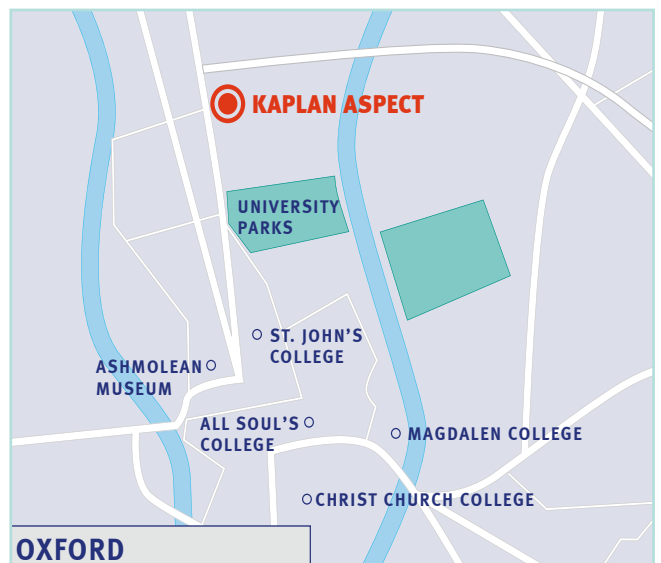
Kaplan Aspect Oxford invites students to study English on one of their many courses in the historic city of Oxford, home to the world's oldest English-speaking university.

Within easy reach of London by bus or train, Oxford's city centre bustles with interesting shops, lively markets and a wide range of galleries and museums. For relaxation there is lots to do including river punting, leisurely strolls through Christchurch Meadow, visiting Oxford colleges or enjoying the atmosphere of a traditional pub.

Kaplan Aspect Oxford is housed in an attractive Edwardian building with 3 floors and a modern, prize winning extension. The school is situated just 10 minutes north of Oxford's city centre and has a beautiful garden and courtyard at the back of the building: the perfect area for summer barbeques and sporting activities.



Kaplan Aspect Oxford



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School Facilities

Classrooms

We have 10 classrooms which are spacious, bright and airy, each seating up to 15 students. All rooms are complete with either tables and chairs or study chairs and a whiteboard. There are televisions, videos and overhead projectors available for lessons.

Multimedia and IT centre

The school has a multimedia room with 16 computers and a vast collection of learning software for students to use.

Library

There is a library in the school with text books, self-study materials, magazines and a wide range of novels and short stories.

Cafeteria

There is a campus café with seating for up to 60 students, making it a popular meeting point and a great place to eat. As well as food and drink, the café offers a free wireless hotspot and digital TV.

Student Lounge

There is a separate common room on the third floor where students can access computers for their email and the Internet.

Sports facilities

The activities coordinator can help with organising sports events.

Gym facilities

Students can join the local Marston Ferry Club for indoor sports and fitness training.

Activities/Social Programme

Our full time Social Organiser helps ensure that students get as much out of their stay in Oxford as possible. We regularly survey our students to make sure that we offer the programmes you want!



Kaplan Aspect students in the classroom



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 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 area
- An overview of school activities and excursions
- An introduction to the Multimedia Centre
- A tour of the school, and 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, £25 book deposit and pen and paper for note-taking purposes and 2 small photographs.

Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

Weekly passes can be purchased for the local bus service which can save you time and money. Buses from the school go directly to the city centre and arrive approximately every 5 - 10 minutes.

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 is also a main post office in the city. Post office boxes are red and located on many street corners.

Restaurants and cafés

There are many different restaurants, cafés and pubs located near to the school.

Department stores and supermarkets

There are supermarkets and shops located within walking distance of the school.

Telephone and Internet Café

You can access the Internet and your email in the common room, but if you bring your laptop you can access the same service anywhere in the school with our free wireless Internet service. There is also a public telephone in the café. Students are advised to purchase 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 close to the school. A list of these is available at the school.

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in GBP

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| Sandwiches | £2.00 |
| Pizza/pasta (snack) | £2.50 |
| Tea | £1.00 |
| Coffee | £1.50 |
| Pub meal | £5.50 |

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| Bus Tickets | |
| 1 week | £17.00 |
| 1 month | £46.00 |



The school garden area



Outside of the school café



Reception



Oxford view

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

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| Monday | Welcome new students! |
| Tuesday | Ultimate Frisbee |
| Wednesday | Trip to Oxford museum (day), Theatre trip (evening) |
| Thursday | Football |
| Friday | Film Club |
| Saturday | Trip to Stonehenge |

Week two

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| Monday | Welcome new students! |
| Tuesday | Ice skating |
| Wednesday | DVD afternoon |
| Thursday | Quiz |
| Friday | Visit to Christchurch College, Oxford University |
| Saturday | Trip to Stratford, Shakespeare's birth place |

The Team

Kaplan Aspect Oxford



Principal:
Neil Harvey
Neil looks after the whole school and can help with advice on future studies and other courses.



School Administrator:
Katie Wallis
Katie is here to help you with any part of your course that is not academic or accommodation - if you want to upgrade your programme then she is the best person to talk to.



Director of Studies:
Anna Stanton
Anna looks after the students' study programmes and manages the teaching team. She is the best person to talk to if you have a question about your current course.



School Administrator:
Kate Phillips
Kate is our Social Organiser, who will help you make the most of your free time in Oxford by arranging activities and excursions for you to take part in.



Accommodation Manager:
Tania Minto
Tania is responsible for all the accommodation services that the school provides, both residential and homestay. She will help you with any issues you have about your stay in Oxford.

Course Information

Courses and Services

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- English for Business
- IELTS Preparation (Dedicated / Supplementary)
- Beginners Course (Intensive)
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester
- University Placement
- Internship
- OPUS Paid Work and Study
- Pre-sessional University Preparation

Sample Timetables

This is an example of an A shift standard timetable. Class times are subject to change and you should only use this timetable as an example of what type of structure to expect.

Morning timetable

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| 8.45am - 10.15am: | Class |
| 10.15am - 10.30am: | Break |
| 10.30am - 12pm: | Class |
| 12pm - 12.45pm: | Break |
| 12.45pm - 2.15pm: | Elective Class |

Transfer Information

Kaplan Aspect transfers

Airport transfer information: Students should arrive at Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted or Luton Airport. A driver will meet students at the airport to assist with transportation.

Kaplan Aspect School Transfer Service should be scheduled in advance.

Independent Transfers

London Heathrow Airport to Oxford

'The Airline' Bus

Departs LHR Central Bus Station – approximately every 30 minutes from 06:30 - 24:00

Departs LHR Terminal 4 – approximately every 30 minutes from 06:10 until 23.10

Journey time: 1.5 hrs to 2 hrs; Tickets: £17 single, £20 open return

London Gatwick Airport to Oxford

'The Airline' Bus

Departs South or North Terminal approximately every hour from 04:00 - 24:00

Journey time: 2 hrs to 2.5 hrs; Tickets: £21 single, £28 open return

London Stansted Airport to Oxford

National Express Coach

Departs from Stansted Airport every 20-30 minutes from 04:00 - 22:40

Journey time: approx. 4 hours (including 40 minute wait in London); Tickets: £23 single, £34 return

Central London to Oxford

Oxford Express or the Oxford Tube

Both depart from London Victoria Coach Station approximately every 15 minutes

Journey time: 1.30 - 2hrs; Tickets: £12 single, £17 return

British Rail

The Oxford trains depart from London Paddington Station every 30 minutes

Journey time: 1 hour; Tickets: Single £20.50; Day return £39.30



Bodleian Library