



# BLC

Your Future in English

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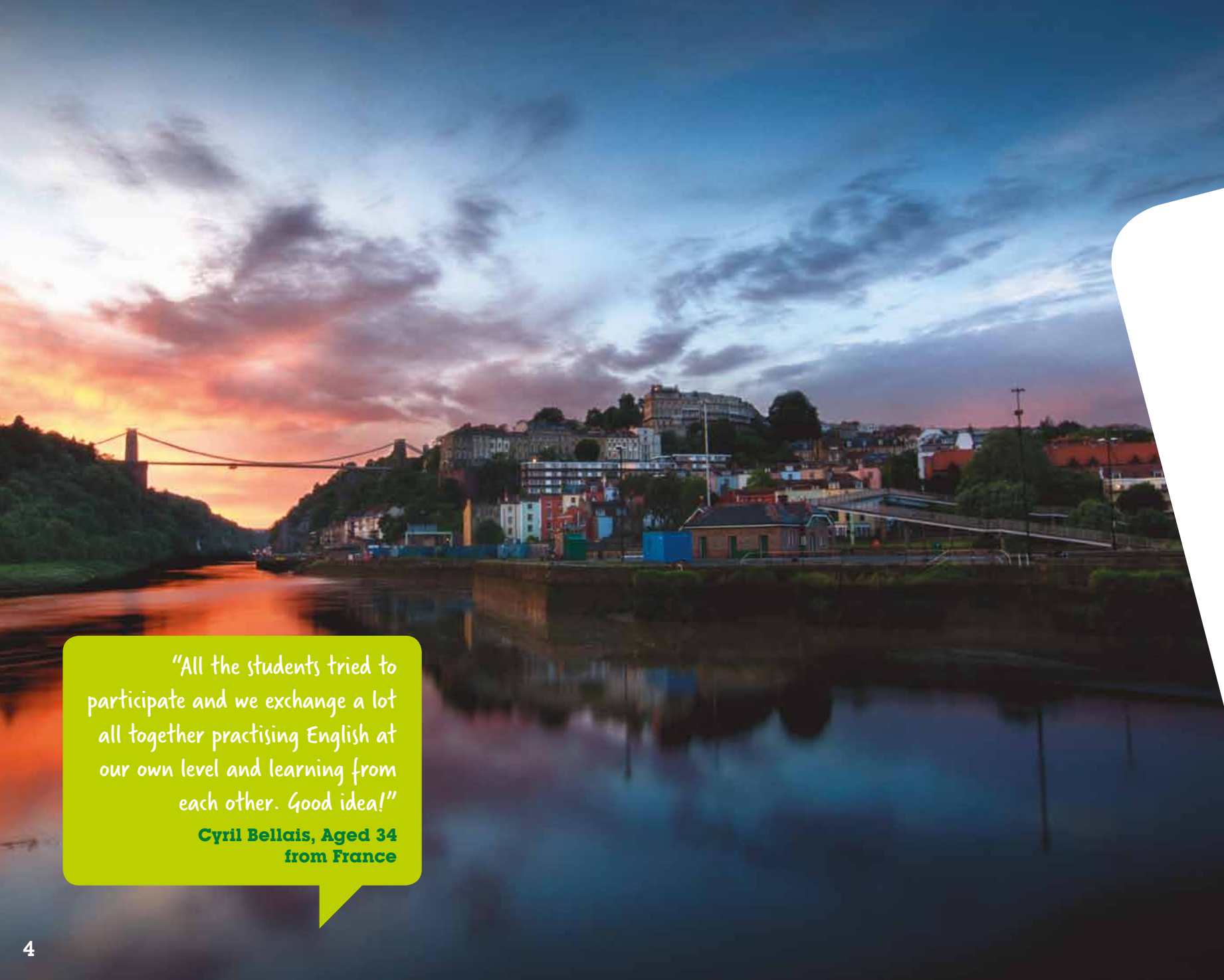


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**BLC (Bristol Language Centre) is a dynamic, independent, British Council accredited school which offers you a wide range of high quality English language courses. We are a member of English UK and Quality English, a UK Border Agency (UKBA) Highly Trusted Sponsor and inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI).**

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.








"All the students tried to participate and we exchange a lot all together practising English at our own level and learning from each other. Good idea!"

