



# Junior Courses



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**International  
House**  
Bristol

# Why Bristol?

**S**urrounded by the hills of South West England, Bristol has a unique identity and is home to many artists, musicians, actors and film directors.

It's a university town with over 50,000 full time students and is also home to Wallace & Gromit and Shaun the Sheep!

Bristol is compact enough to get around on foot, yet offers a huge variety of cultural activities, international restaurants, festivals (including Europe's largest hot air balloon festival) and shopping. There are large parks in and around the city - Bristol was named as European Green Capital in 2015.

Bristol's history is closely linked to the sea and there are a range of fantastic museums which tell its fascinating story. At the heart of the city is the restored "floating" harbour, where it's possible to sail, paddleboard, enjoy a ferry ride or just walk and enjoy the great views.



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Did you know that Bristol was named *Britain's Coolest City* by Rough Guides in 2017?

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To escape the city, walk across the famous Suspension Bridge to discover 850 acres of woodland and grassland in Ashton Court and Leigh Woods.

Bristol is also close to some of the UK's best and most beautiful places. Bath is only 22km away (you can cycle there using the traffic-free cycle path!) and Oxford, Wales, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Cornwall and Devon are all within easy reach.

London is only 90 minutes by train and it's a 30-minute drive to the city centre from Bristol International Airport.

# Queen's Avenue Junior Centre

**O**ur Junior Centre is located in Clifton, one of Bristol's most popular and elegant areas. Clifton is one of the oldest and most affluent areas in Bristol and is also home to Bristol University - which is near the Junior Centre.

There are also a number of shops and restaurants less than a minute's walk away, so students can relax in a safe and friendly environment with all the amenities close to the school.

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

There's a students' room and a large private garden - ideal for summer barbecues, parties and outdoor activities, so everyone gets to know each other from their first day.

We have capacity for 120 students, spread across nine classrooms, so as well as offering a junior summer programme for individuals, we can accommodate groups throughout the year.

## KEY POINTS

- › For students aged 12-17 (groups & individual students)
- › General English & Social Programme/Activities
- › Closed groups welcome all year round
- › Specialist Programmes for Groups (Drama, Film Making, Photography, Journalism etc.)
- › We may accept 11-year-old students on a case-by-case basis



# Our Junior Courses

## LESSONS INCLUDE:

- › Phrase of the day
- › Fun activities
- › Review of earlier English language lessons in the week
- › Project 100 in every class guarantees that every group will study over 100 new words and phrases each week



**S**ummer Junior English courses are intended to make learning fun while teaching the most up-to-date language and the most relevant topics for younger people. You learn real English and have lots of opportunities to use it.

There's a varied programme of English lessons: grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and skills (reading, speaking, listening and writing)

As a junior student, you study in mixed-nationality, junior-only groups at our Queen's Avenue centre.

All our junior course materials are written by IH Bristol teachers and updated annually. We guarantee a unique study experience for our students, taught by teachers who understand the aims and outcomes of these lessons.

- › Free access to computers and the internet
- › Friendly enjoyable classes
- › Up to eight levels available
- › Mixed nationalities
- › A fantastic social programme of afternoon, evening and weekend activities
- › Learn from our own study booklets, written for teenagers.
- › Every lesson covers a different topic, so you can be sure we will include many different areas in a programme of any length.
- › Classes are normally limited to 15 students (maximum 16).

## ONLINE LEARNING / SELF STUDY

You can use our free online English materials at any time before, during or after your course. You can work at your own level to learn and practise new grammar, vocabulary and phrases, so you can make the most of your time at IH Bristol.

Just go to our website at: [www.ihbristol.com/free-english-exercises/](http://www.ihbristol.com/free-english-exercises/)

As an IH Bristol student, you also have free access to Net Languages, an online language learning website, when using the wi-fi in our buildings.

# Specialist Courses for Groups

We offer specialist bespoke courses including Film Making, Drama, Photography and Journalism, offering students a chance to learn a skill while improving their English.





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The effort and thought everyone put in at all the various stages of the programme are all astounding and highly appreciated.

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MARIA WARD SCHOOL  
- MAINZ, GERMANY

### FILM MAKING

Students get practical experience in making and editing videos. Students produce an instruction video, an advert, a dialogue, an interview or a pop video for a song of their choice, which they present to the other students in the school on the final day of the course.

