

## Kaplan International Oxford



We welcome you to Kaplan International Oxford to study English in this historical city, home to the world's oldest English-speaking university.

Within easy reach of London, Oxford 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 International 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 city centre and has a beautiful garden and patio at the back of the building: the perfect area for summer barbeques and social activities. The school also boasts a lively cafe with a friendly atmosphere for our varied student population.



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## School Facilities

### Classrooms

There are 11 classrooms which are contemporary and bright. Each room can seat a maximum of 15 students. All classrooms are well-equipped with Interactive Whiteboards, bringing the latest technology into the which make full use of our learning materials, K+ notes.

### K+ Study Center & Study Hub

Our recently refurbished Study Center is a self-access resource center staffed by our Study Center Managers. Students get help with homework or private study and borrow from our wide selection of text books, novels and DVDs. Students can also attend our K+ clubs, workshops on specific topics for extra help e.g. IELTS speaking practice. Students can practice their English with our own learning website, K+ tools, in the Study Hub. With over 25 computers, there is plenty of availability and the computers can be also be used for leisure e.g. facebook, emails, skype etc.

### Structured Study Center

Students can ask Study Center Managers questions about grammar, homework or private study, and borrow from our wide selection of text books, novels and DVDs. There are structured study clubs to get extra help with different aspects of English e.g. IELTS speaking practice, and computers can be reserved for K+ Online content.

### Café

There is a full cafe service with regular menu and specials everyday. Students can choose from hot meals, hot sandwiches e.g. panini, salads, snacks, and cakes as well as hot and cold drinks. The food is well priced and good value for money. Our vegetarian and Muslim students are also well catered for with good vegetarian and halal options. This area also has a large TV, playstation and board games.

### Garden

We have a large, beautiful garden with lots of space and furniture to relax and socialise with friends on hot summer days. There are also frequent evening barbeques throughout the summer. There's also table tennis and table football.

### Social programme

Our Social Programme Manager helps ensure that students get as much out of their stay in Oxford as possible. There is always something to do on the schedule. As well as sight-seeing and sporting activities. We also have a varied selection of free or inexpensive in-school activities. We always ask our students to let us know what activities they are interested in to plan the programs you want.

### Sports Facilities

We run many sports activities on the social programme. There are also many public parks which can be used for sports activities. The social programme manager can help students join a local gym.

### Your first day

Please bring your passport and Kaplan documents on the first day. Arrive at the school for 8.15am and come to the school reception. Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a public holiday, in which case your first day will be Tuesday. Your course will begin with an all-day introduction that will include:

- A Placement Test to determine the starting level of your course. (You will be tested on reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar and vocabulary)
- A walking tour of Oxford
- A welcome talk by the Principal, Student Services Manager, Accommodation Manager & Social Programme Manager
- A presentation from the Director of Studies about your Academic course
- An introduction to K+ Clubs
- Information about the school and area
- A presentation of the social programme
- A tour of the school and facilities
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

You will also receive your class schedule with study level, elective class information (Intensive course) so you know when to attend class. You will be placed in the most suitable class for your level of English. This could be in the morning or afternoon. There is a system available to change the time of your class according to availability.

### School Timetable

Class times are subject to change and you should only use this timetable as an example of what type of structure to expect. Students will have a morning or afternoon main class. If the student is on an intensive course they will also have either elective 1 or 2.

#### Daily timetable - Monday to Friday

8:30 - 10:00 Class  
 10:00 - 10:15 Break  
 10:15 - 11:45 Class  
 11.45 - 11:50 Short Break  
 11.50 - 13.05 Elective 1  
 13.05 - 13.10 Short Break  
 13.10 - 14:25 Elective 2  
 14:25 - 14:30 Short Break  
 14:30 - 16:00 Class  
 16:00 - 16:15 Break  
 16:15 - 17:45 Class

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## Local Information

### Areas of Interest

**Summertown:** Just 5-10 minutes walk north of the school is an area known as Summertown. Here there are many cafes, restaurants, supermarkets and other shops.

