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**International
House**
Bristol



Welcome to Bristol

“Bristol is simply a great city where you can enjoy many different things... It became one of my favourite cities in the UK, if not in the world.”

Hye Young, South Korea



Bristol is a brilliant place to study.

It's 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 also the home of many media, financial and high technology companies.

Bristol has two excellent universities, great shopping, hundreds of pubs and clubs both modern and traditional, lots of restaurants, museums, cinemas and parks. We have several music festivals each year, a balloon fiesta, a harbour festival, a food festival and more. If you like music or sport, Bristol is ideal for you: we have concerts by British and international acts every week.

For sports fans there are two football teams, a rugby club, gyms, swimming pools, climbing, riding, water sports, dancing and more. 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.



5 things to do and see in Bristol

- › **Clifton Suspension Bridge and SS Great Britain - Isambard Kingdom Brunel's iconic Bristol landmark and the world's first ocean-going liner**
- › **St Nicholas Market - architectural gem selling books, clothes, exotic foods, bric-a-brac**
- › **Visit a museum - M-shed, @ Bristol, The Arnolfini and more. Take your pick**
- › **Bristol International Balloon Fiesta, Harbour Festival, St Pauls Carnival**
- › **Spot a 'Banksy' original piece of graffiti artwork**



About IH Bristol

Established in 1987, International House Bristol's two centres are located in traditional buildings in Clifton, a vibrant, upmarket area of Bristol.

Clifton combines a large variety of great shops, restaurants and bars, with elegant homes and plentiful green spaces. You have everything you need for the best results: comfortable classrooms, a great study room with listening facilities, a computer room with wi-fi and internet access, students' rooms and private gardens where you can relax with friends or enjoy one of our regular barbecue parties.



"I spent a memorable month in IH Bristol, my lessons were fantastic and the Social Programme created some unforgettable moments."

Omar, Morocco



Aims of your Programme

We want you to learn quickly and effectively. That's why every class is planned to help you use your English more productively. You'll have a variety of active learning methods to help you think and speak in English.

As well as classroom based learning, guided self-study is an important part of the programme.

On the first day, you will have a test to place you in the most suitable class. We generally have eight levels from beginner to proficiency. You learn better in small groups, so our classes have a maximum of 12 students.

On all our programmes, we'll help you:

- **Speak more fluently and sound more natural in English**
- **Use grammar with better accuracy and develop your vocabulary quickly**
- **Read and listen with greater understanding and write more effectively**
- **Discover aspects of British life and culture**

As a result, you will feel more fluent and confident in English, be more independent in your learning and enjoy your experience of living in England.

Five features of our teaching

- **Project 100 - we'll teach you over 100 useful words and phrases each week**
- **Phrase of the Day - explore a popular/typical English phrase to help you sound more natural (on our website, too)**
- **Cultural Question & Project - to help you discover more about life in the UK**
- **Weekly progress tests to help you assess your progress**
- **Conversation Club**

Your courses

Your Personal Programme

With our flexible system, you can plan the programme that is perfect for your needs and your budget. We think this is very important. You decide:

- › When to start and finish your course
- › How many extra hours to study in addition to your lessons
- › If you want to take an internationally recognised exam

Our full-time teachers are professional, friendly, and experienced experts.

They also train new teachers so you can be sure of their high level of expertise.

We're here to help you make rapid progress. You'll receive a lot of personal attention in and outside the class too. We have regular tests and tutorials to update you on your progress.

Intensive and General English

We try to make learning easy and fun. Our classes are lively and stimulating and give you lots of practice in communicating. You'll be more fluent and speak more naturally very quickly.

Cambridge Exams*

We are an official exam centre for Cambridge and Trinity exams. If you sign up for our Cambridge Exam preparation course you'll receive excellent preparation for great results in PET, FCE, CAE and CPE. You'll also have regular practice tests that cover all the important points of the syllabus. You'll follow a coursebook, and practise all you need so you feel confident about getting the results you want. Best of all, you can take your exams here at IH Bristol!

IELTS Preparation*

Do you want to study at university or work in Britain? You need our IELTS programme. We offer IELTS preparation AND we are an IELTS exam centre.

