



The Bristol Language Centre

The Bristol Language Centre is a British Council accredited school which offers a wide range of high quality English language courses. We pride ourselves in taking care of individual students' needs and welfare.

The Bristol Language Centre is based in the centre of Bristol in a thriving area near the quay, only a short walk from the city's main shopping centre, best cinemas and theatres and wide choice of restaurants, cafes and clubs.

The Bristol Language Centre is a friendly and professional organisation which offers a dedicated service to all our partners.

Your educational pathway

The Bristol Language Centre recognises that a course at The Bristol Language Centre is the first step on your educational pathway. Whether you are planning to study English language for business, leisure or further educational studies we will find a course to suit your needs



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Why Bristol?

➔ Beautiful and historical city

Bristol has a long history as a thriving port and as a centre of commerce

➔ Cultural Centre

Bristol is the cultural and artistic centre of the South West of England and enjoys a packed social programme of theatre, music, dance and summer festivals

➔ World class universities

Bristol University and the University of the West of England are world ranking universities

➔ Expanding International airport

Bristol Airport has direct flights to hundreds of destinations in Europe, the US and Canada, and connecting flights to worldwide destinations

➔ Convenient location in the UK

Bristol is less than two hours from London by train and 10 minutes from Bath. Many other UK destinations are easily accessible by plane, train or car

➔ New and exciting destination

Bristol is fast becoming a top destination for language students. It has all the amenities of more well known UK destinations, with plenty to explore!

➔ Job opportunities

Bristol has a strong local economy, which means that our students find it easy to find work. Bristol is well known for engineering, finance and hospitality

➔ Friendly, welcoming atmosphere

You will receive a warm welcome in Bristol from everyone at The BLC, our homestay providers and the people of Bristol



"At The Bristol Language Centre we recognise that an investment in us is an investment in your future.

We welcome students from all over the world and know from experience that all our students have individual needs and ambitions. We have helped hundreds of students improve their English language for business, further education or personal interest. Whatever your goal, we are committed to providing an excellent student experience and aim to help create the best possible future for all our students"

Seonaid Birkett, Director



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When we surveyed our students to find out their reasons for studying in Bristol rather than other cities in the UK, this was a typical response:

"You can study in a lively city and join several social activities, so that you can have the possibility to know many other students and practise English most of the time." The type of students who are recommended to come to Bristol are, "independent, inquisitive and interested in having a great experience of life" Leila Pedilarco



Why Study at The Bristol Language Centre ?

Great facilities and resources

- Online learning platform access with individual student learner profiles
- Guided online learning programme
- Computer based lessons
- interactive whiteboards
- Study room with multi-media centre
- 13 modern and light classrooms, including 7 new spacious purpose built classrooms
- Free Wi-fi access

Convenient city centre location

The Bristol Language Centre is based in the city centre, just a short walk from the city's main shopping centre, best cinemas and restaurants

Variety of quality programmes

The Bristol Language Centre offers a wide range of quality programmes from General and Intensive courses, examination courses, Business English, university preparation and juniors group programmes

Fast language development

Up to date methods, excellent materials, a great teaching team, small class sizes and one to one tutorials mean that your English will improve quickly

Professional service

The Bristol Language Centre takes pride in your welfare and success. The Bristol Language Centre team is committed to providing a quality service to all our students

Excellent teachers

All our teachers are fully qualified and experienced. The Bristol Language Centre has a regular teacher development programme which means that all our teachers are trained in the most up to date and effective teaching methods

Year round social activity programme

The Bristol Language Centre has a year round social programme with a dedicated Social Activities Coordinator. We provide an exciting weekly programme in and around Bristol as well as weekend excursions to places such as Bath, Oxford, Cardiff and London.

We can help you

- Progress to a quality UK university
- Study and work in the UK
- Communicate effectively in international business
- Secure a better job in your home country
- Improve your English for leisure or tourism

BLC Teaching Team

The Bristol Language Centre is proud of its teaching team! As a British Council accredited school we make sure that all our teachers are qualified and educated to degree level and most of our teachers have several years teaching experience. As well as being great teachers, Bristol Language Centre teachers are friendly and professional and always ready to assist with any problems you may have.

University Links

The Bristol Language Centre has strong links with local and national UK universities and colleges and recognises that studying English language at The Bristol Language Centre is only the first step on a student's educational pathway.

University Counselling Service

The Bristol Language Centre has a dedicated University Counsellor and offers free guidance and assistance on undergraduate and postgraduate university entrance. Our counsellor can advise students on which course is best for them and can assist with university applications.

The Bristol Language Centre has progressed students to the university of Bristol, University of Exeter, University of Swansea, University of Cardiff, University of Reading, University of Manchester and the University of Bedfordshire, and has links with several other UK universities.

University Preparation

An Academic English language course at The Bristol Language centre can prepare you for:

- A Levels
- International Foundation Programme
- Foundation Degree
- Undergraduate and postgraduate programmes

Direct Progression to a Quality UK University

Successful completion of the BLC Foundation Programme offers normal university progression opportunities with the possibility of direct progression to several quality UK institutions.*

University of Bristol

The University of Bristol is one of the world's top universities. The Bristol Language Centre is recognised by the University of Bristol and has been formally approved and trained to provide advice and counselling on its programmes and to assist with applications to the university.



