



**ih** International House  
Bristol

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## Adult Courses



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# Welcome to Bristol

## - A brilliant place to study

**N**amed “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 named the “Rising Star” of tourism in 2018.

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. Bristol has a vibrant restaurant scene and has been named the best culinary destination in the world in 2019.

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, as well as an artificial surfing lagoon just outside the city.



*\*According to The World Food Travel Association's Food Trekking Awards, November 2019.*



“

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, We The Curious and more - take your pick
- › **Go to a free festival** – The International Balloon Festival, Harbour Festival, St Paul's Carnival and Upfest
- › **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

**E**stablished in 1987, our two centres are located in Clifton - one of Bristol's most popular and elegant areas, which is also home to the University of Bristol.

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 SMART boards, computers & free wi-fi access.

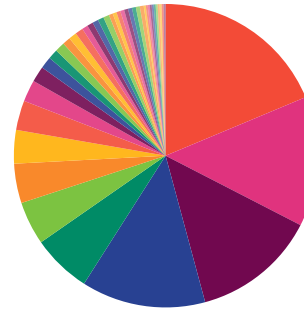
Outside of class, students can make use of a small kitchen and a large multi-purpose students' room. The students' room opens directly onto a private garden - ideal for summer barbecues, parties and outdoor activities.





IH Bristol 2019 adult

## NATIONALITY MIX



French 18.7%	Romanian 0.6%
Italian 13.9%	Colombian 0.4%
Spanish 13.2%	Dutch 0.4%
Swiss 13.2%	Greek 0.4%
Saudi 6.3%	Hungarian 0.4%
Brazilian 4.6%	Iranian 0.4%
German 4.2%	Paraguayan 0.4%
Kuwaiti 3.6%	Qatar 0.4%
Korean 3.2%	Sudanese 0.4%
Argentinian 2.3%	Thai 0.4%
Chinese 1.7%	Armenian 0.2%
Czech 1.3%	Belgian 0.2%
Russian 1.1%	Bosnian 0.2%
Turkish 1.1%	Bulgarian 0.2%
Japanese 0.8%	Hong Kong Chinese 0.2%
Omani 0.8%	Indian 0.2%
Portuguese 0.8%	Kazakh 0.2%
Chilean 0.6%	Luxembourgish 0.2%
Mexican 0.6%	Pakistani 0.2%
Peruvian 0.6%	Taiwanese 0.2%
Polish 0.6%	Ukrainian 0.2%

We have capacity for over 100 students, spread across eight 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

Adult courses include use of 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 help every student to make the most of their time at IH Bristol.

### FREE EXERCISES

Available via our website, 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 exams. You won't find these anywhere else.

### EXAMS

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

“

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

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VISIT BRISTOL



# General English & Exam Preparation Courses

**W**ith 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 ENGLISH COURSES

Our 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 PREPARATION & EXAMS

Our Cambridge Exam Preparation Course is the is an excellent 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, writing, speaking and listening
- › the most useful grammar, vocabulary and functional language required
- › effective exam strategies



## IELTS PREPARATION

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 & monthly tutorials** – to help you assess your progress and set yourself goals
- › **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 LESSONS

20 x 45 minute lessons per week

**Mornings:** coursebook-focused lessons on skills, grammar and vocabulary

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

## GENERAL ENGLISH 30 LESSONS

30 x 45 minute lessons per week

**Mornings:** coursebook-focused lessons on skills, grammar and vocabulary

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

## EXTENDED SKILLS & FLUENCY LESSONS

30 x 45 minute lessons per week

**Mornings:** coursebook-focused lessons on skills, grammar and vocabulary

**Afternoons:** coursebook-focused lessons and additional materials to help you practise the IELTS exam tasks and prepare effectively

## GENERAL ENGLISH & CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION

30 x 45 minute lessons per week

**Mornings:** coursebook-focused lessons on skills, grammar and vocabulary

**Afternoons:** coursebook-focused lessons and additional materials to help to help you practise the Cambridge exam tasks and prepare effectively

### Friday afternoons:

all students are invited to Conversation Club (90 minutes); exam students normally take a practice exam paper during this time.

**I think the thing that I like most about IH Bristol is the teachers. Firstly, they are always happy. I can always perceive that they do their job with passion, and commit all their energy.**

AUGUSTO, ITALY



“

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

OMAR, MOROCCO

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## Other Courses

### GROUP COURSES

We offer a range of bespoke 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
- › Best of Bristol 45+
- › Future Leaders & Entrepreneurs

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

### FOREIGN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

Our two 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.

### OET EXAM COURSE

During our 1-week preparation course, you will study and practise the specific formats for each part of the exam, so you are confident and prepared when you take the OET exam.



# Social Programme

**O**ur 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

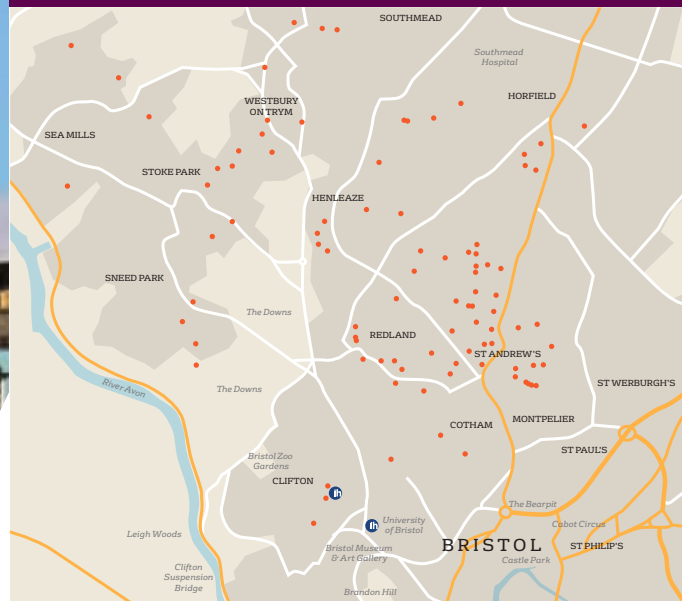




# Homestay Accommodation

**M**ost 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 hosts 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 hosts 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. Breakfast is provided daily, and you will have evening and weekend meals together with members of your homestay. Self-catering homestay accommodation, where you live with a host but buy and cook all your food, is also available. This is a little cheaper. 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.



**I really love my host.  
She's so good at  
cooking and this  
gives me a really good  
impression of British  
cuisine.**

**SOYEON, SOUTH KOREA**

# Self-Catering Apartments/Rooms

**W**e have connections with local accommodation providers. These offer good value, good quality, safe and convenient 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. This is not IH Bristol accommodation; students book directly with Clifton Short Lets but receive a small 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 £160 per week**

## RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

There are residential options available in summer, and sometimes throughout the rest of the year too.

To enquire please email **accommodation@ihbristol.com** or call us under **+44 (0) 117 909 0911**

*Please note that private accommodation in Bristol is popular - especially in summer - so we recommend booking as early as possible.*

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

**B**ristol 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**

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

### **TRAINS**

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

### **COACHES**

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

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