



**BRISTOL**  
INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE  
**ONLINE**



**UNIVERSITY  
OF LONDON**  
RECOGNISED  
TEACHING CENTRE



Bridging the gap between  
school and university **ONLINE**

## KEY FEATURES:

Study the fully approved University of London International Foundation Programme (IFP) curriculum in the safety and comfort of your own home

No visa, travel or accommodation costs

Successful IFP students are regularly offered places at the top universities in the UK (Russell Group) and worldwide

Online fees will be 70% less than onsite fees



## Message from John Milne CEO



Dear All,

As a trusted member of our growing BIC community, I'm reaching out to you personally to inform you of some important and exciting news.

There is no doubt that the current landscape is proving challenging for everyone in the education sector. As a college dedicated to student excellence and career enhancement, the health and safety of our students is our #1 priority.

Unfortunately, the current situation with Covid-19 makes it impossible to guarantee a 100% healthy and safe environment for our international student community.

Therefore, myself and my fellow Directors - in consultation with the University of London - have decided to postpone the physical opening of the College until August 2021 but to offer the International Foundation Programme online starting in August 2020.

The "Online IFP" has the full support and backing of the University of London which will ensure the high standards and quality of education that you and your clients would expect while allowing the students to study in the comfort and safety of their own homes. In this way, we will continue to provide our students with the 1-year high school level pathway that will take them to the UK or international university of their choice with an education that is not compromised or diluted in any way.

We remain resolved and dedicated to opening the physical buildings of Bristol International College in August 2021, once the situation has stabilized, but for those students who would like to start their university studies in Autumn 2021 the Online IFP is the ideal solution for bridging that gap and not wasting a whole year! (more details are attached to this letter).

We ask everyone to remain strong and vigilant during these difficult times and together we will come through it stronger and more unified.

**John Milne**

CEO

Bristol International College



## BIC Online - Summary

- Bristol International College (BIC) is a University of London Recognised Teaching Centre approved to teach the International Foundation Programme (IFP)
- BIC Online will offer a virtual IFP starting in August 2020: specially designed online platform; structured timetable to cover all Time Zones; all lessons recorded and downloadable; highly-qualified and experienced online tutors
- 8-month intensive academic study programme for students aged 16-18 who wish to access leading UK and international universities
- UK IFP 2019: pass rate = 85% / university progression rate = 100%
- UK universities offering the most places to UK IFP students:
  - 1) **CASS Business School** \*(#5 UK Business School)
  - 2) **King's College London** \*(7)
  - 3) **University of Manchester** \*(8)
  - 4) **Queen Mary, University of London** \*(12)
  - 5) **Durham University** \*(15)
  - 6) **Royal Holloway, University of London** \*(34)
  - 7) **London School of Economics and Political Science** \*(5)
  - 8) **University of Edinburgh** \*(6)
- IFP students study 4 courses from: Business and Management, Mathematics and Statistics, Pure Mathematics, Economics, Accounting and Finance, International Relations and Law
- BIC Online also provides: additional one-to-one IFP course support; EAL & IELTS tuition; UCAS application support; Guest Speakers from industry and universities; English Etiquette development
- The BIC Online IFP includes exclusive access to the University of London's online library and VLE (Virtual Learning Environment)



\*(2020 UK university rankings from "The Times Higher Education")





## BIC Online – Introductory Questions & Answers

- **Which online platform will BIC be using? Is there a backup platform in case of errors?**

BIC will be using its own bespoke platform called “Workbit”. The backup platforms will be Microsoft Teams and Google Classroom.

- **Will I be able to access the course from anywhere in the world?**

Yes, if your English is sufficient and you pass our entry requirements. Bristol International College will provide you with an 8-month teaching programme (September – May) which will give you access to every lecture and recorded tutorial that is delivered throughout the year. The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) provided by the University of London will also give you 24/7 access all year round.

- **How will the time differences work?**

You may work within your own time-zone, as all material and teaching instruction will be recorded online.