*Subject to validation



The Bristol Language Centre student support team

*"THANK YOU VERY MUCH, INDEED and KEEP TEACHING so WELL!
You're gonna be unforgettable because you've played a winning role in my learning."*
Emiliano Martin, Spain



"I'll be back next year"
Lydia Musial, France,
17 years old



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Image courtesy of T2 Design

Which course can I study?

Level	Course options
Elementary	General or Intensive English
Pre-intermediate	General or Intensive English, IELTS Foundation
Intermediate	General or Intensive English, IELTS, TOEIC, TOEFL, FCE, Business English, Work & Study, Pre-sessional courses, Pre-masters, EAP, University Foundation, TKT
Upper-intermediate	General or Intensive English, IELTS, TOEIC, TOEFL, FCE, BEC Vantage, Business English, Work & Study, Pre-sessional courses, Pre-masters, EAP, University Foundation, TKT
Low advanced	General or Intensive English, IELTS, TOEIC, TOEFL, CAE, BEC Higher, Business English, Work & Study, Pre-sessional courses, Pre-masters EAP, University Foundation, TKT
High advanced	General or Intensive English, IELTS, TOEIC, TOEFL, FCE, BEC Higher, Business, Work & Study, Pre-sessional courses, Pre-masters EAP, University Foundation, TKT

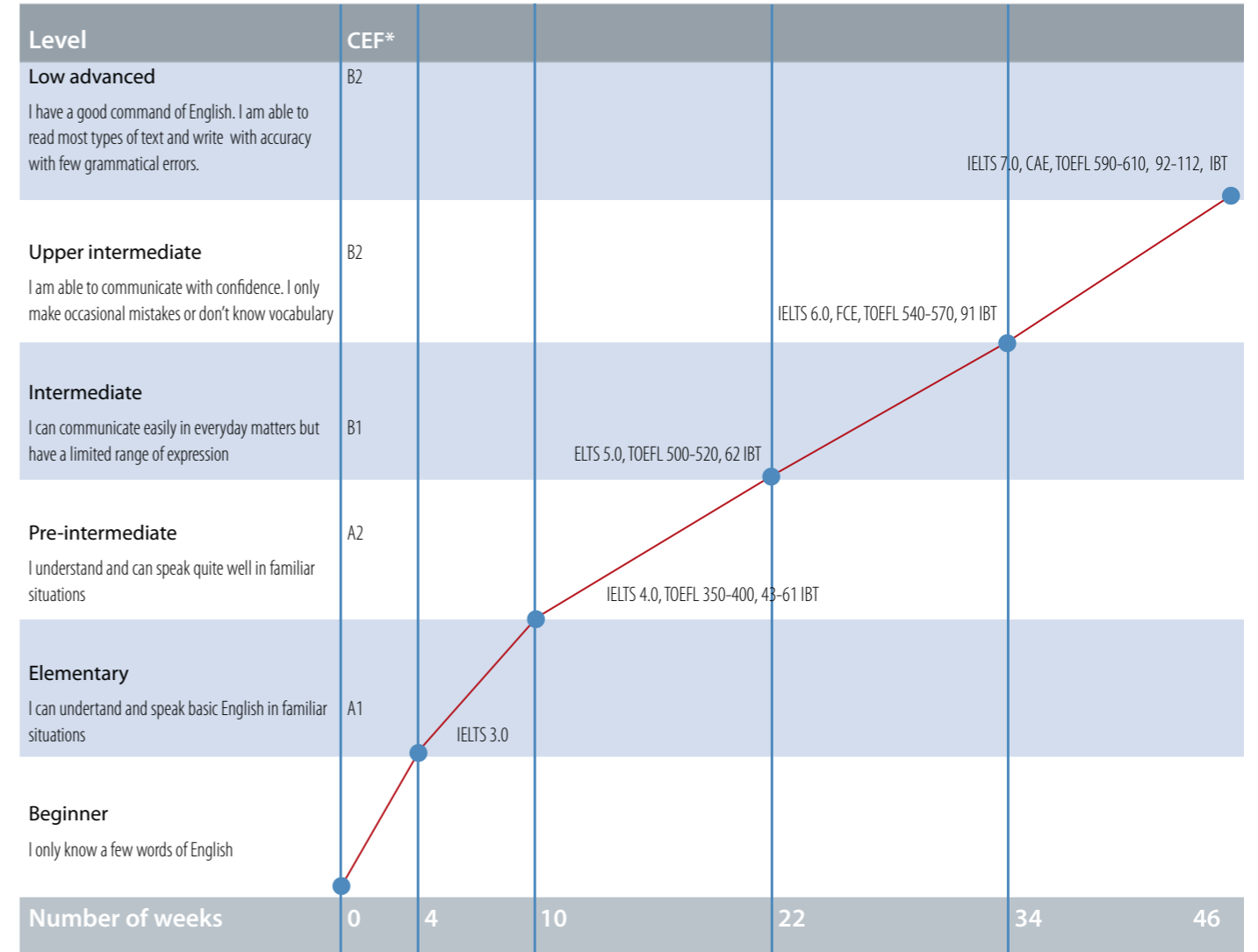
How quickly will I progress?

If you attend all your lessons, complete your homework, and sit progress and level tests, you can expect to progress at the rate shown on the chart on the facing page.

