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**International
House**
Bristol

Welcome to Bristol

- A brilliant place to study

Named “Best place to live in the UK 2017” by The Sunday Times Magazine, Bristol is a friendly, safe, attractive city with a long and colourful history.

With a population of 500,000, it’s the cultural and commercial capital of the South West.

It’s home to a diverse community of artists, musicians, media, financial and high tech companies.

Bristol has two excellent universities, hundreds of pubs and restaurants, both modern and traditional, museums, cinemas and green spaces. Bristol was European Green Capital in 2015.

For “shopaholics”, Cabot Circus shopping centre and St Nicholas Market have everything you need.

There’s always something going in Bristol - music festivals, Europe’s largest hot air balloon festival, a harbour festival, food festivals and more.

For sports and outdoor activity fans, Bristol has two football teams, a rugby club, gyms, swimming pools, climbing, horse riding, mountain biking and a watersports centre in the harbour.

Bristol is surrounded by places of interest: Bath, Oxford, Cardiff, Stonehenge and Stratford-Upon-Avon are all close and London is just 90 minutes away by train.





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We sum the city up
as cool, classy and
supremely creative

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THE SUNDAY TIMES
2017



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BRISTOL'S "TOP FIVE" THINGS TO SEE AND DO

- › **Clifton Suspension Bridge and SS Great Britain** – Brunel's iconic Bristol landmark and the world's first iron ocean-going liner
- › **Explore the historic floating harbour** – on foot, by bike, by ferry! Discover Bristol's maritime history while enjoying the huge variety of harbourside pubs and restaurants.
- › **Visit a museum or art gallery** – M-shed, The Arnolfini, @Bristol and more – take your pick
- › **Go to a free festival** – The International Balloon Festival, Harbour Festival, St Paul's Carnival ...
- › **Do a graffiti tour** – Bristol is the home of "Banksy" and many of his original pieces can still be seen (if you know where to look!)



About IH Bristol

Established in 1987, our two centres are located in Clifton – one of Bristol's most popular and elegant areas, which is also home to Bristol University.

Mainly residential, Clifton also has a huge variety of shops and restaurants. It's a safe and friendly environment and there's a definite "student vibe" in the air.

The city centre/harbour is a 15-minute walk. There are also frequent bus services to all parts of Bristol.

The school has a warm and friendly atmosphere and is fully equipped with comfortable seating, interactive whiteboards, computers & free wi-fi access.

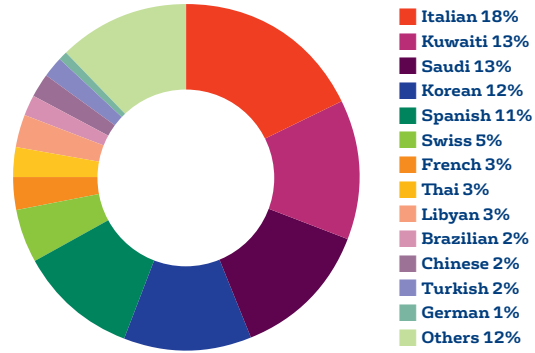
Both centres have a students' room and large private gardens – ideal for summer barbecues, parties and outdoor activities, so everyone gets to know each other from their first day.





NATIONALITY MIX

Jan 2014 – Dec 2016



We have capacity for over 100 students, spread across nine classrooms, so as well as offering programmes for individuals, we can also accommodate groups throughout the year.

All students can use our free study room. It's available every afternoon after classes from Monday to Thursday and includes a tutor on hand to guide you.

E-LEARNING / SELF STUDY

All our students can use our e-learning programme from the time they enrol with us until three months after the end of their course. This blended course helps students to make greater progress and to track their improvements while they are studying. The extensive online materials can help with General, Intensive, One-to-One and Exam courses and allow every student to make the most of their time at IH Bristol.

FREE EXERCISES

Available via our website and phone app, there are hundreds of free exercises to practise your grammar, vocabulary and use of phrases, or answer questions as they will be presented in the Cambridge ESOL exams. You won't find these anywhere else.

EXAMS

If you're interested in taking an exam, we're an official Cambridge, IELTS and Trinity exam centre, so you can take your exam here at IH Bristol!

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Elegant, leafy and filled with chic boutiques, cosy cafes, beautiful buildings and iconic attractions, such as Clifton Suspension Bridge and Bristol Zoo Gardens, Clifton is one of Bristol's most exclusive suburbs and picturesque quarters

” VISIT BRISTOL

General English & Exam Preparation Courses

With our flexible system of classes and e-learning, you can plan a programme that suits your needs and budget.

