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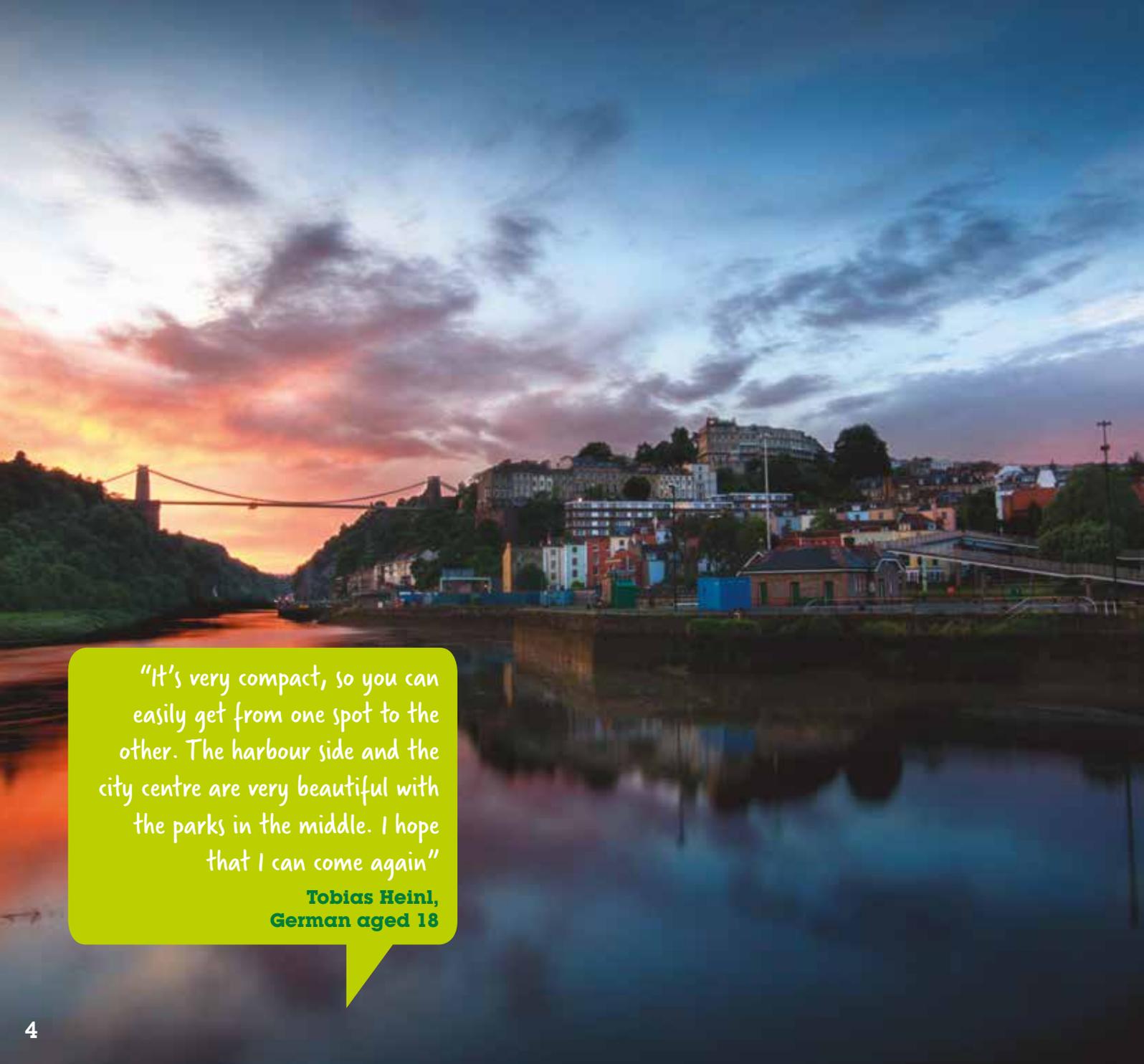
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BLC (Bristol Language Centre) is a dynamic, independent, British Council accredited school which offers you a wide range of high quality English language courses. We are a member of English UK and Quality English.

We pride ourselves in taking care of individual students' needs and welfare, and match solid academic teaching to students' goals and aspirations. You can enjoy a lively social programme and excellent accommodation. We teach practical, real life English and use the latest technology both inside and outside the classroom.



"It's very compact, so you can easily get from one spot to the other. The harbour side and the city centre are very beautiful with the parks in the middle. I hope that I can come again"

**Tobias Heini,
German aged 18**

*"Staff..teachers..students..
this course is a big family.
It's impossible that you feel
like a stranger, so thanks for
everything BLC."*

**Bahadir Yaman,
Turkey, aged 25**

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"Professional teachers, high quality of the lessons, I have learned a lot!"

**Serena Fusaro,
Italy, aged 28**



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Why choose BLC?

BLC is a dynamic, independent, British Council accredited school which offers a wide range of high quality English language courses.

Successful

- You will make swift progress thanks to our good class sizes, dedicated tutors and clever use of technology both in and outside lessons
- Your knowledge of English will set you up for life!

Individual

- We will match your needs at BLC – we will help you reach your goals and fulfil your dreams, supported by your dedicated tutor, who will track your individual progress
- BLC's variety of courses is sure to provide something to suit you, whatever your aspirations
- You can choose a flexible start date for most courses

Quality

- At BLC, we are recognised for our great reputation, innovation and quality
- You will find well-qualified teachers – often with many years' experience, as well as a Diploma or MA in English language teaching
- BLC is accredited by the British Council, and a member of English UK and Quality English.

Independent

- BLC in Bristol provides you with a unique all-round English language experience
- Your specific needs will be identified and met through innovations such as Friday afternoon electives, BLC's very own mobile learning programme, our online learning environment, and our internship programme

Supportive

- Your health and happiness matter to us – you will have a named welfare officer and find a friendly, welcoming environment
- You can ask BLC's Student Support Services for help with any non-academic issues, such as registering with the medical services or setting up a bank account
- You will have a 24-hour telephone number to call in emergencies



97%

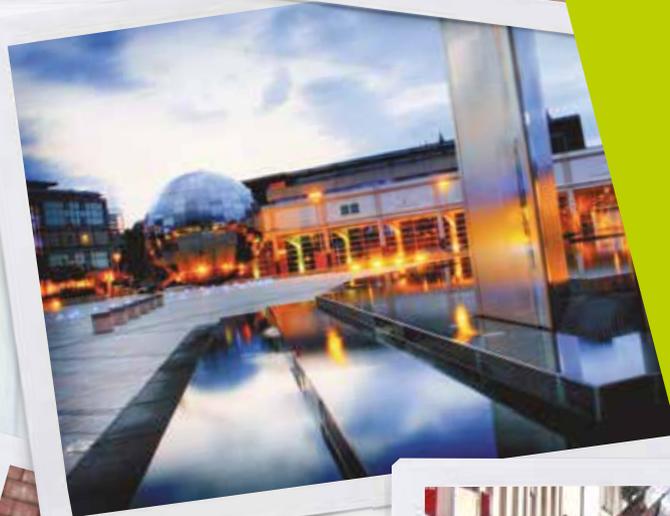
of BLC students would recommend BLC to another student†

