

## **Press release**

# **University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations and Kaplan Aspect sign agreement**

### ***Collaboration will lead to expansion in access to Cambridge ESOL English language qualifications***

2 November, 2009, London – University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations and Kaplan Aspect have signed an agreement for Kaplan Aspect to run a number of Cambridge ESOL's computer-based English tests at Kaplan Aspect schools throughout the UK and Ireland.

University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations provides a world-leading range of certificates for learners and teachers of English. Kaplan Aspect provides English language and university preparation programmes. This agreement will give thousands of Kaplan Aspect students access to the Cambridge ESOL qualifications, starting in January 2010.

Cambridge ESOL is offering a growing number of exams that can be taken as computer-based tests, making it possible to add more exam dates, shorten registration times, and speed up access to results with scores available three weeks after the test.

Kaplan Aspect schools are located in nine key cities and towns throughout the UK and have a strong tradition of delivering English Language Training programmes. Many of these schools have provided exam training courses for Cambridge Examinations for years. Each school has state-of-the-art IT and wireless facilities including the latest animation and media software, and advanced encryption for high security for the computer-based exams.

"Being able to prove your English language skills in challenging economic times can be the difference between taking that next step or not," explains Sean Hayde, Cambridge ESOL's Head of Sales. "Whether for exam preparation, work or study, it is more important than ever for students to have access to internationally accepted language qualifications as part of their progression and we look forward to working with Kaplan Aspect on this project."

"Partnering with Cambridge ESOL to support the expansion of their computer-based tests at our centres is an exciting step for Kaplan Aspect," said Erez Tocker Managing Director of Kaplan Aspect Europe. "With quality at the core of our programmes, we have been helping students achieve their educational and career goals for more than 40 years. We are thrilled to be working with the gold standard of qualifications for students and teachers of English."

Kaplan Aspect and Cambridge ESOL are looking forward to developing further links and projects together in the coming months.



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### **About Kaplan Aspect**

Kaplan Aspect, which will be rebranded as Kaplan International Colleges starting in January, 2010, has more than 40 years of experience in providing first-class international education. With students from 120 countries studying in over 50 locations around the world, Kaplan Aspect offers a wide range of English training programmes, exam preparation, summer schools, university foundation and pre masters programmes, internship placement, student accommodation and other student services. Kaplan Aspect is part of Kaplan, Inc., a leading international provider of educational and career services for individuals, schools and businesses. For more information, please visit [www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com).

### **About Cambridge ESOL**

Cambridge ESOL offers the world's leading range of certificates for learners and teachers of English - taken by over 3 million people in 130 countries. They help people gain entrance to university or college, improve job prospects or measure progress in English. More than 9,500 employers, universities and government bodies around the world recognise Cambridge ESOL qualifications. For more information visit: <http://www.cambridgeesol.org/>

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