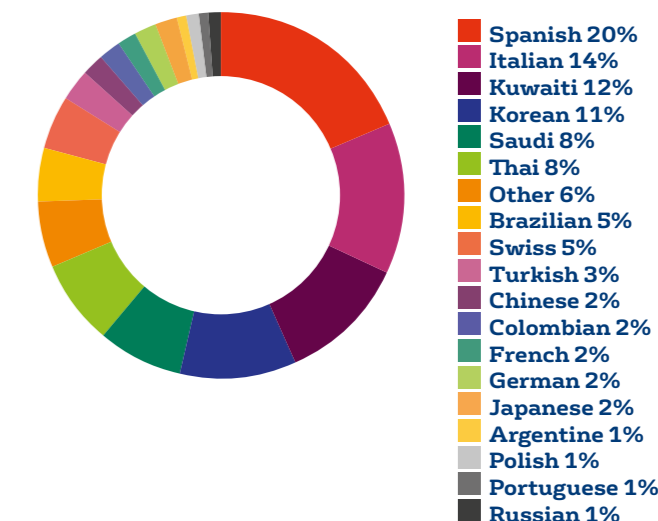
Our methods work: our students have been accepted by many universities in the UK.

“The teachers are highly experienced and their lessons and activities were fun to attend. You will be able to study British English and also English culture as well!”

Shinsuke Takayoshi, Japan



Nationality mix



*Minimum student numbers apply.



Group courses

You can ask us to design a course specifically to suit your needs. Ideal for groups any time of year.

You can choose from these popular topics, or add your own:

- > **English for tourism**
- > **English and politics and economics**
- > **English for business**
- > **English and drama**
- > **English and photography**
- > **English for journalists**
- > **English and film making**

Courses for Foreign Teachers of English

How can you help your students learn better and enjoy their classes more? Our courses will help you discover new teaching techniques to bring your classes to life. It's fast and fun – 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.

One-to-One English

Ideal for students who want intensive help for busy professionals like doctors, journalists and teachers. We will prepare a great programme that helps you achieve your goals. Typical elements can include presentations, business meetings, socialising, telephone English, negotiating, and job interviews.

Work Placement

English is the international language of business. With our Work Placement programme you will get valuable practical experience of using English in the workplace.

Work placements are generally unpaid. Typical placements include: shops, charity organisations, hotels and restaurants, supermarkets, financial advisors, banks, IT companies and even here at the school.

After your classes

With International House Bristol, you don't stop learning when the teaching stops. You can learn even after your class. Here are some examples.

You can:

- > **Do practice exercises or your homework in our Study Room. There is a teacher available every afternoon to answer your questions**
- > **Join the Social Programme: experience British culture, make friends and practise your English**
- > **Learn online - find hundreds of free exercises, activities and Phrase of the Day on our website and iPhone app**



“My 3-month stay at International House Bristol is the most precious part of my life. My heartiest thanks go to all the helpful and devoted teachers and best wishes to them all! Their teaching has benefitted me a lot ever since.”

Andart, China



“My time at IH Bristol was the once-in-a-lifetime experience I was looking for and I would encourage anyone to do it – you won’t regret it.”

Giovanni, Italy



Social Programme

There's always something to do after school. Our Social Programme is an excellent chance to practise the English that you learn.

Every week, we organise different afternoon and evening activities for you in Bristol. Regular activities include visits to museums, city tours, barbecues, karaoke, international food parties, pub nights, cinema evenings, concerts and more. This will give you the opportunity to meet friends, practise your English and see more of England.

Throughout the year we also have visits every Saturday to places like London, Oxford, Bath, Stonehenge and Cardiff.

Bristol is great for sport, too. You can play badminton, squash, football, volleyball and also go climbing, ice-skating, bowling and swimming.

You can always see our current Social Programme on our website with full details of the various social events. Go to: www.ihbristol.com/social-programme



"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



Accommodation

There are a variety of accommodation options available during your stay. Choose which is best for you!

Shared apartments:

- › Independent living
- › Share with other foreign students
- › Single room
- › Communal kitchen, shower rooms and living area (up to six people per apartment)
- › Weekly cleaning service of communal areas
- › Located in Clifton - the most desirable and affluent area of Bristol
- › Situated close to shops, bars, cafés and restaurants
- › Wi-fi internet access
- › A short walk from the school (10-12 minutes)

Whichever accommodation you choose, you can be sure that our accommodation team will do their best to ensure you have a great stay!

Homestay: Half board:

- › Share the home of our carefully selected homestay hosts (single people, couples, families with children)
- › Host will provide you with breakfast and an evening meal
- › Improve your English and learn about typical English culture and lifestyle
- › Single or twin rooms available
- › Wi-fi internet access
- › 10-30 minute walk or bus ride from the school

We also have a number of self-catering options where you can share the home of one of our hosts but you buy and prepare your food yourself and share their kitchen.



“I lived for seven months with a couple in Bishopston who made me feel very welcome and were there for me whenever I needed them. We shared ‘street parties’, endless talks and we are still in touch to this day.”

Andrea, Colombia





Getting to Bristol

You can fly directly to Bristol International Airport from over 80 destinations worldwide.

If you fly to London Heathrow or Gatwick, you can take a coach direct to Bristol. There are also frequent trains from London Paddington to Bristol Temple Meads.



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