Innovative

- You will benefit from BLC's up to date facilities, including lessons supported by tablet use, interactive whiteboards and free, unlimited Wi-Fi.
- Our wide range of online and mobile interactive learning options will let you learn in the way that suits you best

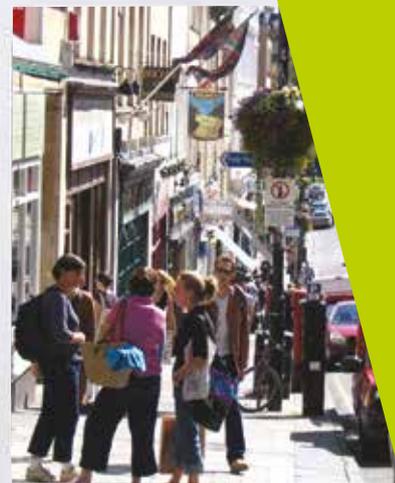
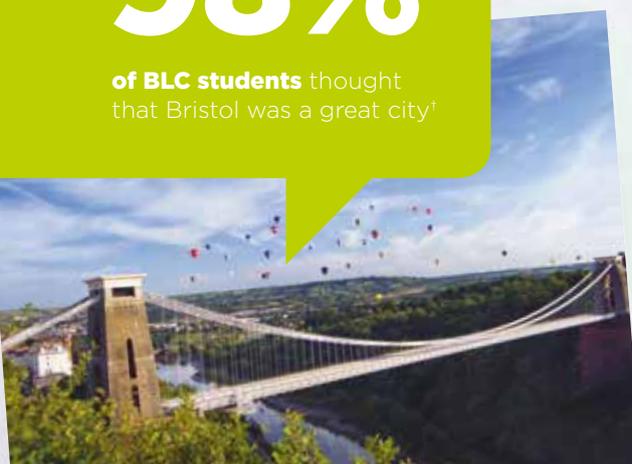
Friendly

- You will boost your confidence in English as you take part in BLC's active social programme
- You can make friends with other BLC students, who come from over 50 countries around the globe
- Based in the centre of the lively and welcoming city of Bristol, you will easily be able to visit the shops, bars, parks, train station and airport



98%

of BLC students thought that Bristol was a great city!



Why Bristol?

From Brunel to Banksy, Bristol has attracted great minds who have left their mark on this beautiful, vibrant city. The cultural and artistic centre of south west England, Bristol has two world-ranking universities and a strong local economy.

Bristol's international airport and good rail links make it a convenient location, with flights direct to over 50 European destinations and many cities worldwide. Bristol has a diverse population and a wealth of opportunities: a top destination for language students and voted best place to live in 2017†.

Historic sights

You can see Brunel's world famous Clifton Suspension Bridge, and visit his restored iron ship, the SS Great Britain, moored in the scenic floating harbour. Stunning Georgian houses from the 1700s sweep gracefully across the centre of this historic port.

Music and nightlife

Bristol is famous for its vibrant music scene, with plenty of live events for you to enjoy, from classical music to the latest bands at the Colston Hall and other venues around the city. There's also a great choice of bars and clubs.

Art and festivals

Be surprised by Bristol's urban art scene as you wander the streets. And keep an eye open for hot air balloons drifting over this 'capital city' of the ballooning world. Don't miss the annual International Balloon Fiesta and the world renowned Harbour Festival.

On stage

Bristol is home to the Old Vic Theatre, the longest-running theatre in the UK, and the Hippodrome, where you can see ballet, pantomime, stage shows and musicals on tour from London's West End. There are many other live performance venues and cinemas across the city.

Educational opportunities

Bristol is home to two world class universities and you will mix with a diverse international student population.

Sporting life

Take part in any sport you like from athletics to tennis, basketball to swimming: you will find them all in Bristol. Or take a seat to enjoy Bristol's professional football or rugby teams in action. International fixtures at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium are less than an hour away by train.

Out of town

From Bristol, you can catch a train to London (1½ hours) or Bath (10 mins). Visit the traditional English seaside at Weston super Mare (30 mins). Further away, but in easy reach by car, are Stratford upon Avon (birthplace of William Shakespeare), Oxford and the ancient sights of Stonehenge.

*"Amazing place to visit...
6 weeks are not enough to see
everything. I will come back!"*

**Joanna Chetelat,
Switzerland, aged 22**

†Sunday Times Best Place to Live Guide 2017

BLC supports you

Living in another country can be as challenging as learning a language. At BLC, we ensure you are safe and happy while you study. We are here to answer all your queries about life in the UK. We'll help you steer clear of problems, but if you need a friendly face or helping hand, we're here to help.

We'll support your studies too, with experienced teachers, clever use of technology, and advice to get you onto the next stage of your journey in English. By providing a wide choice of accommodation, you can be sure that you will be comfortable and content, as well as having the opportunity to meet and make friends with other English language students from around the globe.

Your welfare comes first

The happiness and safety of BLC students are our priorities, and the BLC Team is well trained and experienced in assisting you before, during and after your studies with us.

Airport pick-up service

An airport taxi service is available for you to book your transport to travel to or from Heathrow, Gatwick and Bristol airports. Pick-up arrangements are available for all other airports on request.

First day orientation

On your first day at BLC you will be shown around the school and Bristol city centre, and take a level test. We will make sure you have all the essential information about living in Bristol and the UK, as well as local transport information and emergency contact numbers.

Student support

BLC has a named welfare officer, who is there to support you. BLC's Student Support Services will help you with any non-academic issues, ranging from registering with the police and medical services through to setting up a bank account.

24-hour support

At BLC we are committed to ensuring that you feel safe and supported. All our students are issued with a 24-hour emergency telephone number.

Student insurance

BLC recommends that you take out insurance, and can provide details of suitable insurance for students.

Great nationality mix

BLC is delighted to teach students from all over the world and in 2017, we welcomed students from 55 countries! You will be able to practise your English while making friends with people from many different countries and cultures. Last year, around 7% of students came from Asia, 6% from Turkey, 4% from South America, 7% from Middle East and North African countries, 3% from CIS & Russian Federation and 3% from Eastern Europe, not to mention students from Spain, Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland and many more. †



For details of our wide range of accommodation see pages 19-21 or visit: www.blc-english.com and click on accommodation



Supporting your studies

We give you the individual attention you need to achieve your goals and fulfil your dreams. Our high quality teaching means we can tailor our knowledge to your needs.