The Bristol Language Centre is committed to the rapid progress of its students. Throughout your course BLC teachers will be available to give you additional advice and guidance. To monitor your language progress at the BLC all our students will be given:

- ➔ Personal study plan
- ➔ Personal tutor to monitor progress
- ➔ Regular class tests
- ➔ End of course report
- ➔ End of course certificate

An Academic Year at BLC



*Common European Framework

WEEKLY TIMETABLE	9.15-10.00	10.00-10.45	10.45-11.00	11.00-11.45	11.45-12.30	12.30-13.45	13.45 -14.30	14.30-15.15
20 LESSONS Monday to Friday	GE Lesson 1	GE Lesson 2	Break	GE Lesson 3	GE Lesson 4			
24 LESSONS Monday to Friday <i>Electives: Business English, Semi-intensive English *Tues & Thurs afternoons only</i>	GE Lesson 1	GE Lesson 2	Break	GE Lesson 3	GE Lesson 4	Lunch	Lesson 5 (Electives)	Lesson 6 (Electives)
30 LESSONS <i>Electives: Intensive English, FCE, CAE, IELTS, TOEIC, TOEFL</i>	GE Lesson 1	GE Lesson 2	Break	GE Lesson 3	GE Lesson 4	Lunch	Lesson 5 (Electives)	Lesson 6 (Electives)



"I really enjoyed my time here, everyone is kind and helpful! I will miss BLC...."
Yasna Sharifi
Switzerland, 20 years old



"Thank you, I am very glad to study in BLC because my English improved a lot" Loc Quang Do, Vietnam, 16 years old

"Your school is really perfect. I liked everything I did. I really enjoyed my stay with my family. The teachers are very very good. Thank you for this stay in Bristol. I'll recommend your school, for sure."
Poncet Annick, France, 54 years old

BLC Student Services

We understand the importance of providing a quality service to our students while they are in the UK. Living in another country can be as challenging as learning a language. The BLC Student Support Team is well trained and experienced in assisting students before, during and after their studies at The Bristol Language Centre.

Before enrolment

Whether through our international network of agents or through an individual application, The Bristol Language Centre will provide you with all the information you need about our courses and life at BLC in order to help you make important decisions about your course and accommodation choice.

Pre-departure information

Before you leave your country we will provide pre-departure information which contains information about your accommodation and The Bristol Language Centre, as well as essential information about living in the UK.

Arrival in the UK

Wherever possible we ask that students arrive the weekend before the start of their course. Students usually arrive on Sunday and leave on Saturday

Airport pick up service

An airport pick up service is available on request for Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports, as well as Bristol airport. Bristol Airport has hundreds of direct routes to Europe and connecting flights via Amsterdam all over the world.

First day orientation

On your first day at The Bristol Language Centre you will be given a level test and an orientation of the school and Bristol town centre. You will be given essential information about living in Bristol and the UK, as well as local transport information and emergency contact numbers.

Personal tutors

You will be provided with an individual study plan and a personal tutor to monitor progress. This will ensure that you make the most of your studies and that you are progressing well, as well as helping you to plan for the future.

Student support

While you are studying with us The Bristol Language Centre Student Support Team will help with any non-academic issues, ranging from registering with the police and medical services through to setting up a bank account. We will also provide longer term students with an International Student Identity Card for cinema, museum and travel discounts.

24 hour support

At The Bristol Language Centre we are dedicated to ensuring that you feel safe and supported. All our students are issued with a 24 hour emergency telephone number, which can be used to contact a Bristol Language Centre member of staff at any time.

University Counselling Service

The Bristol Language Centre has a dedicated University Counsellor and offers free guidance and assistance on undergraduate and postgraduate university entrance.

Social activity programme

The Bristol Language Centre organises a year round social activity programme. The programme usually includes two or three activities or excursions per week such as day trips to Bath, Oxford and Cardiff, and visits to local attractions such as street markets and river cruises.

BLC Insurance

The Bristol Language Centre can provide insurance for all our students for long or short stays.

Great Nationality Mix

The Bristol Language Centre is proud of the diversity of its students. BLC students come from all over the world with over 20 nationalities and regularly has students from South America, Europe, Turkey, the Middle East, Russia and South East Asia. A variety of nationalities gives students the opportunity to leaquent cultures and more opportunities to speak English language.

"If you travel to another country, you need a lot of things: accommodation, transport information, and help about the city. In this way this school is great because they helped me with everything. Thank you!"
Ivan Paz, Spain



Academic and social facilities

Information technology and computing

The Bristol Language Centre has a multi-media centre and computer suite of 12 computers for computer based learning. Our teachers are trained in internet and computer based learning methods and language lessons. At least one computer based lesson per week is scheduled for all courses.

Online learning platform

As soon as you enrol at The Bristol Language Centre you will be given access to our specially developed online learning platform. Using this system, students will be able to join a pre-sessional study programme which will enable you to practice and improve your English before coming to The Bristol Language Centre. Access to the system means that whatever your length of study you will have the continued benefit of ongoing Bristol Language Centre support and access to language learning materials. The system includes an individual student profile, access to The Bristol Language Centre online guided learning resources, and tutorial support from the The Bristol Language Centre teaching team. The system allows access to online and interactive, as well as video based language learning material.