**Cyril Bellais, Aged 34  
from France**

"I really appreciated the friendly relationship between students and teachers as well as the teacher's motivation which encouraged me to study even more."

**Maximilian Konig,  
Germany, aged 20**

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*"Incredible learning experience.  
It was really easy to improve  
because when you are happy to  
go to classes it is much easier,  
and that was my case."*

**Alberto Carrasco,  
Spain, aged 31**



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and click on gallery

# 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, inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), and a member of English UK and Quality English, as well as being a UK Border Agency (UKBA) Highly Trusted Sponsor

## 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 new 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



# 99%

**of BLC students** would  
recommend BLC to  
another student<sup>1</sup>

## Innovative

- You will benefit from BLC's up to date facilities, including lessons supported by the latest technology, with multimedia centres, interactive whiteboards, Wi-Fi and unlimited free access to the Internet
- 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 almost 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





# 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.

## *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.

*"It's a wonderful city for students, there are a lot of activities to do."*

**Dieneba Mariam Diop,  
France, aged 23**



# 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 town 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. You will be able to make friends and practise your English with people from diverse places. For instance, in 2012, around 12% of BLC students came from Asia, 7% from the Middle East, 6% from Eastern Europe, 3% from South and Central America, and 1% from Africa, not to mention students from a variety of European countries.



For details of our wide range of accommodation see pages 19-21 or visit: [www.blc-english.co.uk](http://www.blc-english.co.uk) 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 efficient!



### 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 courses in Intensive English FCE, CAE, IELTS, TOEIC, TOEFL and Business English.



### Information technology and computing

You will benefit from BLC's two multimedia centres, with a total of 24 student computers. 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. Students have access to our interactive online and mobile learning tools.

### 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 Interactive: Anytime, Anywhere. The system includes an individual student profile, 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.



### University counselling service

BLC has a dedicated University Counsellor and can offer you free help with undergraduate and postgraduate university entrance.

### Self-study centre

At BLC we understand the importance of independent and guided learning. Our self-study centre gives you access to graded readers and examination practice material. 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 18 modern, light and well equipped classrooms, many 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 and Wi-Fi internet access.

### 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 a range of BLC merchandise, from pens and mugs to T-shirts and hoodies. Fresh coffee is sold during the breaks, as well as hot lunches.

### When you leave

BLC will continue to support you after you leave, with continued access to our online learning environment\*, and keeping in touch through our social networks.

\*3 months free access after completing course at BLC.

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# My BLC

**Steven Peters,**  
BLC Teacher

"The opportunity to work with people to achieve their goals and having the freedom to find solutions suited to individuals and their diverse goals are possibly the most rewarding aspects of the work."



# 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.

### 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
- And after all that, maybe have a quiet night in with your fellow students, watching a film on DVD!

*"Bristol is a great city because the city offers a big range of possibilities to spend your free time."*

**Miguel Guerrero, Spain, aged 42**







## Be connected

### Getting out and about

BLC's exciting NEW 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 Interactive: Anytime, Anywhere. At the end of your course you will continue to have free access to BLC Interactive: Anytime, Anywhere, for an additional 3 months.



**NEW!**  
FOR 2014

### *BLC Interactive: Anytime, Anywhere*

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, Anywhere'.

#### **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
- Sharing your learning and social experiences with friends via Facebook and Twitter
- The wide range of exam preparation materials available
- 24/7 access: log on and learn 'Anytime, Anywhere'

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FOR 2014

### *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 – UPDATED for 2014!
- 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 – UPDATED for 2014!

*"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, 23, Italy**



# My BLC

**Ian Riddell,**  
BLC Teacher

"It's definitely the people. I love coming to work with people from every corner of the globe and finding out what makes them tick.

A large part of my job relies on building rapport with students so it really helps that I'm genuinely interested in them."







"Nice city to live in. Different types of things to do. A lot of students in the city."

**Aude Rolland Piegue,  
France, aged 22**

# 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 hostel, 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 all the BLC Homestays regularly 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 (ensuite rooms are available on request)
- 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 Homestay, except:

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

# 95%

of BLC students said their hosts were friendly and helpful†



# 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.

*"I love it, because it has the best of both worlds. The best of the city (the space, the buildings, the people...), and the best of the town or the countryside (small markets, no skyscrapers, cycling all over the place...)"*

**Irati Esnal Auzmendi, Spain, aged 24**



## 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 has its own social programme, and benefits from a live in BLC staff member who is there to take care of your welfare.