99%

of BLC students thought our teachers were friendly and organised!



Monitoring your progress

You will have an individual study plan and a dedicated tutor to make sure you make progress and get the most from your studies. We will also help you plan for the future. You will have regular class tests to monitor your progress, and you will receive an end of course report and certificate.

Sample timetable

For courses of 20 lessons (of 45 minutes) per week:

09.15–10.00	General English lesson 1
10.00–10.45	General English lesson 2
BREAK	
11.00–11.45	General English lesson 3
11.45–12.30	General English lesson 4

For courses of 30 lessons (of 45 minutes) per week, the timetable is as for 20 lessons plus:

13.45–14.30	Afternoon lesson 1
14.30–15.15	Afternoon lesson 2

Afternoon lessons 1 and 2 are for courses in Intensive English, FCE, CAE, IELTS and Business English.

Tablet technology

You will benefit from BLC's tablet and self-study area, which makes use of hybrid tablets with detachable keyboards. Additional tablets are available for classroom work and *BLC Anytime* tutorials.

BLC has an active BOYD (bring your own device) policy and encourages you to use your own mobile devices for learning in and out of the classroom.

We also have interactive whiteboards, screens and projectors, plus free Wi-Fi throughout. Our teachers are trained in internet and computer-based learning methods and language lessons.

Online, mobile and interactive

As soon as you enrol at BLC you will be given free access to our specially developed online learning platform, *BLC Anytime*. The system includes an individual study plan, access to BLC online guided learning resources, and tutorial support from the BLC teaching team. You will also benefit from our very own SMS-based mobile learning programme, *BLCOnTEXT*.

BLC also offers remote online tutoring with a timetable to suit you- see page 31 for more details.



University, exam and work guidance

BLC offers free guidance to students on undergraduate and postgraduate university entrance, work in the UK and advice on suitable examination courses.

Self-study opportunities

At BLC we understand the importance of independent and guided learning. You will have access to graded readers, exam practice materials, and weekly exam practice sessions. Students can join our weekly Conversation Club and will have plenty of opportunities for out of class speaking practice. You can use the student computer room to access your individual study plan and other interactive self-study materials through your personal *BLC Anytime* account. With interactive, computer- and internet-based learning materials, and Wi-Fi throughout, BLC gives you a great opportunity to maximise your extra study time.

Classroom facilities

You will have use of BLC's modern, light and well equipped classrooms, many of which have interactive whiteboards or screens and projectors. There are several break-out areas with access to hot and cold drinks and snacks.



What's included?

Your course fees include: English language lessons, personal study plan, dedicated tutor, access to guided interactive learning resources, computer room and Wi-Fi internet.

BLC shop

The BLC shop is the hub of the reception area. You can purchase practical items such as adaptors and mobile phone credit, as well as a range of BLC merchandise, from pens and mugs to T-shirts and hoodies.

When you leave

BLC will continue to support you after you leave, with continued access to our online learning environment *BLC Anytime** and our remote learning options, and the opportunity to keep in touch through our social networks.

*3 months' free access after completing your course at BLC.

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My BLC

Monika Smith,
Assistant Director of Studies

"The best thing is working with students from all over the world and teachers who care about the progress of their students. It's very satisfying to see our students pass internationally recognised exams and achieve their goals".

Be sociable

Getting out and about

Don't just learn English, learn about England – and the rest of the UK. Develop your independence as you speak to locals and enjoy new activities and new places. BLC's active social programme means you can take part in events on most days through the year. With such a wide choice, there's sure to be something to suit you.

Boost your confidence in English and make new friends, as you speak with BLC students of many other nationalities. At the same time, enjoy everything that Bristol and its surroundings have to offer.

You can choose from an enormous range of regular activities.

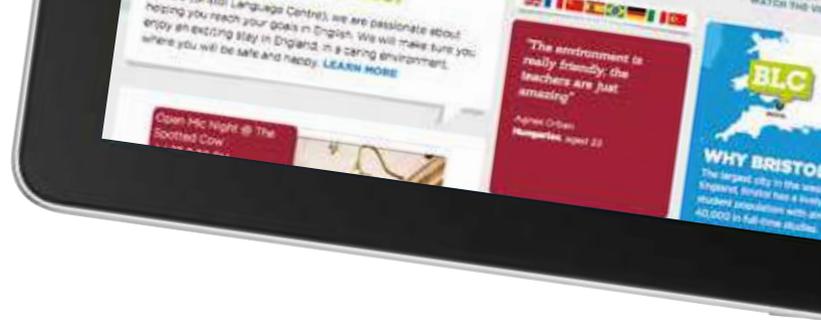
"There were many activities and local places to visit, and everything has always been well organised. It was so fun!"

Beatriz Marquez Merchán, Spain, aged 18

With BLC's activity programme, you can:

- See more of Bristol with our regular city tours during which you can take in Bristol's urban art scene, including Banksy's famous murals, as well as Brunel's engineering masterpieces
- Enjoy day trips to other towns and cities, such as London, Oxford and Cardiff
- See what's on at the cinema, or take a trip to the theatre, perhaps to see a musical
- Relax on the beach, or enjoy a sizzling summer barbecue
- Visit the historic sights of Stonehenge, Salisbury or Wells
- Experience some traditional English pubs, go out for a delicious meal, or enjoy a chat over coffee
- Take part in fun activities like Laser Quest and mini-golf
- Learn about cheese making in the caves at Cheddar
- Try something different, from boat trips to bowling
- Put together some fancy dress for Halloween, visit the Christmas market or enjoy a fireworks display
- Experience famous Bristol events like the Harbour Festival or the Balloon Fiesta
- Take a stroll around one of Bristol's museums, or make some furry friends at Bristol Zoo





Be connected

Interactive learning with BLC

BLC's exciting mobile and online learning environment is truly flexible, to suit you!

Our interactive learning resources support your communication in English inside and outside the classroom, and ensure you get the most from your course.

As a BLC student, you will receive free access to our unique mobile learning programme, *BLConTEXT*, as well as our online learning platform, *BLC Anytime*. At the end of your course you will continue to have free access to *BLC Anytime* for an additional 3 months.

BLC Anytime

BLC understands the benefits of learning both inside and outside the classroom. As part of our blended learning programmes, BLC is proud to offer you access to its interactive online and mobile learning platform from the time you enrol, for the duration of your course and beyond. BLC offers you free online and mobile access to a vast range of authentic and guided learning material, so you can study anytime!

