



Bridging the gap
between school
and university

More Choice, More Care, More Opportunities

Welcome to Bristol International College, an exciting and dynamic college located in the beautiful and internationally diverse university city of Bristol.

This brochure is just a snapshot of the huge range of opportunities that BIC can provide for your family.

Please visit our website:
www.bristolinternational.college
and come to visit us here to find out more.
You can be assured of a very warm welcome.

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Bristol International College (BIC) is approved to teach the University of London International Foundation Programme (IFP) to a selected cohort of international students who wish to access the top UK and international universities. All courses offered by BIC combine the best of British education with a global perspective.

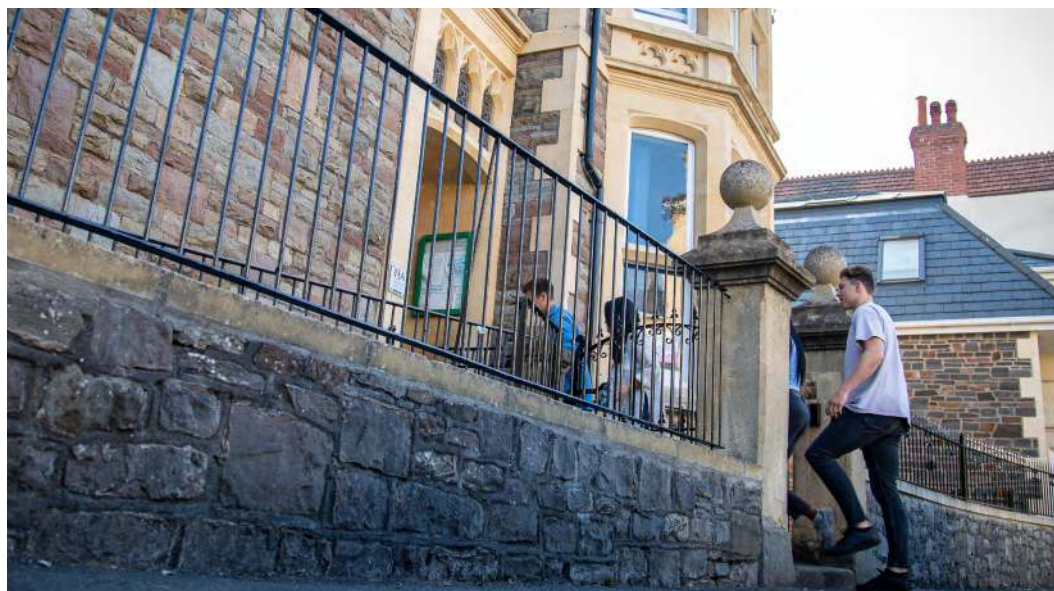
Creating a home from home for study and living

The main teaching centre is at Torwood House, in a quiet and prestigious suburb of Bristol, and our new modern student residence is located a short bus ride away in Clifton Village. Here, our team of pastoral staff will create a home from home atmosphere in which everyone will feel part of the BIC family.

Bright futures await when there's more choice, more care and more opportunities

There's more to life at BIC. Whether you're studying just for the summer, or for a term or two, or for the IFP, you get more of everything.

- More lifestyle opportunities
- More choice of universities
- More genuine care
- More help and support
- More to see and do
- More personal attention



Bristol – the best UK city to **LIVE** in

Bristol is a dynamic and cosmopolitan city straddling the River Avon in the south-west of England. Bristol has a prosperous maritime history and its former city-centre port is now a commercial and cultural hub with an extraordinarily wide range of restaurants, shops and cultural institutions, all within easy walking distance of Bristol International College.

Bristol has been voted the best UK city to live in for under 26-year-olds and for job opportunities. Here are some of the reasons why Bristol won!

