The UK’s number 1 English language school * in the UK’s coolest city**

* According to the EL Gazette rankings based on British Council inspectors’ publishable statements
** According to the National Geographic Cool List 2018
The School

Established in 1969, The English Language Centre Bristol is a family-run school and a Centre of Excellence. We offer intensive General English and Examination Preparation courses. We have been accredited by the British Council for the Teaching of English in the UK and are members of IALC (International Association of Language Centres) and Quality English. The school is also a member of The English Network (TEN), a group of 10 independent schools that share best practice and have a reputation for quality and personal service.

The school is located in two fine old buildings close to the University in Clifton, one of Bristol’s most attractive areas.
We believe that personal care and attention are essential and we will do everything we can to ensure that your stay in Bristol is one of the most productive and enjoyable times in your life.

Student Nationalities 2018
Percentages fluctuate according to season

Student Ages 2018
Average age: 23  Minimum age: 16  No maximum age

Student Numbers 2018
An average of 175 students from 27 different countries.
Bristol

With a population of around 450,000 and two major universities, Bristol is the second largest city in the South after London, which is less than two hours away by train.

Bristol is well-known for its theatres, shopping, music scene and street art. It is also the UK’s coolest city according to the National Geographic Cool List 2018, which noted its lively harbourside and international restaurants.

Bristol has all the attractions of a major city, but it is easy to live here as most places of interest are located within walking distance and you are not dependent on public transport.

Bristol International Airport has flights to 122 cities in 37 countries.

As well as making it easy to get here, it offers our students a great opportunity to visit other European destinations.

Flights to 37 countries
Bristol is a major transport hub, conveniently placed to make day trips to popular destinations like London, Bath, Oxford, Cardiff, Stonehenge and Windsor Castle.

It is the only British city to have been named European Green Capital and a number of parks and open countryside are within walking distance of the school.

Bristol’s nightlife and harbourside
Courses

- Courses include 21 full hours of classroom time per week plus daily homework.
- There are 7 levels from A2 (Elementary) to C2 (Advanced), with several classes at most levels.
- On the first day, we test you so that we can place you in a class at the right level.
- As part of your course, depending on your level, you can prepare for the Cambridge English First, Advanced and Proficiency exams, IELTS or BULATS.
- Normal minimum enrolment: 2 weeks (General English), 4 weeks (exam preparation)

Levels

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* Common European Framework
** Details of exam dates and fees are in the enrolment form.
Included in the programme

- Personal study programme with 4 hours’ optional supervised self-study per week.
- Course book every 3 months, supplementary teaching materials and a leaving certificate.
- E-learning service from the moment you enrol until 3 months after you leave.
- On two afternoons a week, if your level is B2 (upper-intermediate) or above, you can choose from a range of electives including Business English, Academic English and Sports. During this time, lower level students focus on developing communication skills.
- After classes have finished, optional free language activities are arranged twice a week, such as Conversation Club, Job Club, Singing Club and Friday Film Club.

Sample Timetable

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<td>Listening/ Pronunciation practice can include work in the multimedia centre</td>
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28 lesson (21 hours) a week
IELTS - How long will it take?

You generally need an IELTS score of 6.5 before going to university or 5.5 if you wish to take a foundation or pre-sessional course. Based on our students’ results, it takes around 12 weeks of full-time study to improve your IELTS score by 1 point.

### Examination Preparation Courses

- Cambridge English: First (FCE), Advanced (CAE), Proficiency (CPE), IELTS and BULATS.
- Minimum period of enrolment: 4 weeks.
- You should be at least B1 level before joining an IELTS class or B2 before joining a Cambridge First class.
- 21 hours per week (including elective classes).
- You can take the IELTS or Cambridge exams in the local examination centre, which is 5 minutes’ walk from the school.