As a BLC student, you will benefit from:

- Mobile and online access to thousands of extra activities and exercises, including pronunciation, listening and reading practice
- Access to a range of handy apps, such as the BLC Social Activity Calendar and useful grammar and vocabulary exercises
- Learning in your own way, using authentic material
- A structured individual learning plan at your own level
- Reaching your personal learning goals
- Adapting your learning plan according to your needs
- Preparing online for tests and exams using a wide range of exam preparation material
- Sharing your learning and social experiences with friends via Facebook and Twitter
- Keeping a record of your tutorial with your teacher and personal advice about how to improve your English
- 24/7 access: log on and learn anytime!

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BLC Mobile Learning – UNIQUE to BLC

As a BLC student, you will benefit from this BLC innovation – *BLConTEXT* – our very own SMS-based mobile learning programme.

Benefits to you include:

- Daily SMS text message to help your English language learning
- Daily SMS links to videos, websites and photos
- Interactive teaching methods, giving you language guidance while studying independently
- Increased knowledge of new vocabulary and idioms
- A fun, interactive and exciting way to learn English
- Integration with social networks

“It was a great idea to receive a text on my mobile phone every day before my class. It prompted me to think in English and to learn useful idiomatic expressions and new words quickly”

**Sara Guerrini,
Italian, aged 23**



My BLC

**Ellie Rehbein,
Centre Administrator**

“The best thing about BLC is the variety of people I get to meet and work with – from the teachers to the students and everyone in between. The atmosphere is always buzzing and ever-changing throughout the year!”



"I was really lucky with this family. They are good cooks and really friendly and caring. They helped me to find a salsa course. They are probably the best family that BLC can offer"

**Laryssa Nkoumondo,
Switzerland, aged 23**

Choose where you want to live

At BLC you can choose to stay with a family in one of our carefully selected friendly homestays or more independently in our modern residences. We can also provide you with serviced apartment or hotel accommodation on request.

Homestay

Homestay provides you with a home from home in Bristol, with easy access to BLC. Staying with one of our families will give you a perfect opportunity to practise English and have a base from which to explore Bristol.

Our Accommodation Officer visits our homestays at least once every two years, in line with British Council regulations, to ensure that our high standards are maintained.

Half board

Homestay half board is our most popular option. You will live as part of a family or household, in a single bedroom, sharing all the living areas, and with all the facilities at home that you need. Meals are provided (breakfast and evening meal on weekdays, three meals a day at weekends).

Benefits:

- Single room, with desk available for study
- Shared family bathroom
- Breakfast and evening meal on Monday to Friday and three meals a day at weekends
- Laundry once a week
- Convenient location
- Opportunity to improve conversational English

Self-catering

Staying in a self-catering home provides you with all the same benefits as homestay half board, but you will prepare your own meals.

Benefits:

As for Half Board, except:

- You can use kitchen facilities to prepare your own meals
- You therefore have greater independence



Residential

Staying in a residence is ideal if you wish to live more independently. You can live with fellow students of different nationalities, and improve your English together, or you can live completely independently in a studio apartment. BLC offers you a variety of high quality year-round residential accommodation.



Elephant House

Just 15 minutes' walk from BLC, this residence owes its name to the elephant sculptures on the side of the building, created by local sculptor Steve Joyce. The strict English language-only policy in this BLC community means that you will benefit from making friends and speaking English with students of other nationalities. This residence is ideal for students who want independence at the same time as being part of a BLC community, with the opportunity to meet people and practise English at home. The residence is the venue of many social events, and has enough space to make communal living a great experience.

"Everything was perfect, the location was good, the room was spacious and the kitchen was big."

**Victor Delétraz,
Switzerland, aged 19**



Elephant House provides single or twin rooms with shared bathrooms.

- Access to local shops in a friendly neighbourhood
- A BLC shared house, with high quality, bright and spacious rooms
- Self-catering
- Students must be at least 18 years of age to stay in this house
- Minimum stay is 1 week
- Strictly no smoking in this residence

Facilities include:

- Brand new shared kitchen facilities, including all kitchen utilities
- A bed, wardrobe, drawer space and desk in each room
- Two bright and airy shared lounges
- Widescreen TV in lounge
- Laundry facilities
- Bedding pack (duvet, pillows and bed linen), but students must provide their own towels
- Free Wi-Fi
- All utility bills included
- Secured entrance
- Bike storage



BLC City Centre Studio Apartments

In the heart of Bristol's city centre, our studio apartments are just 10 minutes' walk from BLC.

- These apartments have stylish interiors and quality fittings
- Located in the buzzing city centre, you will find a great choice of restaurants, pubs and shops on your doorstep
- Self-catering
- Students must be at least 18 years of age to stay in this residence
- Minimum stay is 1 week
- Strictly no smoking

Facilities include:

- An individual self-contained studio apartment
- Double bed
- En-suite shower room
- Study area with desk, chair and shelving units
- Kitchenette with integrated appliances
- Dining table and chairs
- Widescreen TV
- Laundry facilities
- Bedding pack (duvet, pillows and bed linen), but students must provide their own towels
- Large communal spaces including pool tables and internet stations
- State-of-the-art gym
- Free Wi-Fi
- All utility bills included
- 24/7 reception and security, with key fob entry
- Bike storage
- Wheelchair access
- Free bike rental
- Communal study space



BLC Juniors' Residence

This hotel-style residence is used for junior groups, as an alternative to homestay accommodation. It is 20 minutes from BLC by bus.

- Georgian Gothic buildings set in landscaped gardens
- You will enjoy award-winning food and friendly staff
- Close to the city centre, Bristol International Airport, and major road links
- Suitable for students aged 13–17

Facilities include:

- Full board (all meals provided)
- Single, double and triple rooms
- Free Wi-Fi
- Weekly linen change and room clean

For full details of our Juniors' programmes and accommodation see our Juniors' flyer or visit our website: www.blc-english.com



"I practiced speaking and so I improved my fluency and pronunciation. I have also learned useful expressions and vocabulary"

**Joao António Abreu Costa de Sousa,
Portugal, aged 20**

BLC has the course for you!

We listen to your goals and aspirations.

For example, do you want to be able to:

- Learn **real life English** for real world situations?
- Communicate effectively in **international business**?
- Secure **a better job** in your home country?
- Progress to a **quality UK university**?
- Improve your English for **leisure or tourism**?

Our variety of quality courses is sure to offer something to suit you. By teaching you practical, real life English and working closely with you, we make sure we meet your needs.

