



Junior Courses



Why Bristol?

Surrounded 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 safely on foot, yet offers a huge variety of cultural activities, international restaurants, festivals (including Europe's largest hot air balloon festival) and shopping. Bristol has a vibrant restaurant scene and has been named the best culinary destination in the world in 2019.

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.



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

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Did you know that Bristol was named the “Rising Star” of tourism in 2018?

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* - National Geographic Traveller Reader Awards 2018



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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.

IH Bristol Junior Centre

Our Junior Centre is located in Clifton, one of Bristol's most popular, elegant and affluent areas. Clifton is one of the oldest neighbourhoods in Bristol and is also home to the University of Bristol; our adult centre is a short walk away.

There are also a number of shops and restaurants a few minutes' 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 SMART boards, computers and free wi-fi access.

There's a student area and garden for use at breaktimes, and our nearby Queens Avenue centre has a bright and airy students' room which opens up directly onto a 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 across nine classrooms, so as well as offering a junior summer programme for individuals, we can accommodate groups throughout the year.

We also run courses for adults year-round at Queens Avenue.

KEY POINTS

- › For students aged 14-17* (groups & individual students)
- › General English & Social Programme/Activities
- › Closed groups welcome all year round
- › Free creative classes on up to 3 afternoons

*13 year olds can only join if travelling and accommodated with an older relative, or older student if in a group, or if living with a relative in Bristol.



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



Our 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 IH Bristol Junior Centre.

All our junior course materials are written by IH Bristol teachers and updated annually, so you definitely won't have seen the same materials in your English lessons at home. 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/

Free Creative Classes

We offer specialist creative classes including Film Making, Drama, Photography, DJing and Journalism, offering students a chance to learn an additional 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

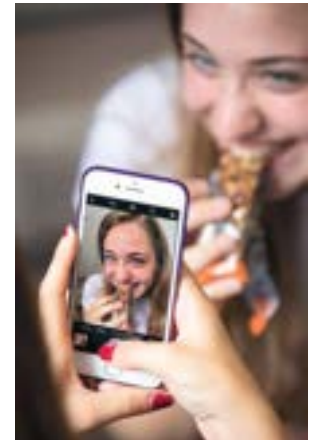
This aims to give students practical experience of producing a class newspaper in English, incorporating many of the typical features of an English-language newspaper

DJING

This course will teach you the basics of becoming a DJ, how to mix, how to select effects, how to produce the right sound and it will give you the techniques needed to create your very own music sample to take away with you.

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, students can show what they learned in a talent show.



Social Programme

From 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 / Graffiti 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

Our homestay hosts are families, couples and single people. We have chosen them 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 30 minutes of the school on foot or by public transport.

Homestay hosts provide two meals a day, three at weekends, 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 share evening and weekend meals with members of your homestay; a packed lunch is provided at school. 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.

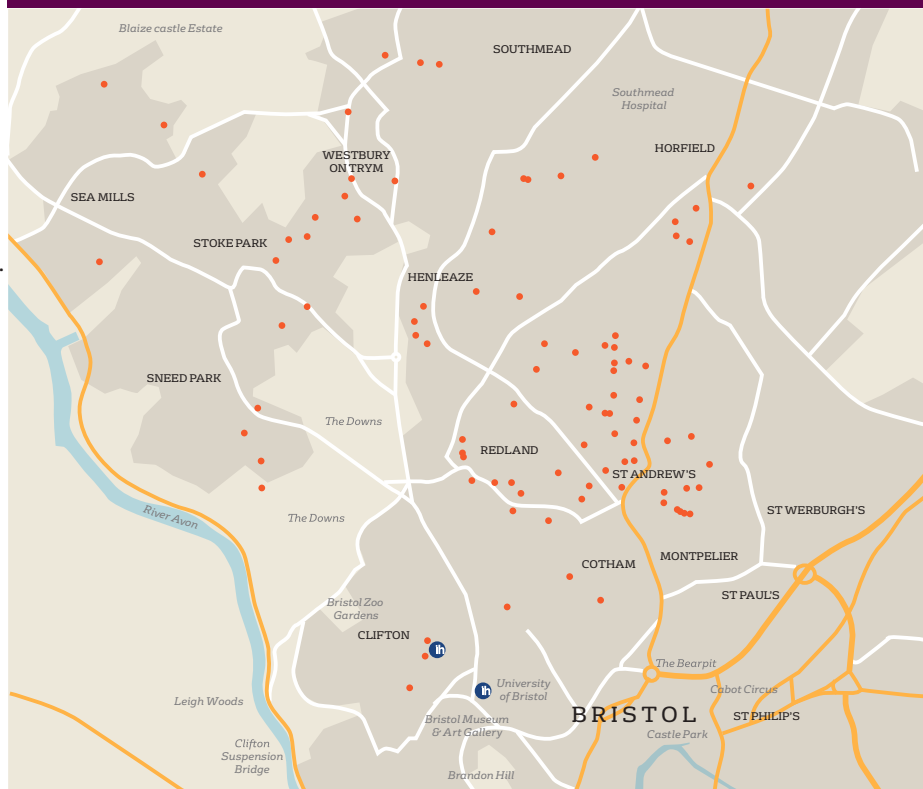
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I lived for four weeks with a family in Clifton who made me feel very welcome and were there for me whenever I needed them. We are still friends to this day!

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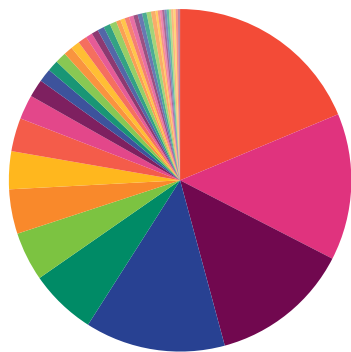
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OUR HOMESTAY LOCATIONS





Nationality Mix



2019

Italian 31.6%	Slovakian 0.7%
Spanish 22.9%	Ukrainian 0.7%
French 12.7%	Venezuelan 0.7%
Chinese 6.5%	Belgian 0.4%
Peruvian 4.4%	Czech 0.4%
Russian 2.5%	Finnish 0.4%
Saudi 2.5%	Kazakh 0.4%
Kuwaiti 2.2%	Netherlands
Polish 2.2%	Antilles 0.4%
Argentinian 1.8%	Norwegian 0.4%
German 1.5%	Sudanese 0.4%
Hungarian 1.5%	Swiss 0.4%
Turkish 1.5%	Taiwanese 0.4%
Emirati 0.7%	

*Average nationality mix across all junior courses

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I really like the way of teaching English with different methods (games, speaking, activities), how nice and enthusiastic the teachers are and of course the friends I have met here.

MARIA, SPAIN ”

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



ANDRÉ-CHAVANNE SCHOOL GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

A BIG thank you to International House Bristol for the great study trip that you organised for us. We really enjoyed every aspect of the Bristolian experience. Not only were the host families very warm and welcoming, but so were the teachers and the staff. The lessons, the phrase of the day and the activities (especially the one in the museum) were a lot of fun. I only had positive feedback from my students and would therefore definitely recommend IHB!

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

Bristol 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 and private taxi transfers (including unaccompanied minors) are available from all UK airports.'





Useful websites

BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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