- **How does an online classroom work?**

The work is presented in a “lecture” style fashion by a fully qualified and experienced expert in his or her field. There will be question and answer sessions throughout each lecture.

- **Will I be trained regarding online classrooms and VLEs (Virtual Learning Environments)?**

Yes, there will be a full induction week during the week of 24th August where a number of tutorials, seminars and lectures will be given so that you are fully confident in how the system works before term starts on Monday 31st August.

- **How will my online contact with teachers work? How will it be monitored/assessed?**

You will receive regular weekly small group tutorial work (setup within your specific time zone, where possible). You will also be allocated a private one-on-one session with your tutor at least once a month. Regular email/chat contact is also encouraged.

- **How will my attendance be monitored? Is there a minimum number of classes to attend?**

A register will be taken for each lecture and tutorial and this information will be communicated to your parents. The College has its own attendance policy with coordinated sanctions for absence. It is expected that you attend all the lectures each week.

- **What will my timetable look like?**

Here is a sample timetable based on a specific choice of courses.

- **What happens if I miss a lecture/class?**

You will be able to catch up on what you have missed through the recorded lectures and relevant course materials which are both available on the virtual learning platform.

- **How will the College ensure that I am making the most of the opportunities on offer?**

Each student will be assigned an academic and pastoral tutor whose role will be to ensure that their students are taking advantage of all that is on offer (visiting speakers, online activities and virtual cultural trips to important cities). This information will be communicated to students and parents on a regular basis.

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5	Lesson 6
Monday	Economics	Maths & Statistics	International Relations	Law	IELTS Preparation	
Tuesday	Maths & Statistics	Economics	Law	International Relations	Study Skills	Guest Speaker
Wednesday	Law	International Relations	Economics	Maths & Statistics	IELTS Preparation	
Thursday	International Relations	Maths & Statistics	Law	Economics	Higher Education Seminar	Virtual guided city tour
Friday	Maths & Statistics	Economics	International Relations	Law	1:1 Tutorial	

- **How will I be assessed (continual and final assessment)**

There will be regular assessments throughout the year, all of which culminate in the University of London final examinations at the end of April.

- **Will I still be able to engage in cultural activities as if I were in the UK?**

BIC will guide students towards online events that are free of charge and will provide students with a cultural insight into life in the UK. There is also a plethora of online events streamed from London to all over the world. For example, the National Theatre is streaming a different play live every Thursday evening and most museums undertake virtual online tours around their artefacts.

- **Will I be able to make friends and build on relationships even though we are all in different countries?**

During the first week of orientation there will be various tasks set between students of different nationalities, some social and some academic. You will become very well acquainted with each other very quickly! There is the opportunity to connect with others within the course and online to collaborate and/or develop friendships.

- **How will my parents be able to pay BIC for my IFP online course?**

Bristol International College has partnered with Flywire, which offers an easy-to-use payment solution, providing international payers with a streamlined payment experience which saves institutions and their payers time and money. Making an international payment easier, faster, more transparent and cost effective for payers. All payments are linked to the individual student and can be fully tracked.



- **Do I need to have my own learning equipment (textbooks, computers, headphones etc)?**

Yes, you will be provided with a reading list and you will need your own dedicated equipment. Our IT team will be able to advise you on exactly what you need.

- **Will there be a dedicated tutor in charge of safeguarding and on-line safety (including anti-bullying)?**

Yes, we take the safety of our students extremely seriously and there is a dedicated member of staff responsible for all areas of pastoral care, health and wellbeing.

## Welcome from the Director of Admissions



I am delighted that you are interested in finding out more about Bristol International College Online either for yourself or for your son, daughter or client. As Director of Admissions, I am here to guide you personally every step of the way along the application and admissions journey, from your first enquiry through to enrolment on one of our courses. We understand that administrative processes in another country can sometimes be confusing and we are ready to help you at any time and to answer all your questions.