Be successful **English for everyday life**

- General and Intensive English courses run year-round to improve your English language proficiency for use in everyday situations, including further studies, business or leisure. See page 24

Be active **English for making friends**

- Junior Summer Programme for students aged 13–17 years at a range of levels. See page 26

Be qualified **English for examination purposes**

- Cambridge First (FCE) and Cambridge Advanced (CAE) are internationally recognised exams for students at a variety of levels, to improve your English for daily life or work. See page 28
- IELTS examination, to improve your English language skills for university entrance. See page 29

Be motivated **English to suit you**

- Group programmes and Remote Online Tutoring courses can be tailored to your needs. Our English course content is custom built to suit you and push your language further. See pages 30-31

Be professional **English for the workplace**

- Business English helps you improve your English so that you can conduct business internationally. See page 32

Be experienced **BLC Internship Programme**

- The BLC Internship Programme is available to EU students, to give you vital experience after your studies by using your English language skills in a local business. See page 33

Demi Au Pair programme

- The Demi Au Pair programme is designed for young adults who want to have the biggest variety of English speaking experience, both in the classroom and working as an au pair with a British family. See Page 34

Be successful

English for everyday life

98%

of students thought their lessons were active and interesting†

General and Intensive English

Courses to improve your English language skills for everyday situations

Course description

We offer General and Intensive English courses to improve your English language skills for use in everyday situations, including for further studies, business or leisure. The course uses a course book and supplementary materials and will provide you with essential structures and vocabulary. You will work with authentic material taken from online sources, the media, TV and radio, relevant to topic areas.

Course outcomes

- You will develop English skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Your confidence in the language will improve
- Your career prospects will be enhanced by achieving a level of English required for international business
- You could progress to an exam focussed programme for example FCE, CAE or IELTS, to receive an internationally recognised qualification

Key course facts

- Elementary to advanced levels*
- Minimum length: 1 week
- Number of lessons per week (lesson are 45 minutes): General: 20 (15 hours), Intensive: 30 (22.5 hours)
- Maximum class size: 14 (average class size: 12)
- Start any Monday during term time**
- Course length as required
- General English: Students aged 18 and above
- Intensive English: Students aged 16 and above, subject to meeting welfare requirements***

* Many of our courses have flexible start dates, but we advise that very low level students arrive and start courses at the beginning of each term.

** See term dates on page 35.

*** Students aged 16 or 17, who are studying Intensive English, must stay in a homestay and provide parental consent to study at BLC.





"My English has improved- I am much more confident with my speaking. Now, I don't think about what I'm saying, I just say it"

Andrea Menchini,
Italy, aged 21



My BLC

James MacPherson,
BLC Teacher

"The teachers work in a supportive team and are very committed to their jobs. This contributes to a positive working environment and the best possible learning experience for our students."



Friday afternoon electives

For students of Intensive English, these 90-minute Friday afternoon classes give you a choice of sessions to make your course as specific and useful to you as possible. BLC teachers decide which topics to run each week, based on the interests and needs of the students in the school. You are encouraged to make suggestions for classes.

The electives give you the chance to try different exam classes (for example FCE, CAE, IELTS) without being registered for a specific exam course. They also allow you to study practical English that will really help you with your future plans and goals within an English-speaking world.

Typical, popular Friday afternoon elective classes include:

- Pronunciation
- English for work (CV writing, interview tips, job-related vocabulary and role playing)
- Presentation skills
- Phrasal verbs for everyday life
- Real English for life in the UK
- Discussions and debating in English
- Academic English

Be active

English for making friends

I have had good teacher- very helpful. They gave me special homework every week. Our class had a lot of fun. Thank you, I am going to come back next year!

Marion Leisegang,
Germany, aged 55

Junior Summer Programme

English with activity programme for students aged 13-17

Course description

This offers English language tuition for students aged 13–17 years in small groups, combined with a social activity programme. You can improve your English while learning about British life and culture in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. The most recent teaching methods and materials are used to ensure that all classes are imaginative and stimulating.

Sample Timetable

09.15-10.45

Lessons 1 and 2

BREAK

11.00-12.30

Lessons 3 and 4

LUNCH

Afternoon

Social activities

Course outcomes

- You will develop English skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening
- You will experience English life and culture through making friends, living with an English family and attending excursions and activities

Key course facts

- Elementary to advanced levels
- Minimum length: 1 week (Sunday to Saturday)
- Maximum class size: 15
- Number of lessons per week (lessons are 45 minutes): 20 (15 hours)
- Course dates: 2 July to 11 August 2018 in two 3-week cycles
- Course length: 1–3 weeks*
- Students aged 13–17 years
- Full and half-day teacher-accompanied excursions (mid-week and Saturday)
- Fees include: full board accommodation, excursions and local bus pass

*If you study on the programme for more than 3 weeks (within course dates), elements of the programme will be repeated.

Activities

Activities include things like a visit to Blaise Castle (Bristol mansion and parkland), a tour of Bristol's famous street art, sports, a trip to the city of Bath or London and shopping in a local market.**

**These are sample activities and not guaranteed for any particular week. Please see our Juniors' flyer for complete details of the Junior Summer Programme.





Be qualified

English for examination purposes

"I like the content of the course and that it focused on the CAE exam, which is my aim. The teachers were very nice and patient solving all our problems"

**Maria Bueno,
Spain, aged 24**

Cambridge Examinations

Preparation for internationally recognised exams

Course description

These courses will prepare you for the Cambridge First (FCE) and Cambridge Advanced (CAE) examinations, which are internationally recognised as exams of excellence, focused on improving accuracy in all areas of the language.

Course outcomes

- Successful completion of a Cambridge examination at the required level
- You will improve your skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Your career prospects will be improved
- FCE gives you practical English needed for everyday life (course level: intermediate to upper intermediate)
- CAE enhances your career prospects as it is good training for English at work (course level: upper intermediate to advanced)

Key course facts

- Entry level: intermediate (Cambridge First), upper intermediate (CAE)
- Course length: up to 12 weeks
- Minimum length advised: 6 weeks
- Number of lessons per week (lessons are 45 minutes): 30 (22.5 hours; General English plus afternoon exam preparation)
- Maximum class size: 14 (average class size: 12)
- Students aged 18 and above
- Certificates are valid indefinitely

Programme	Start Date	End Date	Course Length	Exam Date
FCE	2 January 2018	9 March 2018	10 weeks	FCE 10 March 2018
CAE	2 January 2018	16 March 2018	11 weeks	CAE 17 March 2018
FCE, CAE	19 March 2018	8 June 2018	12 weeks	FCE 9 June 2018 , CAE 13 June 2018
FCE, CAE	25 June 2018	24 August 2018	9 weeks	FCE 23 August 2018 , CAE 24 August 2018
FCE	10 September 2018	20 November 2018	12 weeks	FCE 4 December 2018
CAE	25 September 2018	7 December 2018	13 weeks	CAE 8 December 2018

95%

of BLC students feel that the school was as expected†



IELTS Preparation

Improve your English for university entrance

Course description

This course will help you improve your English language skills to prepare for the internationally recognised IELTS (International English Language Testing System) examination and to progress to a UK university.