- Located near the picturesque residential area of Southville, where you will find local shops in a friendly neighbourhood
- A BLC shared house, with ten high quality, new, bright and spacious rooms
- Resident BLC staff member
- Self-catering
- Students must be at least 18 years of age to stay in this house
- Strictly no smoking in this residence

At Elephant House there is a range of accommodation, including an extra large ensuite room, mezzanine rooms with detached ensuite/private bathroom, and single or twin rooms with shared bathrooms

### 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
- Secured entrance
- Bike storage



## BLC City Centre Studio Apartments

In the heart of Bristol's city centre, our luxury studio apartments are just 7 minutes' walk from BLC.

- Recently refurbished, its 1960s 'retro' style interior design incorporates modern luxury and the latest technology
- 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 house
- Minimum stay is 2 weeks
- Strictly no smoking

### Facilities include:

- An individual self-contained studio apartment
- Double bed with built-in storage for luggage
- En-suite shower room
- Study area with desk, chair and shelving units
- Kitchenette with modern appliances
- Breakfast bar
- Widescreen TV
- Laundry facilities
- Bedding pack (duvet, pillows and bed linen), but students must provide their own towels
- Free Wi-Fi
- Secured entrance (CCTV and fob entry system)
- Bike storage
- Wheelchair access



## 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
- Accredited by the British Council

### 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.co.uk](http://www.blc-english.co.uk)**





# 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.

*"I improved all the aspects I wanted to improve."*

**Marc Montserrat,**  
Spain, aged 25

## *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 examinations are internationally recognised exams for students at a variety of levels, to improve your English for daily life or work (FCE and CAE). See page 28
- IELTS examination, to improve your English language skills for University entrance. See page 29
- TOEIC examination, preparing you for international communication in a professional environment. See page 30
- TOEFL examination, a course running in July and August to improve your readiness for academic work. See page 31

## *Be academic* **English for progression to UK university**

- English for Academic Purposes is an intensive English language course for students preparing to enter University in the UK. See page 32

## *Be professional* **English for the workplace**

- Business English helps you improve your English so that you can conduct business internationally. See page 34

## *NEW for 2014!* **BLC internship programme**

- **NEW for 2014!** 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 35

# Be successful

English for everyday life

# 97%

of BLC students thought that their lessons were 'interesting' or 'very interesting'†



"Now, I feel more confident when I talk to English people or just when I have to send an email or write a letter."

Francisco Javier  
Martín Moreno,  
Spain, aged 26



# My BLC

Jenny Cannell,  
Director of Studies

"It's great seeing students leave at the end of their courses with improved future study and work opportunities because of the time they have spent at BLC."

## 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 the 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 academic English language course such as English for Academic Purposes, or an exam focused 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\*\*

\*See page 39 for term times.

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



### 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, TOEIC, TOEFL) 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

## 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
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: 20 lessons of 45 mins (15 hours)
- Course dates: 30 June to 9 August 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.

“I like the class here because the students are from different countries and we can become friends and play with each other”

Ying Feng,  
China, aged 16

### 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, shopping in a local market and an evening disco.\*\*

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



# Be qualified

English for examination purposes

"I would recommend this school to another student because it's a good place to learn English whatever your needs or level are."

Laura Rodriguez Font,  
Spain, aged 29

99%

of BLC students said their English improved while studying at BLC†



## Cambridge Examinations:

Preparation for internationally recognised exams

### Course description

These courses will prepare you for the Cambridge FCE (First Certificate in English) and CAE (Certificate of Advanced English) 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 (FCE), upper intermediate (CAE)
- Course length: up to 12 weeks
- Minimum length advised: 6 weeks
- Number of lessons per week (lessons of 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 forever

Programme	Start Date	End Date	Course Length	Exam Date
FCE, CAE	6 January 2014	14 March 2014	10 weeks	FCE 14 March 2014 , CAE 15 March 2014
FCE, CAE	24 March 2014	13 June 2014	12 weeks	FCE 10 June 2014 , CAE 11 June 2014
FCE, CAE	30 June 2014	22 August 2014	8 weeks	FCE 21 August 2014 , CAE 22 August 2014
FCE, CAE	15 September 2014	5 December 2014	12 weeks	FCE 2 December 2014 , CAE 3 December 2014

## 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
- 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 39



"I have got the score in IELTS for entering university. It was more than I wanted."

