

# Kaplan Aspect Harvard Square

The city of Cambridge lies just across the Charles River from Boston and is home to two of the world's most prestigious academic institutions: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Harvard University, the oldest university in the US. We are right in the heart of this prominent intellectual city, within walking distance of both Harvard and MIT. Our school offers up-to-the-minute facilities including a computer center, free internet access and spacious classrooms. Harvard square and it's surrounding streets are lined with bookshops, boutiques and numerous open-air cafes where students can read, play chess or enjoy being entertained by visiting street performers.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Harvard Square school and we are sure that you will enjoy your studies in Cambridge. Students come to our school for the scholarly atmosphere of studying close to so many great institutions and for our intimate setting that allows the students to really connect with their teachers and staff. Students here also have access to an extensive library of structured study materials, which include practice iBT TOEFL exams and ELLIS, the premier pronunciation software package for English language learners.

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Kaplan Aspect is a member of AAIEP (American Association of Intensive English Programs), TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and NAFSA (Association for International Educators).



Harvard Square



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## School Facilities

### Classrooms

There are 5 spacious classrooms, with access to TVs and projectors.

### Multimedia and IT centre

There is a computer lab and media lab with individual cubicles, some of which contain televisions, DVD players and headphones. The school offers free wireless internet access and 15 computer terminals. The multimedia centre is an integral part of your learning. Lessons are taught in the lab using the latest software.

### Library

Our library has a wide selection ESL books and materials and we are planning to expand the selection to include foreign language books and fictional novels.

### Student Lounge

The student lounge includes a refrigerator, microwave, tables and a couch. There are also two vending machines in the school and facilities for students to make hot drinks.

### Cafeteria

Kaplan Aspect Harvard Square is surrounded by many cafés, eateries and parks and we are a short walking distance from many ethnic and American restaurants and diners.

### Sports facilities

There are numerous parks with basketball courts and tennis courts and students are able to play soccer on MIT's fields.

### Gym facilities

There are no gym facilities at Kaplan Aspect Harvard Square, but there are 4 gyms within a 5 minute walk of the center that students can join at special student rates.

### Activities/Social Programme

There is a wide choice of activities available to students that come to study at our Harvard Square school. Popular activities include weekend trips to New York City, ski resorts, beaches, outlet shopping malls, tours of Harvard University and MIT campus, tours of the Museum of Fine Arts, Institute of Contemporary Art, Museum of Science and New England Aquarium, free festivals, free lectures by MIT and Harvard professors and scholars, and outdoor concerts.



Reception



Kaplan Aspect Harvard Square Entrance

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you should arrive at the school at 9:15 am. Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a national holiday on the Monday - in which case your first day will be Tuesday. Your course will begin with an all-day introduction, which will include:

### Monday

- 9:30-10:00 Check-in  
(go over orientation papers)
- 10:00-10:15 Introduction and School Tour
- 10:15-11:15 Kaplan Aspect Placement Test
- 11:15 -11:30 Break
- 11:30 - 12:15 Academic Talk  
(receive books and schedules)
- 12:15-12:30 F-1 Visa Talk  
(governmental and Kaplan policies)
- 12:30-13:00 Activities and Housing Talk

### Tuesday

- 14:00-18:00 iGRE/iGMAT Orientation

### Please bring with you to orientation:

- Your I-20 or your student (F-1) Visa
- Your Passport, with the I-94 card attached (this is a small white piece of paper you will receive upon arrival to the US)
- USD 50 book deposit
- Your Course Payment/Voucher, if available
- Your US address
- Your Proof of Health Insurance (if you did not purchase Kaplan insurance)

## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) is an extensive transportation system that encompasses the majority of the Boston and Cambridge area. The Cambridge center is conveniently located two blocks away from the Central Sq. stop on the red line, which is one of the MBTA's fastest lines. From there students can connect to Boston's Logan International Airport, and North and South Stations, which house the commuter rail trains that can take students as far as Providence, Rhode Island and to Northern Massachusetts.

### Banks and Post Office

There is a Bank of America and Citizen's Bank located steps away from the center in the same block, and the post office is directly across the street from the center.

### Department stores and supermarkets

There are several department stores within walking distance including The Gap, Pearl's Arts and Crafts, Foot Locker, as well as Urban Outfitters, the Harvard Book Store, The COOP at MIT, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Newbury Comics, The Adidas Store, Crate and Barrel, CVS pharmacy, the Brattle St. movie theatre and the Kendall Sq. Cinema, and many small boutiques and independently owned stores.

Cambridge is world renown for great local grocers with an assortment of fresh, organic foods at reasonable prices. There are two natural food supermarkets within a 5-minute walk from the school. Harvard Square also has a lively marketplace with an atmosphere wonderfully conducive to the art of shopping.

### Telephone and Internet Café

The Kaplan Aspect schools provides students with wireless internet and nearby cafés and bookstores also have wireless internet capability.

### Church / Mosque

There are several churches within walking distance of the school including Catholic and Protestant, and there is a mosque about a ten-minute walk away, close to MIT.



A Harvard College



Boston City

## 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

- Monday Orientation
- Wednesday Conversation Club
- Thursday Free Yoga Class at MIT
- Friday Baseball Game
- Saturday Trip to Cape Cod

### Week two

- Monday Free Ice Cream trip
- Tuesday Visit the Institute of Contemporary Art
- Wednesday Movie Night
- Thursday Free Boon Reading with an author at the Harvard Book Store
- Friday Tour of Harvard University

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

Sandwich	\$5
Lunch	\$7- \$8
Hamburger	\$4
Meal in restaurant	\$10 - \$20
Tea/Coffee	\$1.50
Movie	\$8
Bus	\$1.25
Weekly MBTA (subway) pass	\$15
Monthly MBTA (subway) pass	\$59

## English Programs Manager Kaplan Aspect Harvard Square



### English Programs Manager: Emily Daniels

Hi, my name is Em and I am here to help with whatever you need while you are studying in the US. Whether your goal is to attend a US university, or run an international business, or learn English for academic reasons I am here to help make your stay comfortable and your goals successful.



### International Student Services Coordinator: Sung Chu

Hi! My name is Sung and I'll be happy to help you with housing, visa issues, and anything else that that can make your time at Harvard Square as smooth as possible.



### Academic Coordinator: Scott Dirks

My name is Scott and I'm here to help you with any questions you have about your classes. I want to share my passion for learning with you, and look forward to meeting you at Kaplan Aspect Harvard Square!

## Course Information

### Courses

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- TOEFL iBT and Academic English
- iGMAT/iGRE
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester

### Services

- University Placement Service

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Aspect transfers

#### Airport Transportation Company

The nearest airport is Logan International Airport.

#### Where to wait for airport transportation pick-up?

There will be someone from New England Coach waiting for you outside, after you have claimed your luggage. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it.

#### What to do in case you cannot find the airport transportation company?

Please call the Kaplan Emergency Contact

#### Emergency Contact Information

Telephone Number: +1-617-835-0945

### Independent Transfers

The distance from the airport to the center: 15 minutes (by pick up service), 30 minutes (by public transportation).

New England Coach, 1-800-609-1402



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