Course outcomes

- Successful completion of the IELTS examination
- You will improve your skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Possible entrance to a UK university

Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels (IELTS Foundation may be available for those at pre-intermediate level during busy periods)
- Minimum length: 1 week
- Number of lessons per week (lessons are 45 minutes): 30 (22.5 hours)
- Maximum class size: 14 (average class size: 12)
- Start any Monday during term time*
- Course length as required
- Students aged 18 and above

*See term dates on page 35.



"The teachers I met here were very friendly and organised and all students at BLC were so amazing and lovely"

**Soyoung Bang,
South Korean, aged 23**

Be motivated

English to suit you



Group Programmes

Tailored English programmes for groups of all sizes and ages, whatever your needs.

Course description

BLC is experienced in delivering group programmes and courses to suit your school, company or organisation. We offer any of our English courses built into a tailor-made programme including a full social programme and accommodation if required. We can cater for:

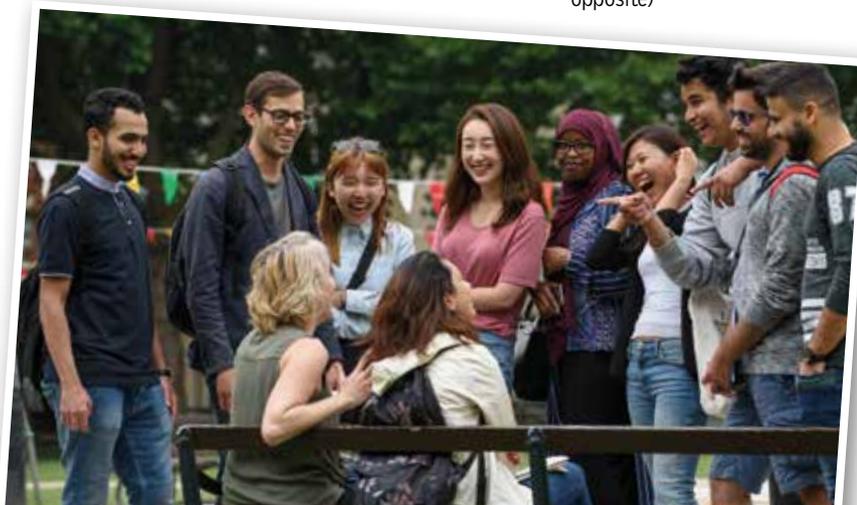
- School Groups
- PON programmes (Italy only)
- Business English courses tailored to your group's industry
- Ministays
- Work and study programmes (General English combined with work experience)

Course Outcomes

- Fully inclusive programmes available
- Competitive prices depending on group size and requirements
- Build a course to suit your group-our team will assist in creating the programme you need
- Great memories of the BLC experience

Key course facts

- Minimum course length: 5 days
- Elementary to advanced levels
- Maximum class size: 15
- Number of lessons per week: 20-30
- Students aged 13-17 for Junior programmes or 16 and above for adult programmes
- Start day can be flexible to suit your group's needs
- Online group courses also available (see opposite)



**NEW!
TO 2018**

Online Lessons

Individual or group lessons.

Course description

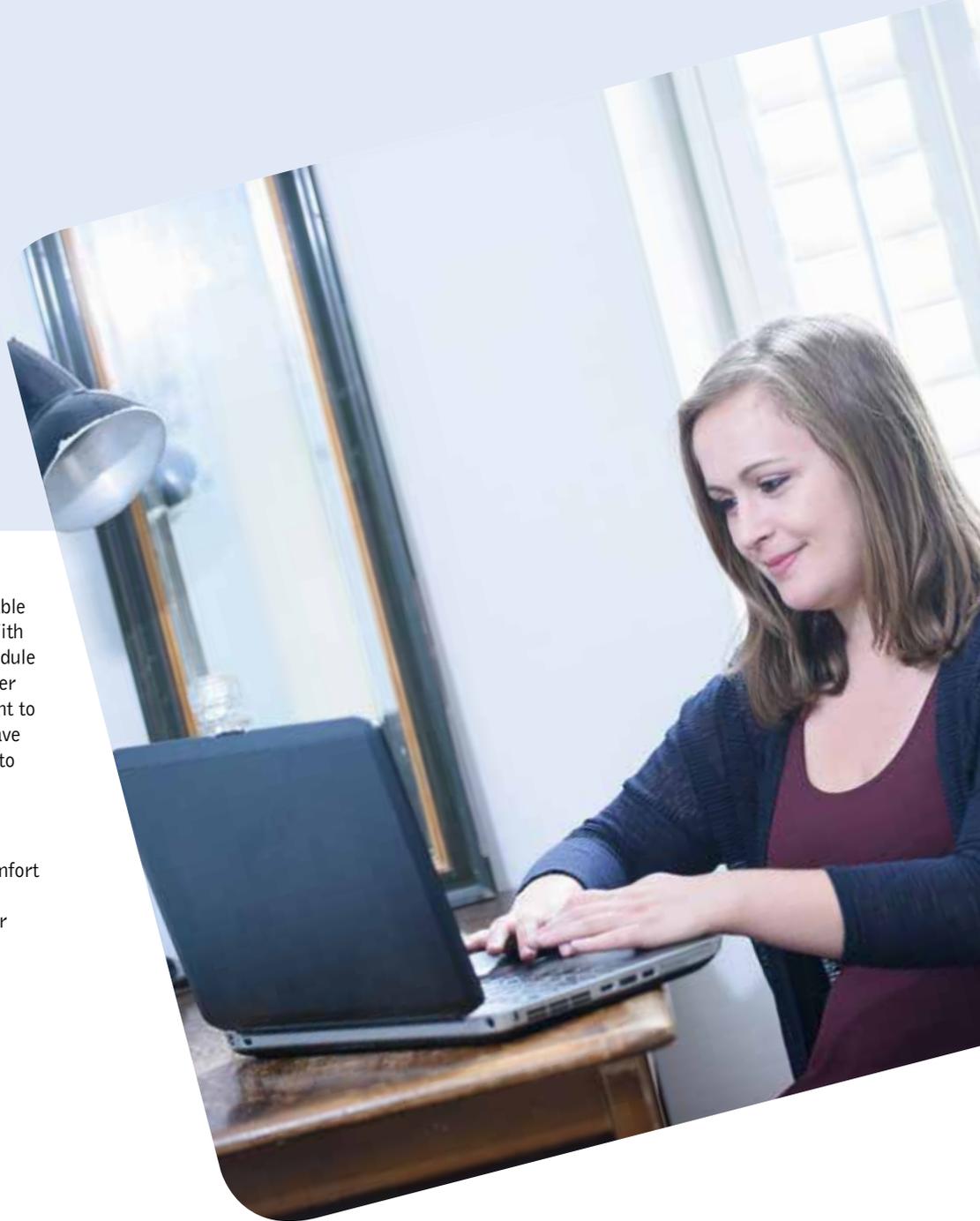
At BLC we know that not everyone is able to travel to the UK to learn English. With our online teaching portal you can schedule a course programme to suit you, whether you need a long term course or just want to improve the skills you have. You will have your own fully qualified personal tutor to help you reach your language goals.