Interactive whiteboards

The Bristol Language Centre teaching team has been trained to provide effective lessons using our interactive whiteboards. All Bristol Language Centre courses have at least one timetabled lesson per week which uses interactive materials. All interactive lessons are distributed to students in order to build their individual language learning materials.

BLC World

Come and join us at BLC World! BLC World is the social networking site for past, present and future students at The Bristol Language Centre. BLC World makes sure that all our students can keep in touch with photos, videos and chats. You can find out more about BLC World and see our latest blogs, chats, photos and videos on The BLC homepage www.thebristolanguagecentre.co.uk

Self Study Centre

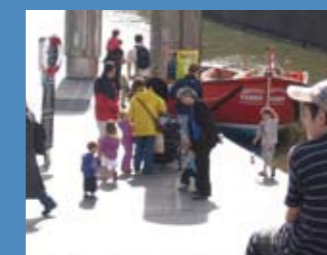
At The Bristol Language Centre we understand the importance of independent and guided learning. Our self study access centre offers students the opportunity to make the most of their free time and our extensive resources. Students have access to a library of graded readers and examination practice material. With interactive, computer and internet based learning materials the centre gives you a great opportunity to maximise your extra study time at The Bristol Language Centre.

Classrooms facilities

The Bristol Language Centre has 13 modern, light and well equipped classrooms, including seven new purpose built classrooms. There is a recreational area for students with access to hot and cold drinks and refreshments.

City centre location

The Bristol Language Centre is located 15 minutes drive from Bristol Airport, 5 minutes walk from Bristol Temple Meads train station and a short walk from Bristol city centre. This means that students have easy access to the best theatres and music venues as well as restaurants and beautiful local parks such as Queen's Square. There are plenty of nearby places for students to eat at lunch time or socialise outside of class.



BLC Term Dates 2009

Term	Start Date	End Date	Term Length
Spring	5 Jan 2009	9 April 2009	14 weeks
Summer	14 April 2009	3 July 2009	12 weeks
Summer Courses	6 July 2009	11 Sept 2009	10 weeks
Autumn	14 Sept 2009	18 Dec 2009	14 weeks

BLC is closed for two weeks for Christmas and New Year, as well as on UK public holidays. Please see below for details.

England and Wales Public Holidays 2009

Holiday	Date
New Year's Day	1 January 2009
Good Friday	10 April 2009
Easter Monday	13 April 2009
Early May Bank Holiday	4 May 2009
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2009
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2009
Christmas Day	25 December 2009
Boxing Day	28 December 2009*

*substitute public holiday as Boxing Day falls on a weekend



Daily Timetable Time

Lesson 1	9.15 - 10.00
Lesson 2	10.00 - 10.45
15 minutes' break	10.45 - 11.00
Lesson	11.00 - 11.45
Lesson 4	11.45 - 12.30
Lunch break	12.30 - 13.45
Lesson 5	13.45 - 14.30
Lesson 6	14.30 - 15.15

"The teachers explain very well and they are so friendly with us. The classes were well organized and we do different things to learn"

"The teachers are quite close to the students making the classroom friendly"
Maria Munoz, 26 years old, Spain



Accommodation Options

At The Bristol Language Centre you can choose to stay in one of our carefully selected host families, private home, university residences, hostel, serviced apartments or hotel options.

Homestay accommodation

Homestay accommodation provides you with a home from home in Bristol. Staying with one of our families will provide you with the perfect opportunity to practice English at home and have a base to explore Bristol. Bristol Language Centre homestay providers are conveniently located and our Accommodation Officer visits them regularly to ensure that our high standards are maintained. You will live as part of a family or household, in a single bedroom, sharing mealtimes, (breakfast and evening meal) and all the facilities at home that you need.

Homestay benefits

- Single study bedroom
- Shared family bathroom
- Two meals Monday to Friday and three meals at weekends
- Laundry once a week
- Convenient location
- Opportunity to improve conversational English

Residential accommodation

Throughout July and August The Bristol Language Centre has access to quality residential accommodation. Woodlands Centre is a beautiful converted church which offers 17 fully furnished single rooms with study desk. Bathroom, kitchen and recreational areas are shared. You will have the opportunity to meet with students of many nationalities and live and learn as part of a student community. Woodland Court offers modern ensuite residential accommodation with study desk, internet access and shared kitchen facilities.

- Single study bedroom
- Private bathroom (Woodlands Court only)
- Self-catering
- Access to laundry
- Shared student living
- Excellent location
- Independence

Private home

Staying in a private home provides you with all the benefits of homestay accommodation, but you will be able to prepare your own meals. The Bristol Language Centre private homes are conveniently located and our accommodation officer visits them regularly to ensure that our high standards are maintained. You will live as part of a family or household, in a single bedroom, and all the facilities at home that you need.

Private home benefits

- Single study bedroom
- Shared family or household accommodation
- Self catering
- Laundry once a week
- Convenient location
- Opportunity to improve conversational English
- Independence



BLC building



Woodlands Centre



Woodlands Court



General and Intensive English language programmes

Course description

This course is designed to improve your general English language proficiency for use in everyday situations. Students may want to improve their English language for further studies, business or leisure. The course uses a course book and supplementary materials and will provide you with essential structures and vocabulary.