You decide:

- › when to start or finish your course
- › how many extra hours to study privately in addition to your lessons
- › if you want to study for and take an internationally recognised exam

GENERAL & INTENSIVE ENGLISH

Our Intensive and General English courses help students improve all their skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) and learn the grammar, vocabulary and cultural knowledge necessary for living in the UK and using English in an international context.

We focus on practical, effective and natural communication and we guarantee each class will study at least 100 new words and phrases each week.

CAMBRIDGE & TRINITY PREPARATION & EXAMS

Our Cambridge Exam Preparation Course is the perfect choice if you want to achieve great results in Preliminary, First, Advanced or Proficiency.

We focus on:

- › key exam topics
- › the different writing tasks
- › regular practice of reading, speaking and listening
- › the most useful grammar, vocabulary and functional language required
- › effective exam strategies



IELTS PREPARATION & EXAMS

We prepare students for both General IELTS and Academic IELTS, the exam required by many universities and academic institutions worldwide.

Our classes help you to:

- › practise the different tasks you have to do for each part of the exam
- › learn personal strategies to do the tasks more effectively
- › learn the large amount of new vocabulary required for the exam
- › organise your learning

ONE-TO-ONE LESSONS

Ideal for students who want intensive help, or busy professionals.

One-to-one English courses are usually combined with a General English course programme, but it is also possible to have a programme of only one-to-one lessons.

FEATURES OF OUR TEACHING

- › **Project 100** – we'll teach you over 100 new & useful words and phrases each week
- › **Phrase of the day** – explore a popular/typical English phrase to help you sound more natural
- › **Cultural Question & Project** – to help you discover more about life in the UK
- › **Weekly progress tests & tutorials** – to help you assess your progress
- › **Conversation Club** – discuss topics in English with your fellow students in a relaxed environment
- › **8 different levels from beginner to proficiency** – maximum 12 students per class
- › **Minimum 2 different teachers** – on every 12-week course



Course Timetables

GENERAL ENGLISH

20 x 45 minute lessons per week

Mornings: coursebook-focused lessons and grammar & vocabulary lessons

Afternoons: free self-study in our study room or explore Bristol with your friends

INTENSIVE ENGLISH

30 x 45 minute lessons per week

Mornings: coursebook-focused lessons and grammar & vocabulary lessons

Afternoons: skills lessons focused on reading, writing, speaking and listening

GENERAL ENGLISH & IELTS EXAM PREPARATION

30 x 45 minute lessons per week

Mornings: coursebook-focused lessons and grammar & vocabulary lessons

Afternoons: coursebook-focused lessons and a number of other materials to help you practise the IELTS exam tasks and prepare effectively

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30 x 45 minute lessons per week

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“Bristol is an amazing place. I feel lucky for the beautiful experiences lived with International House Bristol, thanks to my teachers Mandy, Patrick and Lucy. You will be always in my heart.

CHIARA, ITALY



Other Courses

“ I spent a memorable month in IH Bristol. My lessons were fantastic and the social programme created some unforgettable moments. ”

OMAR, MOROCCO

FOREIGN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

Our two or three-week intensive Foreign Teachers of English (FTE) course enables teachers who already have some experience to gain greater in-depth knowledge of the job and discover the latest teaching techniques.

It's both thought-provoking and practical – and a great holiday too! Brush up your idiomatic English, increase your repertoire of practical activities for your classes and develop your cultural awareness of life in Britain.

WORK PLACEMENTS

Gain valuable practical experience of using English in the workplace. We have great connections in all sectors of the vibrant business community in Bristol, including the creative media and electronics and aerospace industries.

GROUP COURSES

We offer a range of English courses for groups of all ages all year round, including:

- › General English + Activities (Cultural & Social)
- › Exam Preparation
- › Specialist Courses (e.g. English & Photography, English for Business)
- › Junior Programmes
- › Teacher Training

Just tell us a bit more about what you are looking for and we will contact you to discuss.



Social Programme

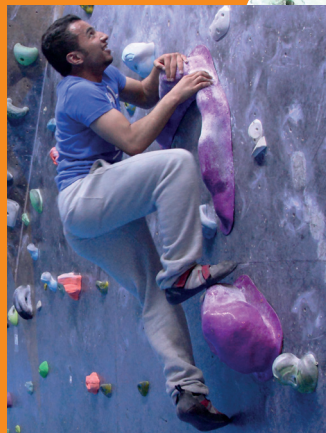
Our Social Programme offers an excellent chance to practise the English you have learnt in the classroom, plus help you get to know your fellow students a little better.

Each week we organise a varied programme of afternoon and evening activities to make the most of what Bristol has to offer.

Attractions in Bristol are all about the 'B's': we have Brunel, boats, bridges, bikes and beautiful countryside. Everywhere you turn there is something wonderful to see and do in Bristol.

OUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- › Museum Visits
- › Harbour Tour / Boat Trip
- › Pirate Walk
- › Street Art / Graffiti Tour
- › Barbecue Parties
- › International Food Parties
- › Pub Nights
- › Language Swaps
- › Visits to the SS Great Britain
- › Suspension Bridge Walks
- › Football
- › Bowling
- › Indoor Climbing
- › Harbour Tour by Bike





ON SATURDAYS, WE ARRANGE FULL-DAY VISITS OUTSIDE BRISTOL, INCLUDING:

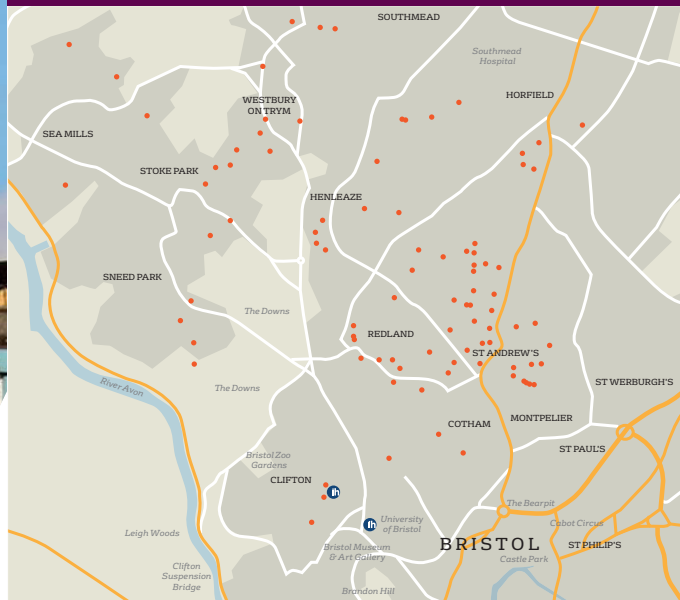
- › London
- › Oxford
- › Bath
- › Stonehenge
- › Stratford-upon-Avon
- › Waterfall Walk in Wales
- › Surfing in Devon
- › Cycle Trip to Bath
- › Glastonbury
- › Avebury Stone Circle



Homestay Accommodation

Most of our students stay in homestay accommodation with a British host family. This allows you to share family meals and experience English culture first hand.

OUR HOMESTAY LOCATIONS



Our homestay hosts are families, couples and single people. We have chosen them for you because they have clean, comfortable homes near the school and they offer a friendly welcome to our students. We want you to feel like one of the family. This is a great way to help you practise your English naturally. We visit all our host families regularly to make sure the accommodation they offer is of the highest standard.

When you arrive, your host will show you how to get to school on the first morning. Most hosts live within 20-30 minutes of the school on foot or by public transport.

Homestay families provide two meals a day, included in the price of your accommodation. You have a private bedroom with somewhere to put your clothes, and a table to work at. Every day, you eat with members of the host family at breakfast and in the evening and you can have meals together at weekends. We never put two students who speak the same language in the same home (unless requested), so you will have plenty of opportunity to practise your English and get to know more about the British way of life.

Self-catering homestay accommodation, where you live with a family but buy and cook all your food, is also available. This is a little cheaper.

Self-Catering Apartments/Rooms

We have teamed up with two of the best local student housing companies, both of which offer good value, good quality, safe and fun places to stay in Bristol.

CLIFTON SHORT LETS

Private rented rooms in shared houses, flexible dates, all year round.

Clifton Short Lets offer flexible accommodation within a five-minute walk of the school.

International House students receive a 10% discount on their rates, which include wi-fi, bills, council tax and VAT, by using the code 'INTHOUSE'.

To enquire or book, call **+44 (0) 0117 923 7947** or via their website: **cliftonshortlets.com**

Prices start from around £140 per week

UNITE STUDENT HOUSING

Unite Students offer dedicated student homes in Bristol city centre, which come fully equipped with all the modern conveniences a student needs – a combination of security, study space and social areas.

We recommend either Orchard Heights or Blenheim Court.

To enquire or book, call **+44(0) 117 302 7421** or email **orchardheights@unitestudents.com**

Prices start from around £110 per week

These options are only available to students aged 18 years and over

“ I loved Bristol and its terrific vibe! Bristol is a city big enough to have places and activities for all types but not so big as to make you feel “lost”.

” MARIANO, ARGENTINA

Getting to Bristol

Bristol International Airport is a 30-minute bus or taxi drive from the centre of Bristol and has direct connections with over 100 destinations worldwide.

There are direct coach connections from Central London, Heathrow Airport and Gatwick Airport. Trains run hourly from London Paddington to Bristol Temple Meads.





Useful websites

BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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