Bristol International College (BIC) is a new and exciting educational faculty, bridging the gap between school and university by offering students, from age 16+ (they must become 17 by 31st December of the year they join the BIC Online Course), the opportunity to study the prestigious one-year University of London International Foundation Programme (IFP) online from September 2020. The IFP is a demanding programme of study but the rewards are far reaching, with successful candidates securing places at the world's leading universities.

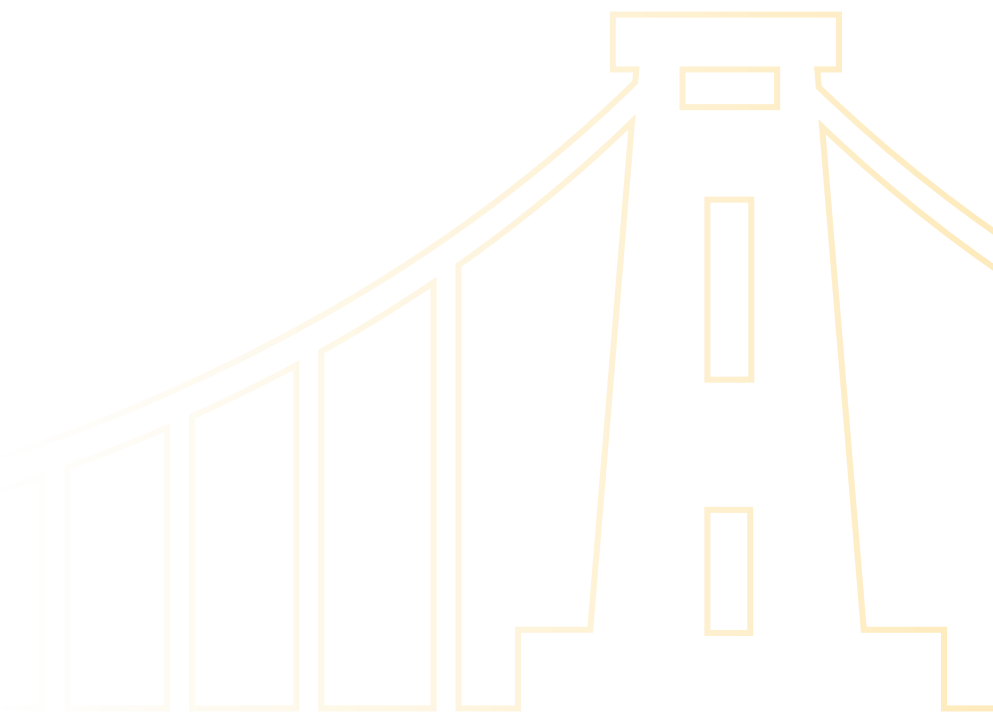
If you have any questions about the BIC University of London IFP Online Course, please use the Enquiry Form on our website or contact me directly.

I would be delighted to tell you more about Bristol International College Online. To do this simply email me at [admissions@bristolinternational.college](mailto:admissions@bristolinternational.college) or call me on **+44 7778 740516**

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Melanie Gray**

Director of Admissions





## Entry requirements

### Minimum age requirement

All applicants must be at least 16 years old in order to be considered for a place on the course but must also turn 17 before 31.12.2020

### Submission of satisfactory recent school reports and any examination results

We need to have a good understanding of your educational background, to know what qualifications you already have and to read what your teachers and tutors have said about you, both academically and as a member of a school community. We are looking for evidence of effort, achievement and good behaviour.

### Successful completion of our online Admissions Tests

These tests primarily examine your numeracy and literacy skills and you must achieve a minimum level that indicates that you will be able to succeed on your chosen course with us.

### Successful interview by Skype or WeChat

The purpose of the interview is to allow us to find out what kind of person you are and where your strengths and interests lie. It is important that both you and we are confident that BIC Online is the right place for the next stage of your education. The interview is also an opportunity for you to ask questions about the courses and the online tuition.

