



Kaplan International College

# Bath



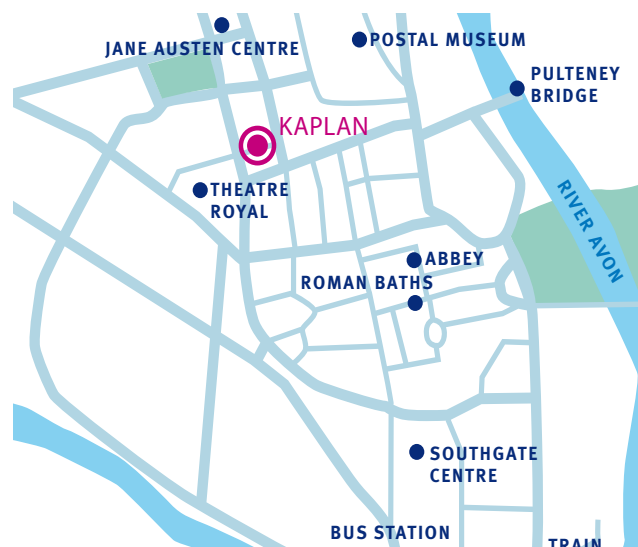
Welcome to Kaplan International College in Bath. The college is set in beautiful buildings, offers a comprehensive range of courses and excellent learning facilities, and benefits from a great location in the heart of the scenic city of Bath.

Bath is one of the most important historical cities in Britain, famous for its stunning Georgian architecture, Roman Baths and glorious valley setting. Like Oxford and Cambridge, Bath is a university city offering an enormous range of cultural attractions and a lively student community. One of the most visited, best-preserved cities in Britain, Bath combines period splendour with a modern and dynamic city centre. Go punting on the river Avon, visit one of the many independent restaurants and shops, or take a trip to the nearby lively commercial centre of Bristol with its shopping area, renowned music scene and famous zoo.

Our Bath college is based in comfortable historical buildings right in the heart of the city, less than one minute's walk away from shops, cafés and restaurants. Pleasantly furnished classrooms are complemented by a computer centre and library, together with a common room where students can relax over a cup of tea or coffee. A tranquil courtyard garden offers a sanctuary in which to work or socialise outside.



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## College Facilities

### Classrooms

There are 6 attractive classrooms in our main building. The classrooms have many charming original features which reflect the historic character of the college.

### Study Centre

Students have access to computers for e-mail, internet and practice activities. There is also a library of study material, graded readers and DVDs which students can borrow.

### University Information Centre

We have a library of information about UK universities and the courses they offer, with advice on who to contact if you require further help in choosing and applying for a course.

### Common room

There is a student common room with a large-screen TV. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate are available in reception for 50p.

### Courtyard garden

There is a pleasant courtyard garden allowing students to work or socialise outside.

### Cafeteria

The college 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 in the outside courtyard garden in nice weather.

### Sports facilities

Bath offers many green spaces where students can enjoy games of football and other outdoor activities. Sports such as golf and horse riding can be arranged through the college social activities programme.

### Gym facilities

Students can become members of the local leisure centre, and can pay to visit the gym in the nearby YMCA.

### Activities/Social Programme

A full and varied social programme is organised each week. Please see overleaf for an example timetable.



### Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the college reception at 9.15am. 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:

- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments
- A Placement Test to determine the level of the course you require
- A welcome talk by the Principal or Director of Studies
- Information about your classes
- Information about the college and area
- An overview of college activities and excursions
- An introduction to the Study Centre
- A tour of the college and facilities
- A walking tour of Bath (weather and time-permitting)

You will also receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, Specific Skills 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 documents, your passport, £100 bike deposit (if applicable) and pen and paper for note-taking purposes.

### College Timetable

Class times are subject to change and you should only use this timetable as an example of what type of structure to expect. During peak times you will have either a morning timetable or an afternoon timetable.

#### Peak times

Morning timetable		Afternoon timetable
8.30 - 10.00	Class	14.15 - 13.45 Elective
10.00 - 10.15	Break	13.45 - 14.15 Break
10.15 - 11.45	Class	14.15 - 15.45 Class
11.45 - 12.45	Lunch	15.45 - 16.00 Break
13.45 - 15.15	Elective	16.00 - 17.30 Class

#### Off-peak times

9.15 - 10.45	Class
10.45 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 12.45	Class
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch
13.45 - 15.15	Elective

Please note, your first classroom lesson will be on Tuesday.

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## Local Information

### Transport - buses

Weekly passes can be bought for the local bus service which can save you time and money. The college is in the city centre and there are a number of bus stops within a five-minute walk.

### Banks and Post Office

Banks and the central Post Office are within 200m of the college. Always remember to change money and cheques in banks. Post boxes are red and located on many street corners.

