Appleton Tower is located within what is referred to as the Central Area South Campus of Edinburgh University and extremely well served by bus. The building is within approx 1 mile of the city centre and within three quarters of a mile of the main student residences at Pollock Halls.

The nearest railway line is at Waverley Station in the city centre.

The main pedestrian access to Appleton Tower is on Crichton Street, which lies between Chapel Street and George Square.

Persons with mobility difficulties arriving by vehicle can access Appleton Tower via Chapel Street - turning right into Windmill Street. The larger of the car parks is off to the left, but disabled parking is available in the car park immediately to the right.

Bus stops on Buccleuch Street are approximately 150 yards and 80 yards from Windmill Street, if heading North and South respectively.

Appleton Tower is located at Number 31 on the map below.