Milad Ashqi Abdullah,  
Iraq, aged 25



# Be qualified

English for examination purposes

## TOEIC

Improve your English for international business communication

### Course description

This multiple choice reading and listening examination will prepare you for international communication in a professional or business environment TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication).

### Course outcomes

- Successful completion of the examination
- You will improve your skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Your English skills will improve for international communication and business
- Your career prospects in your home country will be enhanced, as many international companies recognise TOEIC as a professional qualification

### Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels
- Minimum length advised: 3 weeks or more
- Number of lessons per week (lessons of 45 minutes): 30 (22.5 hours)
- Maximum class size: 14 (average class size: 12)
- Start on any Monday within the blocks and finish on any Friday
- Book your exam on arrival (take place on a Friday)
- Students aged 18 and above

BLC is a TOEIC test centre. Enjoy the convenience of:

- Taking your test on site at BLC
- Booking your exam just two weeks before the exam date
- Receiving results one week after taking the exam

BLC will send the exam certificate and statement of results directly to you.



## TOEFL

Improve your English for entrance to US university

### Course description

The TOEFL (Test for English as a Foreign Language) course will prepare you for the TOEFL examination, which is required for entry to universities in several countries, including the USA. The preparation and course content will improve your academic vocabulary and skills.

### Course outcomes

- Successful completion of the TOEFL examination
- You will improve your skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Possible entrance to a university, for example in the USA

"Everything is excellent, I'm so happy I met the BLC staff this season."

**Sinan Agkul,**  
Turkey, aged 29

### Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels
- Minimum length: 1 week
- Maximum class size: 14 (average class size: 12)
- Students aged 18 and above
- This course runs subject to demand in July and August. Contact [applications@blc-english.co.uk](mailto:applications@blc-english.co.uk) for further details
- For more information, see the official TOEFL website: [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl).

\*See term dates on page 39



# 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 academic

English for progression to  
UK university

“The environment is really  
friendly, the teachers are  
just amazing.”

**Agnes Orban,  
Hungary, aged 23**

## English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

*Intensive academic English language course for students preparing to enter university*

### Course description

The EAP course is an intensive English language course for students preparing to enter university in the UK. It has been carefully designed to help you develop 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.

Students who do not qualify for our EAP course can study Intensive English or IELTS to the appropriate level.

### Course outcomes

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

- English language proficiency and skills to help you to progress to a UK university

### Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced level
- Minimum length: 4 weeks
- Number of lessons per week (lessons of 45 minutes): 30 (22.5 hours)
- Maximum class size: 14 (average class size: 12)
- Courses start September, January and April (subject to demand)
- Course length: 4–12 weeks
- Students aged 18 and above

### University counselling service

BLC has a dedicated University Counsellor and offers you free guidance on undergraduate and postgraduate university entrance. Our Counsellor can advise you which course is best for you and can assist you with university applications.

BLC has progressed students to many institutions including University of Bristol, University of Exeter, University of Swansea, University of Cardiff, University of Reading and University of Manchester.

Programme	Start Date	End Date	Course Length
EAP	6 January 2014	28 March 2014	12 weeks
EAP	7 April 2014	27 June 2014	12 weeks
EAP	22 September 2014	12 December 2014	12 weeks





# 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

Programme	Start Date	End Date	Course Length
Business English	31 March 2014	25 April 2014	4 weeks
Business English	30 June 2014	29 August 2014	9 weeks
Business English	3 November 2014	28 November 2014	4 weeks

### Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels
- Minimum length: 1 week
- Number of lessons per week (lessons of 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 [marketing@bhc-english.co.uk](mailto:marketing@bhc-english.co.uk)



**NEW!**  
**FOR 2014**

## BLC Internship Programme

Learn English in the workplace

*"The people are really friendly and helpful. The teaching is great."*

**Dieneba Mariam Diop,**  
France, aged 23

### Description

From 2014, BLC will be offering 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 range 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