### DRAMA

Students get practical experience in rehearsing and staging a musical. Lessons focus on choreography, pronunciation of song lyrics, acting and related language input areas. The courses are overseen by drama teachers who have an awareness of both the students' language needs and production issues.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

This course offers practical experience and skills in event, nature, architecture, tourism and portrait photography. Students learn new photographic techniques and photo editing and review existing techniques, while learning and practising English related to the subject, all leading up to a presentation on the last day.

### JOURNALISM

This aims to give students practical experience of producing a class newspaper in English, incorporating many of the typical features of an English-language newspaper.

### OTHER SPECIALIST COURSES

For any other specific courses that students require just ask us! We have connections with the business, artistic and university communities and can cover most topics.

### INTEGRATING COURSES

When there are simultaneous specialist courses running in any of these fields, there can also be an opportunity to connect them. For instance, the film making students can video the drama production, etc.



# Social Programme

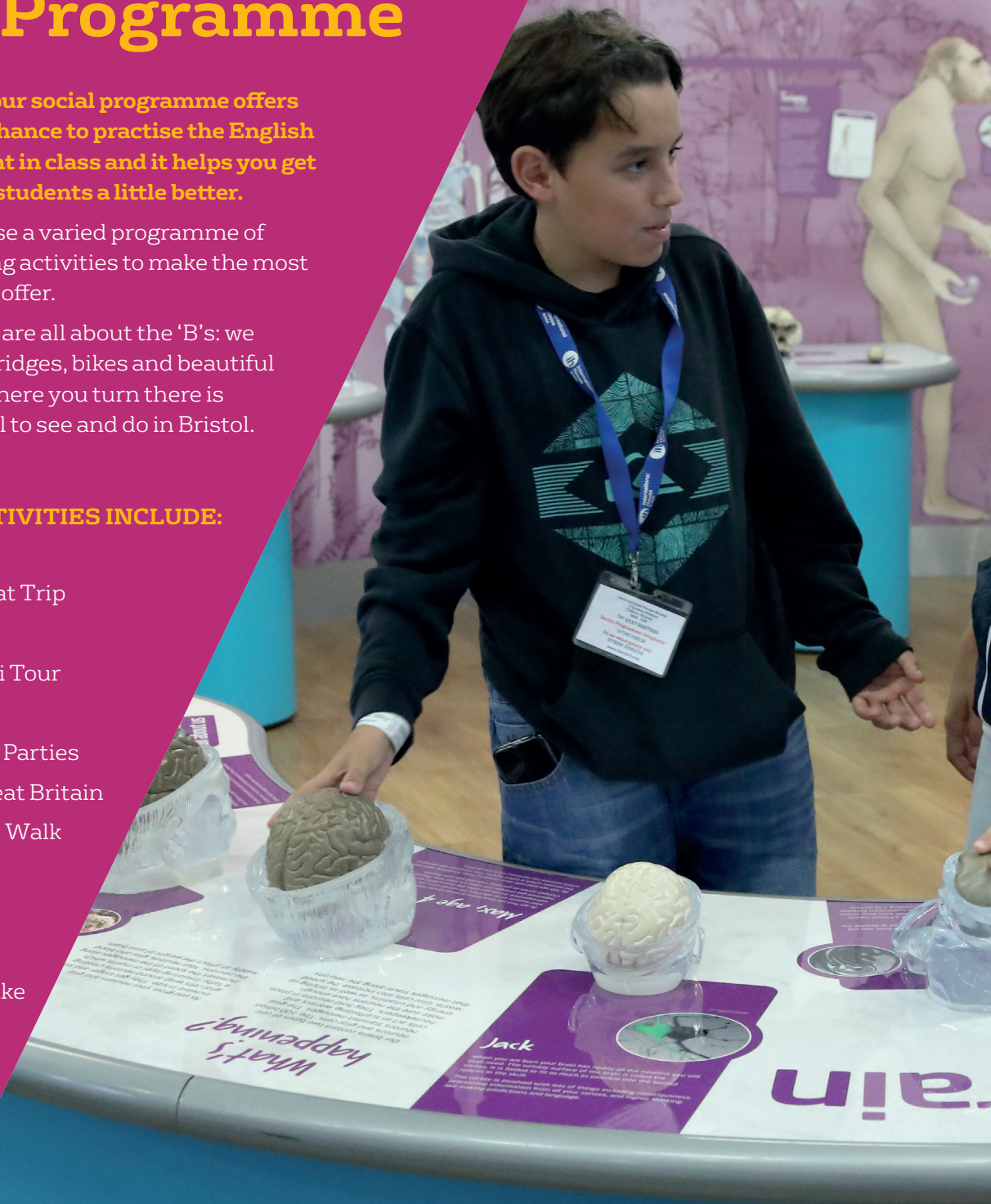
**F**rom day one, our social programme offers an excellent chance to practise the English you have learnt in class and it helps you get to know your fellow students a little better.