#### CEF Level

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- University foundation / pre-sessional courses
- University under-graduate, post-graduate and doctorate programmes
Job Club

- Bristol is a relatively wealthy city and has the joint-highest employment rate amongst the UK’s core cities.
- Students from the EEA (European Economic Area) and those with a Tier 5 Youth Mobility Scheme visa have the right to work in the UK.
- ELC runs a free Job Club giving advice and the language needed to help you find casual and part-time employment.
- ELC Bristol is able to put you in contact with a company which organises professional internships in Bristol and other cities including London, Oxford and Brighton.

Mayuko from Japan

I am happy to be learning English at ELC. The teachers are really friendly and good natured. I like the social programme activities because I can make new friends.

I also think Bristol is a perfect place for studying because there are a lot of things to enjoy.
Summer Courses

The summer courses run from June to September. During July and August we open an additional study centre in Clifton College with spacious classrooms, a beautiful garden and wonderful facilities.

The courses include 21 full teaching hours per week; they are run in the same way as our courses throughout the year, with intensive General English and examination preparation available together with additional language activities and a varied and exciting social programme.

The summer courses are suitable for motivated students aged 16+.

The summer centre has a beautiful garden

The summer centre is located in Clifton College, 2 minutes’ walk from Pembroke House.

During July and August, lunch is an option in the Summer Centre for all our students.
You have access to Clifton College’s gym and swimming pool throughout the year.

During the summer courses, you may be taught in the Summer Centre, Pembroke House or Abon House.
Social Programme

An exciting social programme is arranged every week of the year. It includes regular sports, a minimum of two evening activities a week and an excursion on Saturdays.

The programme is organised by our teachers and is a great way to see the country, explore the local area, make new friends and practise your English.

Free Activities
May include: School Parties, Film Club, Conversation Club, Banksy Street Art Trail, Karaoke, Bristol Balloon Fiesta, Bristol Harbour Festival

Paid Activities
May include: American Pool and Darts (£4), Opera/Ballet at the Hippodrome (£12-16), Laser Fusion (£8), Tour of BBC Studios (£9), Golf (£8), Bowling (£8), Salsa (£3), Harbour Cruise (£6), Bristol Zoo (£11), SS Great Britain (£10), Paintball (£25), live music (£15-20)

Weekend Excursions
May include: London (£20), Oxford (£20), Bath (£20), Stonehenge and Salisbury (£30), Cambridge (£25), Longleat House and Safari Park (£30)

*Prices are subject to change
With more than 50,000 students, Bristol is well-known for its nightlife and music scene.

You can use the facilities of the University Students’ Union Building, which is located only 5 minutes’ walk from Pembroke House.

A special advantage for ELC students is that, if you become an Associate Member of the Students’ Union, you can also join many of the University Students Union’s clubs and societies during the academic year - the perfect way to make English-speaking friends!
Accommodation

We can arrange your accommodation in single rooms, usually within walking distance of the school. If you choose to travel by bus, the cost of a weekly bus pass is currently £12.00 via the First Bus app with an ELC Bristol student card. (Cost subject to change).

- Homestay. Includes bed, breakfast and an evening meal.
- Independent student houses and flats (self-catering).
Message from John and Margaret Duncan

We would love to welcome you to ELC Bristol. It is a family-run school which prides itself on caring for each individual student. If you come, our team of dedicated teachers and staff will do everything they can to ensure that you have one of the most enjoyable and productive times in your life.

John and Margaret

A few good reasons for studying at ELC Bristol

- It is the number 1 language school in the UK according to the EL Gazette’s rankings, based on the British Council inspectors’ publishable statements.

- Our dedicated teachers have an average of more than 20 years’ experience and our Cambridge exam pass rates are better than the national average.

- Bristol is the coolest city in the UK, according to the National Geographic Cool List (2018).

- Most of our accommodation and many attractions are within walking distance of the school.

- Our students can join many of the University Student Union’s clubs and societies – the perfect way to make English friends.
How to get here

From Bristol Airport

 Taxi 25 minutes

From London Heathrow

Bus 2 hours

From London Paddington

Train 1 hour 40 minutes

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