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



### Key facts

- BLC will identify a suitable work placement in your chosen field, to suit your studies or experience\*
- The duration of the work placement will be 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



*My BLC*

**Kasia Tyka,**  
BLC Teacher

*"The best thing is the opportunity to meet so many different students from around the world. I love talking to them, getting to know the culture and testing the diverse dishes they bring to BLC international food parties."*



# BLC's Summer courses

## Spotlight on summer learning

*If you want to study in the summer, BLC has a choice of courses that's sure to suit you.*

### Cambridge exams

#### FCE (First Certificate in English)

#### CAE (Certificate in Advanced English)

30 June–22 August 2014

(Recommended minimum course length: 6 weeks).

See page 28

### TOEIC

#### Test of English for International Communication

30 June–29 August 2014

(Recommended minimum course length: 3 weeks).

See page 30

### TOEFL

#### Test of English as a Foreign Language

Runs subject to demand in July and August

See page 31

Improve your skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking, while you gain vital qualifications.

### Junior Summer Programme

30 June–9 August 2014

(Course length 1–3 weeks)

English language tuition for students aged 13–17 years in small groups, including an exciting programme of social activities!

See page 26



### Business English

30 June–29 August 2014

(Course length 1–9 weeks)

Practical English language for individuals or groups to help you communicate in the workplace.

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### And don't forget...

Our General and Intensive English and IELTS Preparation courses run year-round, including the summer months.

*"BLC made me love English more than I already did, and I had the chance to discover a new wonderful city. Thank you!"*

**Frederico Russo,**  
Italy, aged 19

For more information on all these courses, please refer to the main course page.







# Practical information

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

## England and Wales public holidays

BLC is closed for 2 weeks for Christmas and New Year and also on public holidays, which in 2014 are as follows:

<b>New Years Day</b>	1 January
<b>Good Friday</b>	18 April
<b>Easter Monday</b>	21 April
<b>Early May Bank Holiday</b>	5 May
<b>Spring Bank Holiday</b>	26 May
<b>Summer Bank Holiday</b>	25 August
<b>Christmas Day</b>	25 December
<b>Boxing Day</b>	26 December

## BLC term dates 2014

The school is open from 6 January to 19 December 2014. The minimum period of enrolment is 1 week.

Term	Start Date*	End Date	Term Length
Winter	6 January 2014	28 March 2014	12 weeks
Spring	31 March 2014	27 June 2014	13 weeks
Summer	30 June 2014	19 September 2014	12 weeks
Autumn	22 September 2014	19 December 2014	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

**Laurie Williams,**  
Accommodation and  
Welfare Officer

"For me, the best thing about the BLC is the fun and friendly atmosphere that I see every time I'm in the building. The teachers really care about their classes and work hard to get the students talking and interacting with each other in English."

# Accommodation Fees

## Homestay

	Year round		Summer (July & August)		
Accommodation	Cost per week	Cost per extra night	Cost per week	Cost per extra night	Supplement included in summer price
Self-catering	£125	£32	£140	£32	£15
Half board	£150	£37	£165	£37	£15

### 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
- Only one student is allowed to stay in a room at a time
- The minimum length of stay is 1 week
- A notice period of 1 week applies



## Residential

### BLC City Centre Residence

Studio apartments (Double bed, en-suite and individual kitchen facilities)	
1-8 weeks	£240 per week
9 weeks or more	£230 per week

### Elephant House

<b>Shared twin room</b> (two single or small double beds and shared bathroom and kitchen)	£95 per week
<b>Large single room</b> (double bed and shared bathroom and kitchen)	£140 per week
<b>Large mezzanine single room</b> (small double bed, ensuite bathroom and kitchen)	£180 per week
<b>Extra large single room</b> (double bed, ensuite bathroom and kitchen)	£220 per week

### BLC Juniors' Residence

Accommodation fees are included in the course fees for the Junior Summer Programme. See Juniors 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 £150 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
- Only one student is allowed to stay in a room at a time (two students in twin occupancy rooms)
- The minimum length of stay is 2 weeks
- A notice period of 2 weeks applies

### 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.

<b>Bristol Airport</b>	£45
<b>Heathrow Airport</b>	£190
<b>Gatwick Airport</b>	£220



# Course fees 2014

## 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.

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 2013 prices held!	£215	£205	£195	£185
30 lessons of 45 mins 22.5 hours	Intensive English, FCE, CAE, IELTS, TOEIC, EAP, Business	£260	£250	£240	£230

## Junior Summer Programme

For group prices and agent enquiries, please contact [marketing@blc-english.co.uk](mailto: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	£495**

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

\* Group packages do not include access to BLC Interactive: Anytime, Anywhere and BLConTEXT.  
\*\*Additional supplement of £120 per person per week payable for residential accommodation on the junior summer programme, based on twin room with two sharing. See junior flyer and BLC website for full details.