Course outcomes

- Progression to academic English language course such as pre-sessional, IELTS programme, pre-masters or foundation
- Improvement in career prospects by achieving level of English required for international business
- Flexible course start and end dates mean that you can progress to chosen English language level in the time that suits you.

Key course facts

- ➔ Beginner to advanced levels
- ➔ Minimum 1 week
- ➔ 20 lessons per week (General), 30 lessons per week (Intensive)
- ➔ Maximum class size 12 (14 in high season)
- ➔ Start date any Monday during term time
- ➔ Course length as required
- ➔ Fees include learning materials, personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, wi-fi internet access
- ➔ Students aged 16 and above

Examination preparation courses

Cambridge ESOL Examinations (FCE, CAE)

FCE (First Certificate in English),
CAE (Certificate in Advanced English)

Course description

This course is designed for intermediate and advanced level students who wish to take the internationally recognised Cambridge ESOL examinations.

The course uses a course book and supplementary materials and is a highly intensive programme of language development, focusing on the major skills that are required. The course focuses on exam techniques and practice to ensure that you gain the highest grade possible at the level you require.

Course outcomes

Successful completion of Cambridge examination at the required level
Improved career prospects

Key course facts

- ➔ Intermediate to advanced levels
- ➔ 30 lessons per week
- ➔ Maximum class size 12 (14 in high season)
- ➔ Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, wi-fi internet access
- ➔ Students aged 16 and above

Programme	StartDate	End Date	Course length	Exam Date
FCE, CAE	5 January 2009	13 March 2009	10 weeks	14 March 2009
FCE, CAE	23 March 2009	12 June 2009	12 weeks	16 June 2009 (FCE) 17 June 2009 (CAE)
FCE, CAE	14 September 2009	4 December 2009	12 weeks	8 December 2009 (FCE) December 2009 (CAE)

BEC (Business English Certificate)

Course description

Business English Certificates (BEC) are Cambridge ESOL examinations which test English language ability used in the context of business. They are ideal for students preparing for a career in business as they demonstrate you have the standard of English to use in a professional context.

The course uses a course book and supplementary materials and is a highly intensive programme of language development, focusing on the major skills that

are required. The course focuses on exam techniques and practice to ensure that you gain the highest grade possible at the level you require.

The Bristol Language Centre offers preparation courses for BEC Vantage (Upper Intermediate) and BEC Higher (Advanced)

Course outcomes

Successful completion of BEC at the required level

Key course facts

- ➔ Intermediate to advanced levels
- ➔ 30 lessons per week
- ➔ Maximum class size 12 (14 in high season)
- ➔ Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, wi-fi internet access
- ➔ Improved knowledge of English for business
- ➔ Recognised professional qualification
- ➔ Students aged 18 and above

Programme	StartDate	End Date	Course length	Exam Date
BEC (V/H)	5 January 2009	13 March 2009	10 weeks	18 March 2009 (H) 20 March 2009 (V)
BEC (V/H)	23 March 2009	30 May 2009	10 weeks	2 June 2009 (H) 4 June 2009 (H)
BEC (V/H)	14 September 2009	20 November 2009	10 weeks	21 November 2009 (H) 5 December 2009 (V)

TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication) and TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

Course description

The TOEIC examination is a multiple choice exam which focuses on language necessary for international communication and is of particular interest to students who need to improve English for professional reasons.

The course uses a course book and supplementary materials and is a highly intensive programme of language development, focusing on the major skills that are required. The course focuses on exam techniques and practice to ensure that you gain the highest grade possible at the level you require.

The TOEFL examination measures the ability to use and understand English as it is spoken, written and heard in colleges and on university campuses. The exam tests your ability to communicate in an academic setting and your readiness for academic coursework.

Course outcomes

- Successful completion of examination
- Improved English for international communication or possible progression to US university
- Improved English for business communication

Key course facts

- ➔ Intermediate to advanced levels
- ➔ 30 lessons per week
- ➔ Maximum class size 12 (14 in high season)
- ➔ Start any Monday during term time
- ➔ Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, wi-fi internet access
- ➔ Students aged 16 and above

The Bristol Language Centre is a TOEIC test centre. Examinations will be the last Friday of every month but can be organised for different dates (on a Friday) in special circumstances.

IELTS preparation

Course description

This course is designed for more advanced students who want to improve academic English language skills to prepare for the internationally recognised IELTS examination.

The course uses a course book and supplementary materials and will provide you with essential structures and vocabulary. The course focuses on exam techniques and practice to ensure that you gain the highest grade possible.

Students will improve their academic English language proficiency in all skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing, the core skills for IELTS success

Course outcomes

Successful completion of IELTS examination
Possible entrance to UK university

Key course facts

- ➔ Intermediate to advanced levels*
- ➔ Maximum class size 12 (14 in high season)
- ➔ Start date any Monday during term time
- ➔ Course length as required
- ➔ Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, wi-fi internet access
- ➔ Students aged 16 and above

* IELTS Foundation may be available for pre-intermediate levels during busy periods



University preparation courses

The Bristol Language Centre has a range of academic English language programmes which will prepare students for university in the UK. These courses, combined with students' personal study plan, tutorial system and university counselling service means that students will be well prepared for life and studies at a UK university.