**Jericho:** About 15 minutes south of the school is Jericho. This is an area known for its cool bars and restaurants and also includes an art-house cinema.

**Cowley:** Close to the residence in the south of Oxford is Cowley. This area has many different types of restaurants and pubs. It also has a cinema and a live music venue.

### Public transport - Buses

Weekly passes can be bought for the local bus service which can save you time and money. There are bus-stops immediately outside the school. Buses from the school go either directly to the city center or north to many homestays every 5 - 10 minutes.

### Banks and post Office

There are many banks in the city center. You can change money in banks and also many large high street shops e.g. Marks & Spencer, Debenhams. There is also a main post office in the city as well as many local ones near to your homestay. Post boxes are red and located in many streets.

### Restaurants and Cafés

Oxford has a wide variety of restaurants, cafés and pubs in many places around the city.

### Department stores and supermarkets

There is a main high street in the town center with department stores and shops. Many supermarkets are within walking distance of the residence or homestay.

### Wifi access and SIM cards

There is excellent free Wifi throughout the school and garden. You can also access the internet in the Study Hub. We have free SIM cards for students if they would like a UK telephone number during their stay for cheaper phonecalls.

### Places of worship

There are places of worship for all religions and faiths in Oxford. A list of these and their locations is posted in the school.

### Cost of Living (Approximate prices in GBP)

#### School Café prices

Hot meals or salads - £5  
Sandwiches - £3-3.50  
Soft drink & water £1  
(50p with meal)  
Hot drinks £1-2  
Smoothies £2.50  
Cake £2 / Croissants £1  
Fruit 50p

#### Outside school

Lunch in restaurant - £6-8  
Panini - £4  
Coffee/tea - £2.80  
Cappucino/Latte - £3.80  
Snacks 80p- £1.20

#### Bus passes

1 week - £15.50  
1 month - £51.75



The school garden



The school garden



Outside the school café



The school café

## Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample program and activities may change.

### Week one

Monday	Welcome tour of Oxford - free
Tuesday	Visit to Oxford Colleges - from £2
Wednesday	Theatre trip - £11
Thursday	Ice Skating Disco - £7.60 with student card
Friday	Bowling - £6
Saturday	Trip to London - £25
Sunday	Trip to Bath & Stonehenge £40

### Week two

Monday	Welcome drinks - Free
Tuesday	Cinema night- £8 with Student card
Wednesday	Salsa Dancing - £5 with Student card
Thursday	Visit to Natural History Museum - free
Friday	Football £5
Saturday	Trip to Cambridge - £35
Sunday	Trip to Brighton - £35

Full day excursions range from £25 to £45.

Weekend trips range from £115 to £195.

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## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Transfers

Students should arrive at Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton or Stansted Airport. A driver will meet students at the airport to help with transportation. Kaplan Transfer Service must be arranged in advance. Transfer Service prices for 2015 are: Heathrow £140 (one way), Gatwick £195 (one way), Luton £195 (one way), Stansted £200 (one way) and St. Pancras £185 (one way).

### Independent Transfers

For students who prefer to organize their own transport from the airport, National Express runs coach services to Oxford from most of the major airports. See the National Express website for more details: [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

#### London Heathrow Airport to Oxford

**National Express Coach**

Journey time: 2–2.5 hours.

See [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

#### London Gatwick Airport to Oxford

**National Express Coach**

Journey time: 2.5–3 hours.

See [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

#### London Luton Airport to Oxford

**National Express Coach**

Journey time: 2–2.5 hours.

See [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

#### Stansted Airport to Oxford

**National Express Coach**

Journey time: 3.5–4.5 hours.

See [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

#### Central London to Oxford

**Oxford Tube/City Link Coach**

Journey time: 1hr40–2 hrs.

See [www.oxfordtube.com](http://www.oxfordtube.com)

**Train**

Journey time: 1 hour

See [www.nationalrail.com](http://www.nationalrail.com)



Sightseeing in Oxford



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