- Great connections
- Low unemployment
- Entrepreneurial spirit
- Thriving creative scene
- Vibrant culture and social life
- Access to fantastic countryside
- Varied and beautiful housing stock
- Reputation for academic excellence
- The people who make Bristol great



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Bristol – the best UK city to **STUDY** in

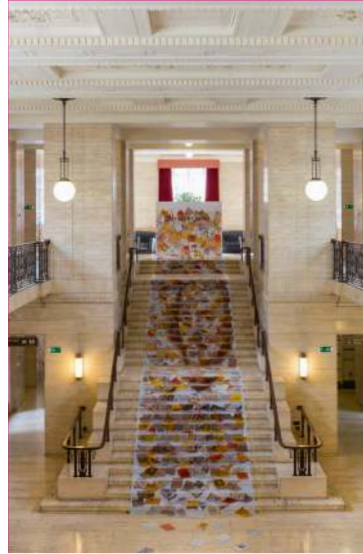
Bristol has also been voted the UK's happiest city and is recognised globally as a world-class destination for education at all levels, making it the best UK city to study in and the ideal location for Bristol International College.

Grand Georgian townhouses line the streets and crescents of leafy Redland, where our teaching centre, Torwood House, is located. The shops and restaurants along nearby Whiteladies Road are packed with students and locals. The adjacent Clifton Downs parkland is popular for jogging, frisbee and kite-flying, football and picnicking.

Clifton Village, where our student residence is located, is the most beautiful suburb of Bristol, located just a five-minute bus ride from the centre. It is renowned for having some of the most iconic spots in Bristol, including Brunel's famous Suspension Bridge, the Avon Gorge, the Observatory and Bristol Zoo.



More lifestyle opportunities



The IFP at a glance

- One-year pre-university study programme
- Minimum age 17
- English Language minimum requirement IELTS 6.0 or equivalent
- Four Courses chosen from six options
- Eight-weeks professional internship included
- Internationally recognised University of London certificate
- Pathway to the top universities in the UK and worldwide

What is the IFP?

The IFP is a pre-university programme of study equivalent to UK school-leaving qualifications. It equips students with the skills and knowledge necessary to embark on a wide range of demanding undergraduate degrees.

All IFP examinations are conducted by the University of London and on successful completion of the International Foundation Certificate, students can apply for a number of degree courses offered at University of London member institutions (incl. LSE, King's, CASS Business School, Goldsmiths, Royal Holloway, Queen Mary, SOAS etc) and to a wide range of other top universities in the UK and worldwide.

How does the IFP work at Bristol International College?



The IFP curriculum offered by BIC encourages active learning by engaging with contemporary issues. Students' learning experience is strongly focused on the development of academic skills alongside analysis and debate of real-world issues.

Students are given access to the University of London Virtual Learning Environment which contains supplementary learning resources and opportunities, including audio-visual tutorials, academic interviews, self-testing activities and online discussion forums. All students are provided with an eight-week **professional internship**, generally with small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) in the Bristol area, working on specific projects related to their IFP studies.

The Programme runs from September to April and operates on a five day a week timetable. Students choose four courses to study, from the following options:

- Maths & Statistics
- Pure Maths
- Economics
- International Relations
- Accounting & Finance
- Law

More choice of universities

University Preparation Summer Course

Course Specification

- Age Range: 15-17
- Language Level: minimum B2 / IELTS 5.5
- Contact Hours: 40
- Core Subjects (compulsory 10 hours per subject): Mathematics, Economics
- Elective Subjects (choose 4 from 6 for 5 hours per subject): Law, Finance, International Relations, Politics, Information Technology, Criminology

Bristol International College runs a two-week intensive residential University Preparation Course at the University of Bath in August for international students who want to experience life at one of the UK's leading universities in a World Heritage City.

The course is also highly recommended as a Pre-session course for IFP students starting their studies at BIC in September.

The academic challenges combined with a full programme of six guided university visits, city sight-seeing and campus social activities offer an exciting summer experience to ambitious and high-achieving students.

To download the Course brochure and for information about making an application for this Course, please visit our website: www.bristolinternational.college





At Bristol International College students benefit from smaller class sizes, a carefully selected multi-national year group and a more personal approach from our team of tutors and experts.

We also have access to a wide range of support services to meet the needs of each student, whether academic or to do with their personal well-being. At BIC, you're more than just another student, you're an important part of our community and help is on hand whenever it is needed. Our approach is professional and highly personal. We will help you maximise your potential as a person, not just as a student.

What's more, with the help of our team of expert university entrance and careers advisors, we'll help you find YOUR pathway. Your onward journey is as important to us as it is to you. Finding the right next step for YOU is part of our commitment both to you and your parents.