English for Academic Purposes

Course description

The BLC English for Academic Purposes course is an intensive English language course for students preparing to enter university in the UK. The course has been carefully designed to help students progress to their academic study routes with excellent study skills and language proficiency.

The course consists of English language training, IELTS preparation, and academic study skills including essay writing, making presentations, note taking, academic reading and summarising

Course outcomes

Assuming that students have the necessary academic qualifications, success on this course offers:

- Progression to BLC pre-sessional if required
- English language proficiency and skills to progress to UK university
- Assured progression to BLC foundation courses with routes to quality UK universities

Key course facts

- ➔ Intermediate to advanced levels
- ➔ 30 lessons per week
- ➔ 12, 24 or 36 week course
- ➔ Maximum class size 12 (14 in high season)
- ➔ September, January and April start dates
- ➔ Entry level IELTS 4.5 (September), 5.0 (January) and 5.5 (April)
- ➔ Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, wi-fi internet access
- ➔ Students aged 16 and above

Pre-sessional English

Course description

The Bristol Language Centre pre-sessional programmes are for academically qualified students who need to improve their English language level before starting a degree programme at a UK university. BLC pre-sessional programmes run in four week modules in June, July and August

Course outcomes

- To improve your general English language proficiency
- Raise your IELTS score
- Provide contextual study skills including academic reading and writing skills, attending lectures, group discussions and presentations and the culture of a UK university

Key course facts

- ➔ Intermediate to advanced levels
- ➔ Entry level IELTS 5.0 (12 week course), 5.5 (8 week course) and 6.0 (4 week course)
- ➔ 30 lessons per week
- ➔ Maximum class size 12 (14 in high season)
- ➔ Start date June, July or August
- ➔ Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, wi-fi internet access
- ➔ Students aged 16 and above

Pre-masters

Course description

This course is for academically qualified students preparing for a taught postgraduate degree in the UK. The Bristol Language Centre Pre-masters course prepares students for a UK masters course with an emphasis on Business. The course will develop academic study skills including reading and writing, academic reports, seminar presentation skills and note taking

Course outcomes

Assuming that students have met the academic entry requirements, success on the course gives them the English language skills for :

- Successful preparation for postgraduate degree in the UK
- Direct entry to postgraduate study in the UK

Key course facts

- ➔ Intermediate to advanced levels
- ➔ 12, 24 or 36 week course
- ➔ 30 lessons per week

- ➔ Entry level IELTS 4.5 (36 week course), 5.0 (24 week course) or 5.5 (12 week course)
- ➔ Start date September, January and April
- ➔ Maximum class size 12 (14 in high season)
- ➔ Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, wi-fi internet access
- ➔ Further study counseling

BLC University Foundation Programme

Course description

From September 2009 The Bristol Language Centre is offering students the opportunity to study a university accredited and recognised foundation programme*. The BLC Foundation Programme consists of 24 or 36 weeks of intensive study. The programme is the perfect preparation for students planning undergraduate study in the UK. The programme includes academic study, intensive English language preparation, study skills and cultural orientation.

Course outcomes

Successful completion of the course offers normal university progression opportunities with the possibility of direct progression to several quality UK institutions*

*Subject to validation

Key course facts

- ➔ 24 or 36 week course
- ➔ Business and IT pathways
- ➔ Ongoing academic English language support
- ➔ IELTS 4.5 or equivalent (September start), IELTS 5.0 or equivalent (January start)
- ➔ Maximum class size 15
- ➔ Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, wi-fi internet access

BLC Teacher Training

Teacher Knowledge Test (TKT)

Course description

The Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT) is a Cambridge ESOL test which focuses on the core teaching knowledge needed by teachers of primary, secondary or adult learners, anywhere in the world. The course is a flexible programme which is a combination of distance learning and a one week intensive course at BLC. The course has been carefully designed to suit the needs of busy people in the UK or overseas who would benefit from developing their teaching skills. The TKT course will help students to progress to the Cambridge ESOL's ICALT and CELTA awards. You will be offered continued support from the training team should you need it once you have successfully completed the course.

Course outcomes

This flexible and accessible award will help you to understand:

- different methodologies for teaching
- the 'language of teaching'
- the ways in which resources can be used
- the key aspects of lesson planning
- classroom management methods for different needs

Key course facts

- ➔ 4 weeks distance learning
- ➔ 1 weeks intensive course in Bristol
- ➔ On-site test
- ➔ Maximum class size 12
- ➔ Bristol based courses start September, November, February, April and June
- ➔ Fees include all materials, personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, wi-fi internet access, ongoing support
- ➔ Recognised Cambridge ESOL qualification which will assist with CELTA qualification



English for Work

Business English

Course description

In addition to the Cambridge ESOL BEC examination courses The Bristol Language Centre offers flexible Business English courses for individuals or groups which focus on practical English language use for the workplace and international business communication.

Students' language levels and areas of particular interest are assessed using a needs analysis. Students will be given the opportunity to choose from a variety of topics such as international marketing, e-commerce, globalisation, negotiation or presentation giving. Courses are then designed by tutors on a tailor-made basis.

Students work with authentic material taken from the media, TV and radio relevant to topic areas.