### Restaurants and cafés

There are many different restaurants, sandwich bars and cafés located near to the college.

### Department stores and supermarkets

There are supermarkets and shops located within walking distance of the college. Supermarket meals are often an economical choice for lunches.

### Telephone and Internet Café

You can access Internet and email in the college and from nearby Internet cafés. The college has free wireless Internet access for students. There are public telephones located 50m from the college. Students are advised to buy a phone card for long distance calls and to call on weekends and evenings as call rates are cheaper then.

### Places of worship

There are places of worship for all religions and faiths close to the college. A list of these and their locations is posted at the college.



College interior



Classroom



Bath Abbey



The Royal Crescent

### Cost of Living

#### Approximate prices in GBP

Sandwiches	£2.00	Tickets:	
Salad Bowls	£3.00	Cinema	£6.00
Pizza	£5.00	Bus pass	
Tea	£1.00	(per week)	£17.00
Pasta dishes	£6.00	(per month)	£64.00
Coffee	£1.50		
Rice dishes	£6.00		
Hamburger	£3.00		
Hot Chocolate	£1.50		
Chicken burger	£3.50		
Cold cans	£0.80		

### Sample Activities Schedule

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

#### Week one

Tuesday	Volleyball in the park - free
Wednesday	Pub skittles - free but pay for your own drinks
Friday	Half-day trip to Stonehenge and Salisbury - £20
Saturday	Full-day trip to Oxford - £20

#### Week two

Tuesday	Boat trip to the pub - £5 plus your own food and drink
Wednesday	Show at the local theatre - £7.50
Friday	Half-day trip to Bradford-on-Avon - £5
Saturday	Full-day trip to Cardiff - £20

Half-day excursions range from £5 to £20.

Full-day excursions range from £15 to £40.

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## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Transfers

Students should arrive at Bristol, 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 2011 are: Bristol £85 (one way), Heathrow £160 (one way), Gatwick £190 (one way).

### Independent Transfers

#### Bristol Airport to Bath

##### Bus/Train

Airport bus from the airport to Bristol Temple Meads station (every 15 minutes, cost from £6 one way), followed by First Great Western train service to Bath Spa (trains approx. every 20 minutes, cost approx. £5 one way). Journey time: 1 hour approx.

#### London Heathrow Airport to Bath

##### Coach

National Express coach departs London Heathrow Central Bus Station approx. every 90 minutes. First coach is at 07.05 and last coach is at 23.40. Journey time: 2.5 - 3 hours. Tickets cost £21.20 one way.

#### London Gatwick Airport to Bath

##### Coach

National Express coach departs from South or North Terminal Coach Station approx. every two hours. First coach is at 06.45 and last coach is at 21.45. Journey time: 4 - 5 hours. Tickets cost £25.00 one way.

#### London Luton Airport to Bath

##### Coach

National Express coach departs from Bus Station outside Terminal approx. every 1-2 hours from 06.30 until 21.00. Journey time: 4.5 - 5 hours. Tickets cost £27.00 one way.

#### London Stansted Airport to Bath

##### Coach

National Express coach departs every hour from the Coach Station from 05.45 until 21.00. Journey time: approx. 5 hours. Tickets cost £29.00 one way.

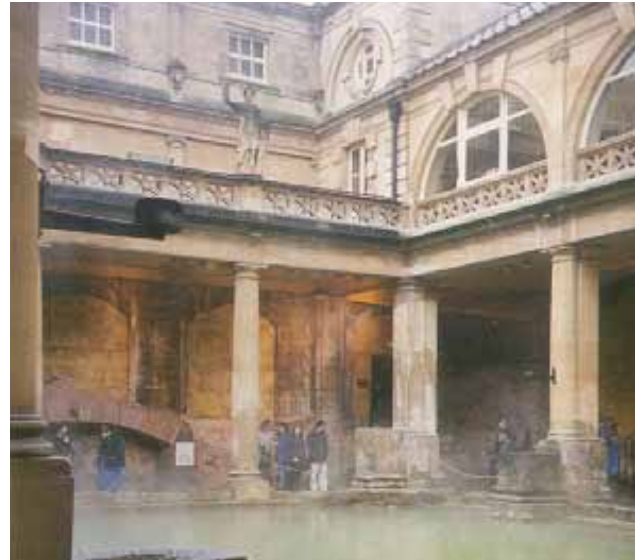
#### Central London to Bath

##### Coach

National Express coach departs London Victoria Coach Station approx. every 90 minutes from 08.00 until 23.00. Journey time: 3.5 - 4 hrs. Tickets cost £21.20 one way.

##### Train

Trains to Bath depart from London Paddington station every 30 minutes from 07.00 until 23.00. Journey time: 90 minutes. Prices vary greatly depending on how far in advance the ticket is booked.



The Roman Baths