An independent centre of excellence in a major university city
Established in 1969, The English Language Centre Bristol is a family-run school and a Centre of Excellence. We offer intensive General English and Examination Preparation courses. We have been inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), accredited by the British Council and we are licensed by UK Visas & Immigration to enrol international students under Tier 4 of the Points Based System. The school is a member of The English Network, a group of 10 independent schools that share best practice and have a reputation for quality and personal service.

The school is located in two fine old buildings close to the University in Clifton, one of Bristol’s most attractive areas.
We believe that personal care and attention are essential and we will do everything we can to ensure that your stay in Bristol is one of the most productive and enjoyable times in your life.

Student Nationalities 2016
Percentages fluctuate according to season

Student Ages 2016
Average age: 23  Minimum age: 16

Student Numbers 2016
An average of 165 students from 25 different countries.

I really enjoy my classes because the teachers are amazing and I have made lots of friends from different countries. I also love the social programme because Bristol is an exciting city and there is so much to do here!
Bristol

With a population of around 450,000 and two major universities, Bristol is the second largest city in the South after London, which is less than two hours away.

Bristol International Airport has flights to 110 cities in 34 countries. As well as making it easy to get here, it offers a great opportunity for you to visit other European destinations.
Bristol is well-known for its theatres, shopping, music scene and street art. It has also topped several polls in recent years:

- 2016: UK’s kindest city (Co-Op)
- 2015: Best city life (Whatuni)
- 2015: Most active city (Sustrans/Nike/ALR)
- 2014: Best city to live in (Sunday Times)
- 2013: Best quality of life (Money Supermarket)

Exciting harbourside area
Bristol has all the attractions of a major city, but it is easy to live here as most places of interest are located within walking distance so you are not dependent on public transport.

In 2015 Bristol became the European Green Capital – the first British city to win this award.

- Bristol is a relatively wealthy city and has the highest employment rate amongst the UK’s core cities.
- Students from the EEA (European Economic Area) and those with a Tier 5 Youth Mobility Scheme visa have the right to work.
- ELC runs a free Job Club giving advice and the language needed to help you find casual and part-time employment.
Courses

Courses include 21 full hours of classroom time per week plus daily homework.
There are 6 levels from A2 (Elementary) to C2 (Advanced), with several classes at most levels.
On the first day, we test you so that we can place you in a class at the right level.
As part of your course, depending on your level, you can prepare for the Cambridge English First, Advanced and Proficiency exams, IELTS or BULATS.

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* Common European Framework  ** Details of exam dates and fees are in the enrolment form.
Included in the programme

- Personal study programme with 4 hours optional self-study per week.
- Course book every 3 months, supplementary teaching materials and a leaving certificate.
- E-learning service from the moment you enrol until 3 months after you leave.
- On two afternoons a week, if your level is B2 (upper-intermediate) or above, you can choose from a range of electives including Business English, Academic English and Sports. During this time, lower level students focus on developing communication skills.
- After classes have finished, optional free language activities are arranged twice a week including Conversation Club, Job Club, Friday Film Club and guest speakers.

Sample Timetable

Monday & Tuesday
- 9.15 - 10.00: Grammar using a recently published course book
- 10.00 - 10.45: Listening/Pronunciation practice can include work in the multimedia centre
- 10.45 - 11.15: Break
- 11.15 - 12.00: Reading skills & vocabulary building
- 12.00 - 12.45: Speaking skills & vocabulary building
- 12.45 - 14.00: Lunch Break
- 14.00 - 14.45: Writing / exam practice
- 14.45 - 15.30: Listening & study skills

Wednesday
- 14.45 - 15.45: Optional
- Supervised self-study Monday-Thursday
- 2 activities a week: Conversation Club, Job Club or Guest Speakers

Levels: A2 - B1
Levels: B2 - C2
Electives
Electives
IELTS - How long will it take?

You generally need an IELTS score of 6.5 before going to university or 5.5 if you wish to take a foundation or pre-sessional course. Based on our students’ results, it takes around 12 weeks of full-time study to improve your IELTS score by 1 point.

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University foundation / pre-sessional courses
University graduate, post-graduate and doctorate programmes
Summer Courses

The summer courses run from June to September. During July and August we open an additional study centre in Clifton College with its spacious classrooms, beautiful garden and wonderful facilities.

The courses include 21 full teaching hours per week; they are run in the same way as our courses throughout the year with intensive General English and examination preparation available together with additional language activities and a varied and exciting social programme.

The summer courses are suitable for motivated students aged 16+.

The summer centre is located in Clifton College, 2 minutes’ walk from Pembroke House. During July and August, lunch is an option in the college for all our students.
You have access to Clifton College’s gym and swimming pool throughout the year.

Breaktime in Abon House

During the summer courses, you may be taught in any of our 3 buildings.

The summer centre has a beautiful garden.
## Social Programme

- An exciting social programme arranged every week of the year.
- It includes regular sports, a minimum of two evening activities a week and an excursion on Saturdays.
- The programme is organised by our teachers and is popular, well-attended and a great way to see the country, explore the local area, make new friends and practise your English.

### Typical example of social programme & activities

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Enjoy life in an exciting and vibrant university city

- With more than 50,000 students, Bristol is well-known for its night life and music scene.

- You can use the facilities of the University Students’ Union Building, which is located only 5 minutes’ walk from Pembroke House.

- A special advantage for ELC students is that during the academic year you can join many of the university and local social and sports clubs – the perfect way to make English friends.
Accommodation

We can arrange your accommodation in single rooms, usually within walking distance of the school. If you choose to travel by bus, the cost of a weekly bus pass is currently £11.90.

- Homestay. Includes bed, breakfast and an evening meal.
- Independent student houses and flats (self-catering).

For more information about accommodation and photographs of the residences, see the school website (accommodation).

Staying with one of our caring homestays represents good value for money and is a great way to experience the English way of life.
The school has a great team of qualified, experienced teachers who are dedicated to helping students at all times.

10 Reasons to choose ELC

1. Established in 1969, ELC is an independent school with experienced teachers who really care about your progress and welfare.

2. Intensive General English courses and preparation for the Cambridge and IELTS exams – suitable for motivated students.

3. A ‘Centre of Excellence’ and one of the top ranked schools in the UK.

4. An average of 165 students from 25 different countries. The average age is 23, the minimum age is 16.

5. The school is open all year round and runs a full range of classes, even in winter.

6. Bristol has topped a number of polls for quality of life and was the European Green Capital in 2015.

7. A lively university city with more than 50,000 students. A special advantage is that during the academic year you can join the university clubs and societies - the perfect way to make English friends!

8. An exciting social programme arranged by our teachers with at least 3 events each week, including a Saturday excursion to another city, parties, live music, football with the teachers and many more activities.

9. Almost all accommodation is located within walking distance of the school including friendly homestays, independent student houses and flats and a university residence.

10. Bristol International Airport has flights to 110 cities in 34 different countries so it is easy to get here and a big advantage if you want to visit other European cities.
How to get here

From Bristol Airport

25 minutes

From London Heathrow

2 hours

From London Paddington

1 hour 40 minutes

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