Course outcomes

- ➔ Helps students improve their English in a variety of business and professional contexts
- ➔ Improve ability to conduct business in an international environment

Key course facts

- ➔ Intermediate to advanced levels
- ➔ Minimum 1 week
- ➔ 24 lessons per week
- ➔ Maximum class size 12 (14 in high season)
- ➔ Start date any Monday during term time
- ➔ Flexible course dates
- ➔ Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, wi-fi internet access
- ➔ Students aged 18 and above

Work and Study

In an increasingly competitive employment market, employers are looking for new recruits who can immediately add value to their business. Work experience or internships in an English speaking country can make your CV more attractive to future employers. Combined with an English course, you could be a step closer to your dream job.

Course description

Students study Intensive English for a minimum of 4 weeks before taking an internship or work placement. They follow the Intensive English course, which focuses on quickly developing effective skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Students are also given the option to attend workshops which will help them to understand the UK job market, write CVs, and practise interview techniques

There are many internship sectors for students to choose from, including media, graphic design, public relations, advertising, hotel management, human resource management, some sectors of engineering, technology, finance, administration, marketing, market research, tourism and legal administration

Paid Internships

There is also the possibility of a paid internship. The student must be able to work for a minimum of three months. Typical work placements are in hotels, restaurants or holiday parks and holiday villages in positions such as waiter or waitress, room service, kitchen porter or bar work. Participants can do the placement in the same location as their school or they can move to another location in the UK.

Non EU Students

Non-EU students are required to take a 'sandwich' work study course where they enrol on Intensive English Courses for a minimum of 4 weeks, then complete a 3 to 6 month work placement, followed by a minimum of 2 more weeks of English language courses.

Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)

At the completion of the work programme the student will also be issued a certificate and in some cases students can apply for the standard internationally recognised CIE work experience certificate, awarded by the University of Cambridge at the end of their placement.

Key course facts

- ➔ Intermediate to Advanced levels
- ➔ Minimum English language course length 4 weeks
- ➔ 12 weeks to 1 year's work experience
- ➔ Start date by arrangement
- ➔ Placements throughout the UK
- ➔ Completion certificate
- ➔ Students aged 18 and above

Additional extras

- ➔ Friday afternoon electives

Friday afternoons at BLC we have a range of alternative lessons and workshops which students sign up for. Students can choose from options such as additional exam practice, workshops (grammar, pronunciation, drama), examining cultures through film and TV, and visits to galleries

- ➔ Friday afternoon Job Club

For students who are hoping to find work in the UK, BLC has a Friday afternoon job club. You can join workshops to improve your CVs, learn about the UK job market or practise interview techniques

- ➔ Conversation and writing club

BLC offers a free after school conversation and writing club on Wednesdays

How to apply

- ➔ Once you have decided which course is right for you, please complete and return the enclosed enrolment form. Alternatively, you can complete the enrolment form online.
- ➔ In order to confirm your place on the course, you will need to pay a deposit of £160. This includes £50 registration fee and £10 non-refundable charge for your individual CAS number.
- ➔ When we have received your deposit, we will send you a Certificate of Acceptance, an invoice for the balance of fees and details of your accommodation, if applicable.

How to pay

You can pay The Bristol Language Centre by bank transfer or credit card

1. Bank transfer

Bank address:	Lloyds TSB 15 High St., Westbury on Trym, Bristol BS9 3DA
Bank code:	30 99 38
Account number:	3206285
Account name:	Bristol Language Centre Ltd.
IBAN:	GB70LOYD30993803206285
Swift:	LOYDGB21262
2. Credit card

Please note that there is a one off charge of £7.50 for bank transfers. This must be added to the transfer amount. Please make sure you put your name as a reference. We need to know where the money comes from.

- You can pay your deposit or fees by Visa or MasterCard. You will need to send us your card number and expiry date, three digit security number from the back of your card and a billing address. You can contact us by telephone, fax, or e-mail.

Please read the additional information below before completing and submitting your form.

Additional information

Please read and understand this section before making your application.

1. Fees must be paid at least four weeks before your course begins. If you book less than four weeks before you start, you must send the full payment immediately.
2. In order to confirm your place on the course you will need to pay a deposit of £150. This includes a £50 registration fee and a £10 non-refundable charge for your individual CAS number.
3. Fees do not include examination fees, coursebooks, insurance, Activities Programme (except on Summer Programme).
4. The school will close for two weeks for Christmas and New Year holidays. Please check school holiday dates and public holiday dates with the school. There is no reduction in fees for courses which include public holidays.
5. If you cancel the registration, the deposit, registration fee and charge for CAS number are non-refundable in any event.
6. If you send us written cancellation at least four weeks before the start of your course, we will refund the course fees minus the deposit and registration fee. If you cancel less than four weeks before the start of your course, we will refund 50% of your course fees, minus the deposit and registration fee.

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Course Fees 2009

No. of lessons per week	Courses	Cost per week			
		1-7 weeks	8-12 weeks	13-23 weeks	24+ weeks
30 lessons	Intensive English, FCE, CAE, IELTS, TOEFL, TOEIC	£190	£180	£170	£160
24 lessons	Semi-Intensive English, Business English	£175	£165	£155	£145
20 lessons	General English	£160	£150	£140	£130

Lessons are 45 minutes

Registration fee £50

Students applying for a visa to come to the UK will be charged an additional one off fee of £10 to cover the cost of being issued with an individual CAS number.

