

## University of Sheffield and Kaplan to Create New Sheffield International College

The University of Sheffield and Kaplan, a leading provider of educational programmes worldwide, have this week signed a formal agreement to establish Sheffield International College.

Based on the University's new North Campus, Sheffield International College will provide a range of intensive, high quality academic preparation programmes designed specifically for international students seeking entry to the University. The first intake for Sheffield International College will be in September 2006.

Sheffield International College will provide Foundation Studies and Graduate Diploma (pre-Masters) qualifications in two areas of study: business, law and social sciences; and science and engineering. The college's programmes combine academic subjects with intensive English language training. The programmes will prepare students for a wide range of degree programmes at the University of Sheffield.

Professor Bob Boucher, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sheffield, said: "The establishment of Sheffield International College represents an exciting opportunity for talented students from around the world to gain entry to the University of Sheffield. From its roots in 1828, the University has achieved a proud record of academic excellence and is today one of the UK's leading teaching and research universities. Sheffield International College will reinforce the University's position as a destination for the most able from around the world."

Charles Hall, Managing Director of Kaplan International Colleges, said: "We are delighted to be working with the University of Sheffield to create Sheffield International College. We are committed to helping students achieve their goals by providing high quality academic programmes in a supportive and friendly environment. With access to the University's extensive facilities, students at the College are assured of a highly rewarding student experience."

Kaplan International Colleges provides academic preparation programmes designed specifically to meet the needs of international students in the UK. The programmes provide students with a solid academic foundation in their chosen area combined with intensive English language preparation and academic study skills.

Notes to Editors:

The University of Sheffield is one of the UK's leading and largest universities, and a member of the Russell Group. It has over 24,000 students from 116 countries. With its reputation for world-class teaching and research excellence across a wide range of disciplines, it has well-established partnerships with a number of universities both in the UK and abroad, as well as with many leading UK and global companies.

Kaplan International Colleges is a subsidiary of Kaplan, Inc., an education services provider that offers higher education, professional training, test preparation, services for schools and after-school learning programmes. Kaplan, which had 2004 revenues of more than US\$1.1 billion, is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Washington Post Company (NYSE: WPO). In 2004, through a collaboration with Nottingham Trent University, Kaplan formed Nottingham Trent International College. For more information about Kaplan, please visit [www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com).

Further information on the programmes at Sheffield International College is at [www.sic.org.uk](http://www.sic.org.uk).

For further information please contact Danielle Reeves at the University of Sheffield on +44 (0)114 222 5339 or email: [d.reeves@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:d.reeves@sheffield.ac.uk). Alternatively, contact Greg Moore / Rachel Hall at Four Communications on +44 (0)870 420 3217.