Course Outcomes

- English lessons to suit you, in the comfort of your home or favourite café!
- You will develop English skills at your own pace with a fully qualified BLC teacher
- Timetable to suit your needs

Key course facts

- Elementary to advanced levels
- Group or individual lessons
- Minimum age: 16/17 (with parental consent)
- Minimum hours per week: 1
- 1 hour lessons
- Course length as required



Be professional

English for the workplace



Business English

Flexible business English courses for individuals or groups

Course description

BLC offers flexible Business English courses for individuals or groups focusing on practical English language for you to use in the workplace and international business communication.

We assess your language levels and areas of interest, as we can be flexible to your needs. We offer you a variety of topics such as international marketing, e-commerce, report writing, negotiation or presentation giving. You will work with authentic material taken from online material, the media, TV and radio, relevant to topic areas.

Course outcomes

- Your English will improve for use in business and professional contexts
- You will be better able to conduct business in an international environment

"Of course I will recommend to my colleagues and friends."

**Sergey Vasilevich Ignatenko,
Russia, aged 42**

Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels
- Minimum length advised: 2 weeks
- Number of lessons per week (lessons are 45 minutes): 30 (22.5 hours)
- Maximum class size: 14 (average class size: 12)
- Start day can be any Monday within the blocks.
- Students aged 18 and above

For specific group enquiries, please contact groups@bhc-english.co.uk

Programme	Start Date	End Date	Course Length
Business English	25 June 2018	24 August 2018	9 weeks

“The content of the lessons was varied and very stimulating. The teachers were friendly, interesting and I’ve learnt a lot”

**Lilia Leghmizil,
French, aged 20**



My BLC

**Kasia Tyka,
BLC Teacher**

BLC Internship Programme

Learn English in the workplace

Description

BLC offers EU students the opportunity of a course at BLC followed by an internship in a local business. BLC can arrange internships for you in a variety of office environments, and you will be able to choose from a range of opportunities, subject to fulfilling the following requirements.



Programme requirements

To take part in the programme, you need to:

- Be an EU student
- Complete an English language course of at least 4 weeks
- Have an English language level of intermediate and above
- Have suitable experience or qualifications

Key facts

- BLC will identify a suitable work placement in your chosen field, to suit your studies or experience*
- Placements last from 3 weeks to 6 months
- All work placements are unpaid
- A BLC representative will accompany you to the introductory meeting with the company
- BLC will provide you with full details of the company, working conditions and times, public transport maps etc.
- BLC will provide you with a final report and certificate, detailing your successfully completed internship

*Subject to you submitting relevant information such as up-to-date CV and subject to availability.

“Firstly, the team I work with are all so nice and there is a very supportive atmosphere. Secondly, I like the opportunity to meet different multi-national students, teach them and to watch them progress. It’s rewarding when they say ‘thank you, I’ve learnt a lot’.

Be experienced

Work and study programme



Demi Au pair Programme

Combine English study with au pair work

Course description

The Demi Au Pair programme combines 20 hours' au pair work per week with a General English course at BLC. You will live with a British family who will provide board and lodging as well as weekly pocket money. You will also gain valuable English speaking work experience and achieve your language goals in this immersive language environment. At the same time you will participate in a morning-only BLC course and will be able to join in with the BLC social programme whenever your au pair schedule allows.

Course outcomes

- Create a close relationship with a British family
- Enhance your career prospects by the high level of English you will achieve through an immersive language environment
- Au pair families will often need childcare, which is a great experience and a great way to practise English
- The course is ideal for those on a lower budget who want to work to pay their accommodation and food costs

Key course facts

- A more affordable course- full board and lodging is included in your placement fee
- Pocket money given by host family
- Age range: 18-25
- Minimum length: 2 months
- Maximum length: 6 months can be extended on request
- Maximum class size in BLC: 14 (average class size 12)
- Start any Monday, must allow 2 months notice to find a host family
- Course is modelled around an au pair schedule, with 3 hours' morning classes at BLC every weekday
- Minimum level: intermediate



"Everything about my stay was way better than I could have expected"

**Julia Hoop,
Lichtenstein, aged 20**

Practical information

All the details you need to know about coming to BLC.

Public Holidays

BLC is closed for 2 weeks for Christmas and New Year and also on public holidays, which in 2018 are as follows:

New Years Day	1 January
Good Friday	30 March
Easter Monday	2 April
Early May Bank Holiday	7 May
Spring Bank Holiday	28 May
Summer Bank Holiday	27 August
Christmas Day	25 December
Boxing Day	26 December

BLC term dates 2018

The school is open from 2 January to 21 December 2018.
The minimum period of enrolment is 1 week.

Term	Start Date*	End Date	Term Length
Winter	2 January 2018	23 March 2018	12 weeks
Spring	26 March 2018	22 June 2018	13 weeks
Summer	25 June 2018	21 September 2018	13 weeks
Autumn	24 September 2018	21 December 2018	13 weeks

*Many of our courses have flexible start dates, but we advise that very low level students arrive and start courses at the beginning of each term.



My BLC

Phoebe Ruxton,
Sales and Marketing
Executive

"The best thing about BLC is the friendly environment. Students come from all around the world, creating a truly multi-cultural vibe, and BLC is a small enough school to know every student individually while they are here."

Accommodation fees

Homestay

	Year round		Summer (July & August)	
Accommodation	Cost per week	Cost per extra night	Cost per week	Cost per extra night
Self-catering	£135	£25	£150	£27
Half board	£165	£28	£180	£30

*includes summer supplement of £15 per week

Additional information regarding homestay accommodation

- Changes to bookings will incur a £40 administration fee
- Late arrival: please try to arrive in your accommodation by 22.30 (but not before 07.00). Arrivals after this time will incur a late arrival fee of £20
- For adult courses, students are placed one student per room, unless otherwise requested. Where junior students share a room, this will be clearly stated
- The minimum length of stay is 1 week
- A notice period of 1 week applies
- There is an accommodation change fee of £40



Residential

BLC City Centre Residence

Studio Apartments (Double bed, en-suite and individual kitchen facilities)	£295 per week*
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*Any room stay in our Studio Apartments will incur an additional cleaning fee of £40.