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 / Grafitti Tour
- › Barbecue Parties
- › International Food Parties
- › Visits to the SS Great Britain
- › Suspension Bridge Walk
- › 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



For groups, we can arrange a bespoke programme to combine any of these activities and excursions.

Social Programme events are supervised by IH Bristol teachers and group leaders, with at least one adult supervisor for every 15-20 students.

If students are going on a trip outside the school, each student is given a lanyard with our emergency contact numbers and the teachers' phone numbers on for their safety.

# Homestay Accommodation

**O**ur homestay hosts are families we have chosen 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 English way of life.

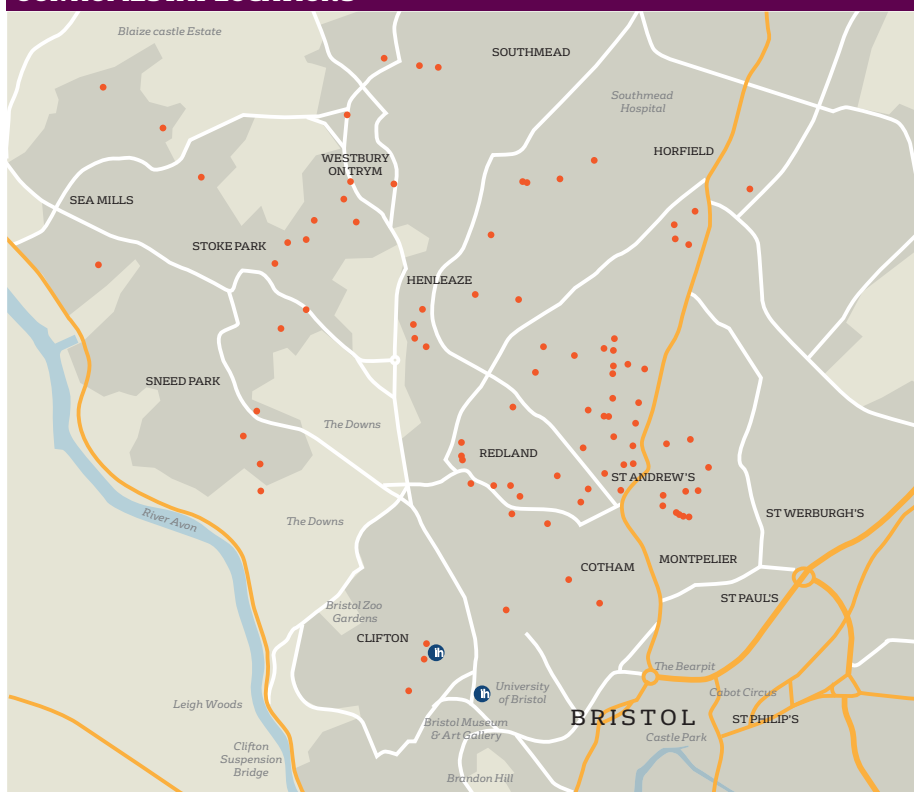
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I lived for four weeks with a family in Clifton who made me feel very welcome and were there for me whenever I needed them...we are still friends to this day.