We also offer support service to families such as accommodation searches, transport and tourism in the UK.

More help and support

Pastoral Care



At Bristol International College we prioritise the provision of outstanding pastoral care in a 'home from home' environment.

We understand the importance of ensuring that our students are happy, safe and well cared for, so that they may flourish in their academic studies and make the most of their stay in the United Kingdom.

Our boarding staff are highly qualified in pastoral care, with a particular specialism in looking after students who are living away from home, often for the first time. They provide a homely and welcoming atmosphere, enabling students to relax and socialise in their luxurious surroundings.

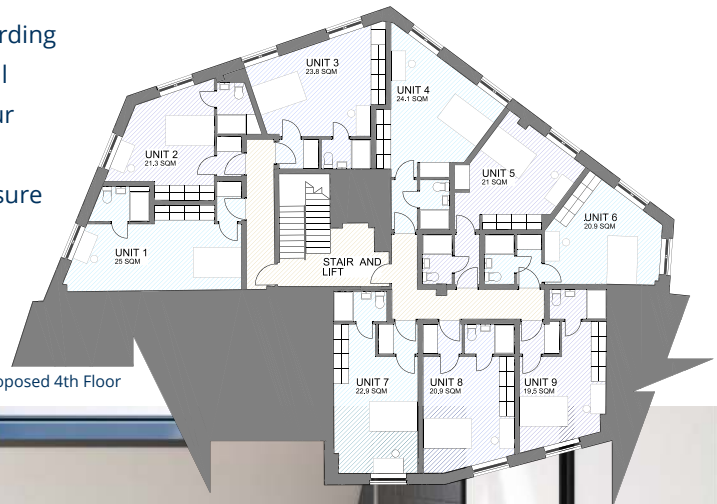


More genuine care

Accommodation

Bristol International College is able to offer top of the range boarding accommodation. Most students live in our newly refurbished boarding house, in the leafy and prestigious suburb of Clifton Village. Each studio-style single bedroom provides en-suite accommodation, with modern and comfortable furnishings, allowing students to settle and study in their own personalised living space.

Homestay accommodation is an alternative to staying in our boarding accommodation. Students live with local, hand-picked families, all of whom have been properly vetted and checked according to our rigorous standards of safety, suitability and cleanliness. We work closely with a professional homestay organisation in order to ensure that all host families reach our high standards of care.



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Extra-Curricular Activities

Bristol International College provides a wide range of extra-curricular and weekend activities which include sports, cultural and arts options. Students may participate in many different sporting activities, such as football, dance, yoga, basketball, swimming, badminton and table tennis. These take place at a local leisure centre which is fully equipped with the latest equipment and facilities.

Recreational activities include drama, arts and crafts, music and a range of social games. We also ask the students for their input in order to personalise the social programme and make it more relevant and enjoyable.



Students are encouraged to take advantage of the benefits of living within a safe and culturally diverse city such as Bristol, with museums, attractions and an enviable choice of restaurants and cafes catering for every taste.

There is also great shopping at the Cabot Circus and Cribbs Causeway shopping malls, as well as local cinema, theatre, art and music venues, all within walking distance of the boarding house.

We will also arrange visits to other interesting towns and cities like Bath, Cardiff, Wells, Exeter, Oxford, Salisbury, Winchester and London, amongst others.



More to see and do

Application & Admissions for IFP

We are delighted that you are interested in Bristol International College; either for yourself or for your son, daughter or client. Our Admissions team will 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.

Applying to join the University of London International Foundation Programme (IFP) at Bristol International College is straightforward and easy. To find out more about the Application & Admission Process, Entry Requirements, Fees, Booking Terms & Conditions and the UKVI Visa Process please refer to our website: www.bristolinternational.college – which will have all the up-to-date information. Simply follow the steps outlined on the website and don't hesitate to ask us if you need any help, or if you are interested in applying for our University Preparation Summer Course.

Our online Enquiry Form on the website is the best way to ask any specific questions you may have.

We would be delighted to arrange a visit for you to Bristol International College. To do this simply email: admissions@bristolinternational.college or call on: +44 7778 740516 to plan your visit.





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