	24 weeks (January start date)	36 weeks (September start date)
BLC Foundation programme	£3950	£5950
BLC Pre-masters	£3840	£5760

	4 week programme	8 week programme	12 week programme
BLC Pre-sessional programme	£760	£1440	£2040

Additional costs

Coursebooks

General and Intensive English language

Materials included

Examination Courses

£25 for IELTS, FCE, CAE, BEC and Business English coursebooks

£45 for TOEFL and TOEIC coursebooks

Coursebooks will be sold to student on arrival at the school and can be sold back to the school on departure

Accommodation:

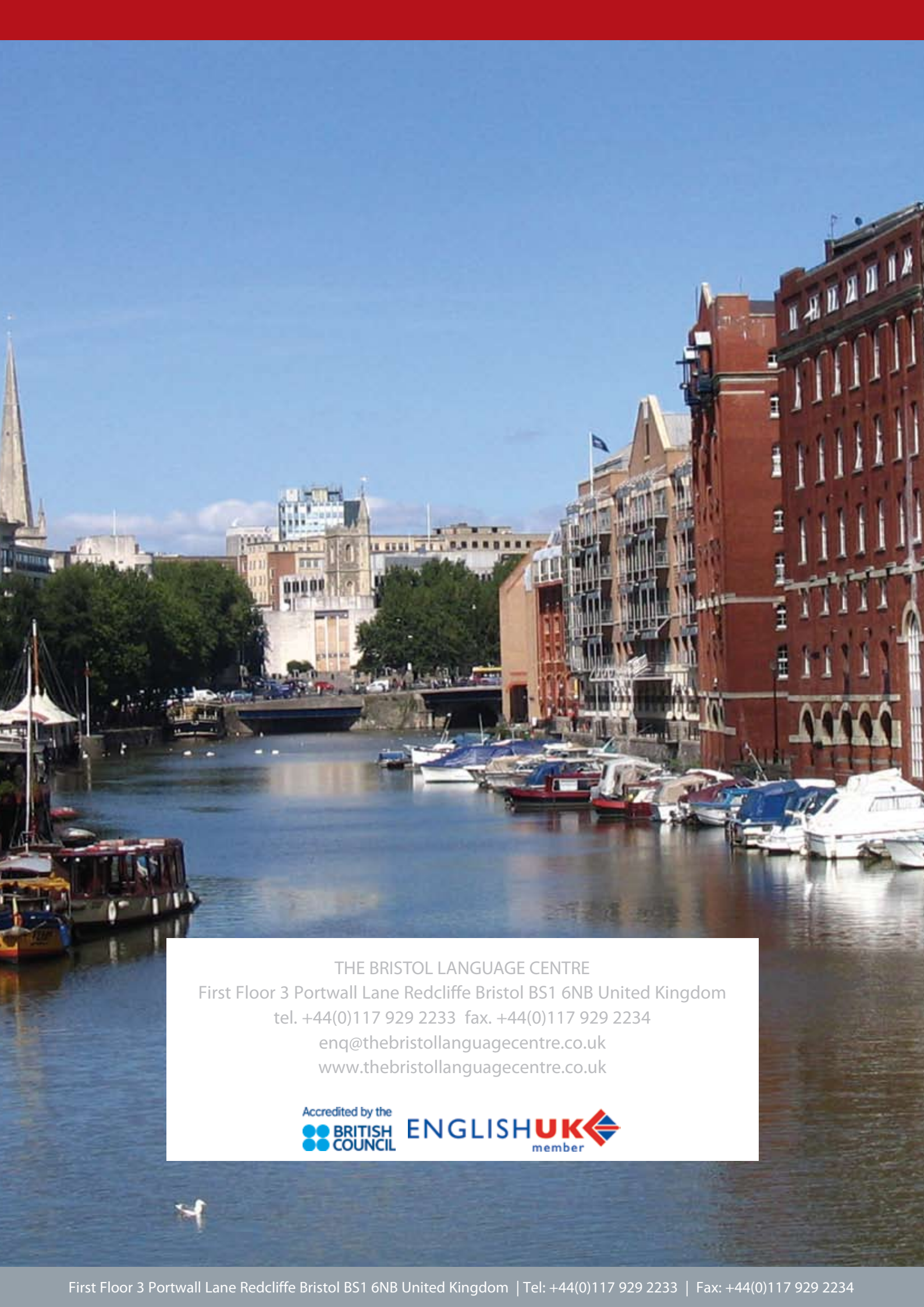
Half board homestay £115 per week plus £5 per week summer supplement in July and August

Self catering £95 per week plus £5 per week summer supplement in July and August

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7. Refunds cannot be made for late arrival, early departure or absence during a course.
8. Visas are granted according to the course and number of course hours which the student is studying. Students may not reduce the number of hours they wish to study after a visa has been granted. For students who do not require visas, reduction of hours after being accepted onto a course will be regarded as a cancellation of this part of the course.
9. Students are expected to pay the amount invoiced and where students have overpaid fees, the school will allow refunds to a maximum of £200.
10. If you want to take a holiday during your course, you must tell us at least two weeks beforehand. The holiday period will be added to your course.
11. You must give at least one week's notice before changing host family.
12. Make sure you take out full insurance before you travel. This is particularly important for non-EU students.





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