Elephant House

Shared twin room (Two single or small double beds and shared bathroom and kitchen)	£140 per person per week*
Large single room (Double bed and shared bathroom and kitchen)	£170 per person per week*

*Any room stay in Elephant House will incur an additional cleaning supplement of £30.

BLC Juniors' Residence

Accommodation fees are included in the course fees for the Junior Summer Programme. See Junior Summer Programme prices, website and BLC website for full details.

Additional information regarding residential accommodation:

- Changes to bookings will incur a £40 administration fee
- A refundable deposit of £200 is required for residences, in case of damage. You must pay this on arrival (you can pay by debit/credit card). Rooms are checked on arrival and departure
- Late arrival: please try to arrive in your accommodation by 22.30 (but not before 07.00). Arrivals after this time will incur a late arrival fee of £20
- Double occupancy supplement of £50 per week (studio apartments only)
- In Elephant House all rooms are single occupancy with exception of the twin rooms
- The minimum length of stay is 2 weeks
- A notice period of 2 weeks applies
- There is an accommodation change fee of £40

Airport pick-up service

One-way taxi transport to or from the airport is available. We can obtain prices for transfers from other airports for you on request.

Bristol Airport	£45
Heathrow Airport	£205
Gatwick Airport	£240

Course fees 2018

Deposit and registration fee

You must pay a non-refundable deposit of £300. This includes a registration fee of £50. The registration fee includes materials and access to our interactive learning resources*, but does not include course books.

Course books

Students on all courses must purchase a course book. You will be sold a course book when you arrive. All course books cost £25.

General and Intensive English, Examination Courses, and Business English

There is a summer course supplement of £15 per week from 2 July to 24 August 2018 inclusive.

No. of lessons per week	Course	Cost per week			
		1-7 weeks	8-12 weeks	13-23 weeks	24+ weeks
20 lessons of 45 mins 15 hours	General English	£235	£225	£215	£205
30 lessons of 45 mins 22.5 hours	Intensive English, FCE, CAE, IELTS, Business	£285	£275	£265	£235

Junior Summer Programme

For group prices and agent enquiries, please contact marketing@blc-english.co.uk directly.

No. of lessons per week	Course	Cost per week
20 lessons of 45 mins (15 hours)	Junior Summer Programme Homestay	£525

Price includes full board accommodation, tuition, activity programme and public transport card.

Internship Programme

Registration and £500 placement fee (subject to completion of a course of at least 4 weeks).

Demi Au Pair Programme

Registration and £300 placement fee + cost of General English classes.

Individual one-to-one lessons - online or in school	
1 lesson of 60 minutes	£45

Examination fees (estimated)

Exam fees are approximate and may be subject to change.

Examination	Cost
FCE & CAE	£165
IELTS	£165

* Group packages do not include access to *BLC Anytime* and *BLC onTEXT*.

**Additional supplement of £160 per person per week payable for residential accommodation on the Junior Summer Programme, based on twin room with two sharing. See Juniors' flyer and BLC website for full details.

***£15 exam fee supplement for exams taken in August.

Terms and conditions

Arrival and departure

- Students should arrive on Sunday and leave on Saturday wherever possible.
- Please arrive at your accommodation by 22.30 (but not before 07.00), or you will incur a late arrival fee of £20.

Fees

- Fees must be paid at least 4 weeks before your course begins. If you book less than 4 weeks before you start, you must send the full payment immediately to secure your place.
- All Tier 4 students are required to transfer all course and accommodation fees as soon as their visa is approved.
- Fees include tuition, assessment test, and use of school facilities including free internet access, as well as access to our *BLC Anytime* and *BLConTEXT* online and mobile learning programmes, with the exception of summer and group packages which do not include *BLC Anytime* and *BLConTEXT*. The Junior Summer Programme fees also include the social and cultural activity programme and a local bus pass.
- Fees do not include examination fees, course books, insurance or the activities programme (except on the Junior Summer Programme). The adult activity programme does not usually cost more than £30 per week.
- A registration fee of £50 is additional to course fees.

Deposits and additional costs

- All students must pay a course deposit of £300, which includes the £50 registration fee.
- If you cancel your course, your deposit (including the registration fee), are non-refundable in any event.
- If you send us written cancellation at least 4 weeks before the start of your course, we will refund the course fees, minus the course deposit. If you cancel less than 4 weeks before the start of your course, we will refund 50% of your course fees, minus the course deposit. Refunds

cannot be made for late arrival, early departure or absence during a course.

- If, for any reason you stop your course early, your tuition fees are non-refundable.
- International bank transfers are subject to a £12 charge. BLC will not be liable for any additional costs of international bank transfers. International debit and credit cards are subject to a 3% charge. UK Debit cards are exempt from charges.
- The course change fee is £15.

Holiday closures

- The school will close for 2 weeks for Christmas and New Year holidays.
- There is no reduction in fees for courses which include public holidays.

Holidays

- If you want to take a holiday during your course, you must let us know in writing at least 2 weeks beforehand. Subject to completion of BLC's official Holiday Request Form, holiday periods of full weeks will be added to your course. Please note that holidays taken for individual days or absence due to sickness will not be added to your course.
- Students are eligible to take a holiday after 12 weeks of continuous study.

Absences during course time

- Visa students must comply with UK visa regulations. There will be no refunds for students who fail to comply with visa regulations.
- Any unauthorised absences from lessons will count towards your attendance record. Students with less than 80% attendance will not receive an end of course certificate.

Accommodation

- Where availability of residences is limited, students must pay full course fees in advance to secure the booking.
- You must give at least 2 weeks' notice if changing or cancelling accommodation in a residence. Changes should always take place at weekends.
- You must give at least 1 week's notice if changing or cancelling homestay accommodation.
- All accommodation changes for reasons other than those stated on the application form will incur a charge of £40.

General

- Courses are subject to availability.
- All students are required to give contact details of a close relative including a phone number.
- Students must comply with school rules regarding accommodation, attendance at social activities and conduct within the school. Where students persistently break the rules or commit an act of gross misconduct, the school reserves the right to ask the student to leave.
- We strongly advise you to take out full travel and medical insurance before you travel. Insurance should cover personal belongings such as laptops, cameras and mobile phones, as well as the loss of tuition fees if you have to cancel a course or return home.
- Many of our courses have flexible start dates but we strongly advise that very low level students on Intensive and General programmes arrive and start courses at the beginning of term.



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"At BLC we are committed to providing the best all-round experience for the students. We do this by offering excellent teaching, online learning opportunities and a varied social programme dedicated to full immersion and peer learning. We enjoy seeing students reach their goals, whether they come to us with aspirations for university, their career or to learn English for pleasure. We see BLC as part of that journey, equipping them for a brighter future."

Seonaid Birkett, Director and Owner



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