## General student visa

If you require a General Student Visa, you will need a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). The fee for this is £14.

## General and Intensive English, Examination Courses, English for Academic Purposes and Business English

There is a summer course supplement of £15 per week from 30 June to 29 August 2014 inclusive.

## Internship Programme

Registration and course fee (minimum 4 weeks) £500 per placement.

## Examination fees

Exam fees are approximate and may be subject to change. Fees do not include transport to and from the examination centre.

Examination	Cost
FCE	£135***
CAE	£140***
IELTS	£150
TOEIC	£105***

\*\*\*£15 exam fee supplement for exams taken on 21/22 August.

Individual one-to-one lessons	
1 Lesson of 60mins	£40

# 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 visa is approved.
- Fees include tuition, assessment test, and use of school facilities including free internet access, as well as access to our BLC Interactive: Anytime, Anywhere and BLConTEXT online and mobile learning programmes, with the exception of summer and group packages which do not include BLC Interactive: Anytime, Anywhere 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 activity programme costs approximately £35 per week.
- 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. Students applying for a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) need to pay an additional £14.
- If you cancel your course, your deposit (including the registration fee), and CAS fee if applicable, 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.
- 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.
- 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.

## Absences during course time

- Visa students must comply with UK visa regulations. Where students fail to attend for 10 consecutive sessions they will be reported to the UK Border Agency. 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.
- 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.

## 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.
- 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 advise you to take out full insurance before you travel. This is particularly important for non-EU students.






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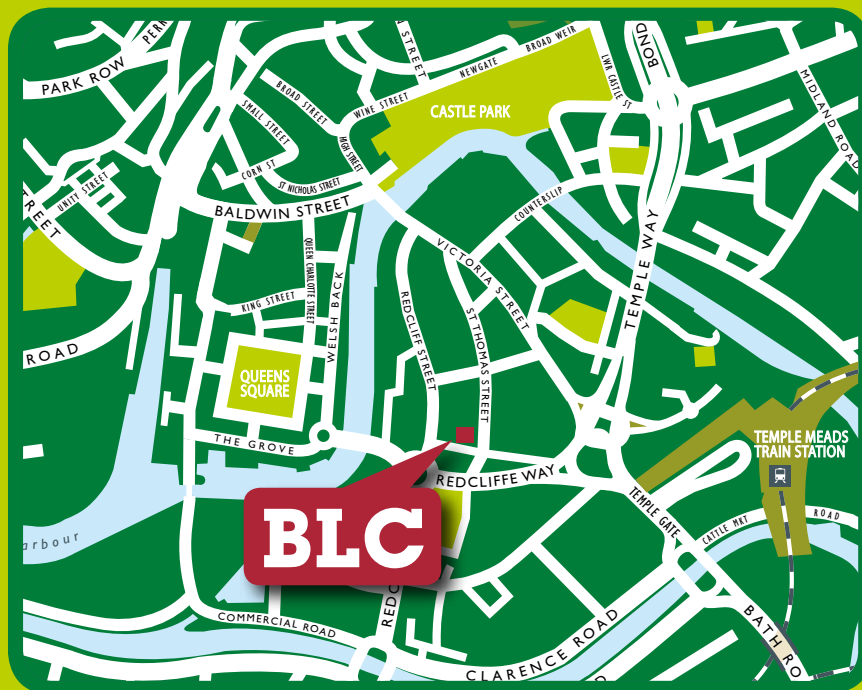
"At BLC we are committed to providing the best all-round experience for the students. We do this by offering excellent teaching, online learning opportunities and a varied social programme dedicated to full immersion and peer learning. We enjoy seeing students reach their goals, whether they come to 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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