### English language proficiency (overseas students)

We must be satisfied that an overseas student has the required level of English language skills for academic studies on the University of London International Foundation Programme. If you have not already taken an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test or similar, you must sit an equivalent diagnostic test. To be accepted on the IFP course you must have a minimum level of IELTS 6.0 or an equivalent recognised qualification at CEFR Level B2 minimum.

### Prompt payment of fees due

It is important that the Course Fees due are paid by the stated deadlines, otherwise BIC will not be able to allow you to start your course.



## Application & Admission Process

Applying to join the University of London International Foundation Programme (IFP) online at Bristol International College is straightforward and easy. Simply follow the steps below and don't hesitate to ask us if you need any help.

### Step 1: Enquiry

- If you have any questions please use our online Enquiry Form on the website or alternatively, if you have already received information on the programme and wish to register your son or daughter, please go directly to Step 2.

### Step 2: Registration

- Register online on the website
- Please complete and return the Registration Form.
- Please attach or send a copy of the student's most recent school report (translated into English if applicable), a copy of the photograph page from his or her passport and (for international students) proof of his or her English Language level.
- Please arrange a BACS payment of the £120.00 Registration Fee.

### Step 3: Admissions Tests

- On receipt of the Registration Form and Fee you will be asked to complete our online Admissions Tests in Mathematics, English and General Knowledge. These assessment tests must be invigilated

by an approved third party and can be completed in your home country or at your current school.

### Step 4: Interview

- Applicants who reach the required standard in the Admissions Tests will be invited to an interview via Skype or WeChat.

### Step 5: Offer of a Place

- Successful candidates will receive an Offer of a place on the Online Course at which time we will ask you to complete and return an Acceptance Form, along with the Course Fees due (see Payment Schedule on Course Fees page) within 14 days of the offer.

### Step 6: Acceptance of a Place

- On receipt of the Course Fees and signed Acceptance Form, your child's place is secured on the Online Course.

### Step 7: Joining Instructions

- Once your place is confirmed we will send you all the information you need regarding joining Bristol International College Online, including access to our Virtual Learning Platform (VLP), term dates, information booklet, timetables etc.



## Course Fees

**INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME ONLINE FEES     £13,800**

### IFP Online fees include the following:

#### **International Foundation Programme (600 hours; 31.08.2020 – 30.04.2021)**



University of London Course Registration Fee  
 Course content designed by University of London  
 20 hours online tuition per week x 30 weeks with fully qualified tutors  
 Students study 4 courses from a choice of 7: Business and Management, Maths and Statistics/Pure Maths/Economics/Accounting and Finance/International Relations/Law  
 Specialist course materials  
 Exclusive access to University of London online library  
 Exclusive access to University of London VLE (Virtual Learning Environment)  
 University of London IFP Examinations (April 2021)  
 University of London IFP Certificate (Pass/Merit/Distinction)

#### **IFP Online Orientation (24.08.2020 – 28.08.2020)**



Introduction to BIC Online Platform  
 Familiarisation sessions for group and individual tuition  
 IFP course and tutorial scheduling  
 General course preparation

#### **Additional BIC Online Support (200 hours; 31.08.2020 – 30.04.2021)**



Exclusive use of BIC Online Platform  
 English language support (EAL and IELTS as required)  
 IFP Course Tutorials (biweekly one-to-one with Personal Tutor)  
 Higher Education tutorials (including UCAS application support)  
 Careers advice  
 Guest speakers from leading companies and top UK universities  
 English etiquette development

### **Not included in the Online Fees:**

BIC Registration Fee  
 BIC Online Registration Fee = £120 (non-refundable; includes online entrance test)

### **Payment Schedule**

Registration Fee (£120) payable on registration  
 25% of gross fees (£3,450) payable on acceptance of place  
 75% of gross fees (£10,350) payable no later than 1st August 2020  
 3% surcharge for all payments received after 1st August



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