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AYSEGUL, TURKEY

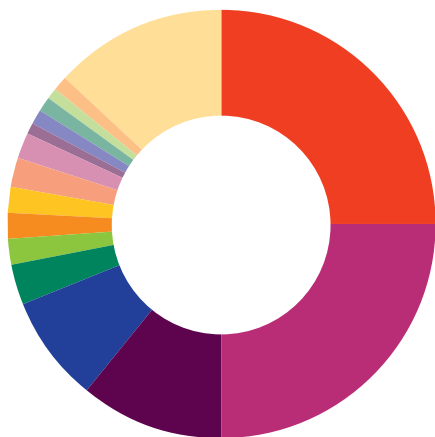
## OUR HOMESTAY LOCATIONS





# Nationality Mix

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Jan 2014 - Dec 2016

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Wait a minute...  
am I leaving on  
Sunday?!?!

Oh sugar!

It's too early, I have  
so many things

to do....like who will  
make the pancakes?!  
...It's ok you can come

back next year YEAH!

Love U Bristol Love U

School! Love you people!

CLARA, FRANCE

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# Testimonials

## MARIA WARD SCHOOL - MAINZ, GERMANY

Dear Val,

This is to officially thank you and your colleagues for a terrific programme that you provided for the group from Mainz again. The effort and thought everyone put in at all the various stages of the programme are all astounding and highly appreciated.

Teachers and students alike felt most welcome while we were in Bristol. The feedback that I receive from both the students and the parents should encourage your colleagues greatly. Your colleagues have managed to improve the girls' linguistic skills and to instill confidence in their linguistic competence. The programme also broadens everyone's horizons significantly. Thus the parents have told me that their daughters have gained so much self confidence that their personalities have grown and become richer.

My special thanks go to Pete, Joe, Shaun, Charlie, Liz and Nicky and Saskia for their incredible input. I would like to thank you for the easy communication that I always find most encouraging. Whenever I find an email from you, I feel it is high time for a renewal of our programme. When we actually meet it is as if we were working in the same city anyway. It is simply marvellous.

Thank you also to the people at the front desk and the office in "our" building where we could leave our daily luggage. Their friendly smiles always brightened our days, not to mention their patience when yet another folder and bag arrived.

You have all made our stay and programme a most memorable one. We hope we will be able to return.

All the best to you and your staff

Sincerely,

**Lioba Rudell - Deputy Head, Group Leader**



## VIOLETA, SPAIN

Violeta came home yesterday from her 2 weeks in Bristol. She is extremely happy and she has enjoyed a lot. She has made many friends and had a lot of fun. Her second week of classes were really very effective and her accommodation was really good. Helen Cooper, the host, made Violeta feel very comfortable and safe.

Thanks again for your always helpful attention.

## CARMEN SALDAÑA MUÑOZ, SPAIN

I'm sorry it took me so long to thank you for César's wonderful experience in Bristol.

He came back home excited, and ready to return next year. His English has improved remarkably and his attitude to speak it has changed 100%.

Please keep me in mind when next year programmes are published. Cesar wants to come back if possible, this time for four weeks.

Thank you for your exquisite attention to my son.

## MARIANO, ARGENTINA

I love Bristol. Bristol is a city big enough to have places and activities for all types but not so big as to make you feel "lost".

# Getting to Bristol

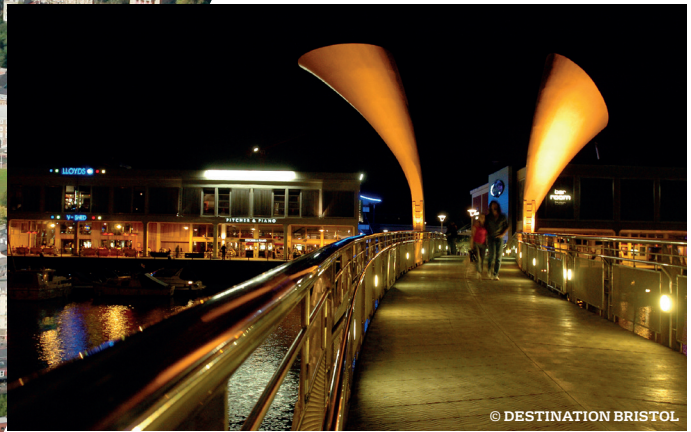
**B**ristol International Airport is a 30-minute drive from the centre of Bristol and has direct connections with over 100 destinations worldwide.

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





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## Useful websites

### **BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

[bristolairport.co.uk](http://bristolairport.co.uk)

### **TRAINS**

[gwr.com](http://gwr.com)

### **COACHES**

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