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LIFE IN BRISTOL

Bristol has a vibrant and diverse community. It is well known for its exciting music scene, large variety of shops, and nightlife around the harbour. Situated next to the coast and close to the Welsh mountains, English countryside and historic Roman sites, Bristol is a very popular city for both students and non-students alike.

I Experience Bristol

History

Discover the story of Bristol at the M Shed museum. Then board the first ship to cross the Atlantic, the SS Great Britain.

Culture

Watch a show at the Bristol Old Vic, one of the UK's oldest working theatres, explore outstanding local museums, and see the stunning works of the world-famous street artist, Banksy.

Shopping

Explore Bristol's popular shopping quarter, home to Cabot Circus, Quakers Friars, The Galleries and Broadmead – over 500 different stores to explore!

Nightlife

Have a great night out with your new friends: experience Bristol's lively music scene and dance the night away in some of the best clubs in the UK.

Food

Try new and exciting food from around the world as well as local cuisine: have a traditional pub lunch or visit Bristol's Farmer's Market to taste local dishes and ingredients.

Sports

Keep fit at UWE Bristol: Centre for Sport. Use the University's sports facilities and equipment, join a competitive sports club or have fun in a fitness class with friends.

City attractions

Visit the famous Clifton Suspension Bridge, or take a walk along Gloucester Road and North Street to see amazing street art by Banksy and other great artists. You can also witness the spectacular Bristol International Balloon Fiesta – Europe's largest hot air balloon festival.

I Getting around

Buses

It's very convenient to travel around the city by bus. Bristol's buses are clean and comfortable, and frequent routes operate within and outside the city. More than 8 bus services stop at the campus, a few minutes' walk from the International College.

Trains

Bristol has excellent connections to destinations all over the UK, including fast services to London (90 minutes). The closest station to the International College is Bristol Parkway, where buses connect to Bristol Temple Meads station in the city centre.

Boat

Frequent boat and ferry services operate to and from waterfront attractions and key points along the harbour.

Taxis

Although they are more expensive than public transport, taxis can be convenient for short trips or when you have heavy luggage.

Now that you know more about living in the city, read on to find out what your new home in Bristol has to offer you.



YOUR NEW HOME

Your accommodation will have everything you need to help you feel at home from the moment you arrive in Bristol.

I Conveniently located

Frenchay Student Village is situated on campus just a quick walk from the International College. There are supermarkets, restaurants and cafés within easy walking distance and the city centre is a short bus ride away.

I Well equipped

All bedrooms include a single bed, study desk, chair, storage and bathroom facilities. Kitchens are fully equipped with a microwave, kettle, 2 cookers, 2 fridge-freezers, a breakfast bar with stools, bins, as well as storage cupboards, a vacuum cleaner and an ironing board.

I Multicultural

In your new home, you will have the chance to meet and make friends with people from all over the world. It is a great opportunity to learn more about different countries, cultures and languages.

I Private and clean

Make yourself at home in your own private bedroom, which has a private bathroom just for you. Each kitchen contains an initial set of household cleaning products, and a regular cleaning service is available upon request. There is also access to laundry facilities for you to wash your clothes.

I Safe and secure

Feel at ease in your new home with 24-hour on-site security and maintenance staff to help you solve any problems. There are secure access doors and 24/7 CCTV security cameras.

I Social spaces

Enjoy comfortable lounge areas and access to numerous facilities on campus — ideal for spending time with your new friends.

I Independent living

Our accommodation is designed for independent student life. This means students will be responsible for cooking their own meals and cleaning their own rooms and clothes.

I Included benefits

All bills (electricity, gas and water) and internet (broadband and / or WiFi) are included in the accommodation price. You are automatically exempt from paying Council Tax if you live in campus accommodation. You will also receive a free 'student starter pack' (see right for more details).

I Student starter pack

To make your move as organised as possible, we provide a starter pack with many of the basic items you will need. You won't have to rush around the shops on your first day, and can settle right into your new accommodation.

Bedding

- Duvet with duvet cover
- Pillow with pillow case
- Fitted sheet

Cooking equipment

- Large stainless steel frying pan
- Stainless steel saucepan
- Slotted nylon turner
- Nylon ladle
- Vegetable peeler
- Plastic colander
- Solid nylon spoon
- Slotted nylon spoon
- Tin opener

Tableware

- Dinner plate
- Side plate
- Cereal bowl
- Mug
- Glass tumbler
- Cutlery (fork and spoon)*

Other

- Toilet roll
- Small hand towel
- Welcome toiletries pack (including miniature bath and shower gel, hand and body lotion, shampoo and conditioner, and soap)

* Please note: for legal reasons the College is not permitted to provide knives of any kind to students.

COTSWOLD COURT

Room type: large single bedroom with private bathroom | Time to college: 5-minute walk

- Within walking distance of on-site supermarket, gym and sports facilities
- Secure bicycle storage
- 24-hour Reception and Support Staff, as well as a dedicated UWEBIC Resident Assistant on duty out of hours

I Features of Frenchay Student Village

Location

Located on the main Frenchay Campus with excellent transport links to Bristol city centre. Cotswold Court is one of the four courtyards that make up the Student Village

Accommodation

Single bedrooms with single beds and private bathrooms in a shared student flat of up to 6 students.

Bathroom

Fully equipped private bathroom with a toilet, basin and shower.

Kitchen

Shared self-catering kitchen, fully equipped with 2 electric cookers, 2 fridge-freezers, a microwave, kettle, breakfast bar and 6 stools.

Social spaces

Student lounge with comfortable seating, a sofa and 2 coffee tables. There is a TV aerial socket within this area.

Facilities

Within walking distance of laundry service, on-site supermarket, gym and sports centre with football field, squash courts and climbing wall, library and computer room, University café, bar and Students' Union. Health centre is located opposite accommodation court.

Internet

Free broadband and WiFi access.

Cleaning

A weekly cleaning service for your room or kitchen is available upon request (contact us for more information). Students are responsible for cleaning their own bedrooms.

Security

On-site security staff, 24/7 security cameras and secure door entry systems.

See page 8 for details of prices and accommodation lengths.

Please note: Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is NOT ALLOWED anywhere in the accommodation area. If you do smoke, you must do so OUTSIDE the building at all times where there are dedicated smoking shelters available. There are no parking spaces available in the Frenchay Student Village.



WHAT STUDENTS SAY



“

I applied through Kaplan for my accommodation and the staff have been very quick and efficient at organising everything.”

Salvador from Mexico



“

The College helped me organise my accommodation – I just asked my agent in my country and they arranged everything with Kaplan. Living in student accommodation has helped me meet people from lots of other countries.”

Galina from Kazakhstan



“

I had seen videos of the accommodation and it was exactly as I expected. College staff put me in a flat with another Nigerian student and we are really good friends now. The College just made everything easy for me.”

Joshua from Nigeria

ACCOMMODATION DATES AND PRICES

The tables below show the standard payment structure for accommodation in Summer 2020. You can pay any amount in your first payment, from the minimum £1,000, to the total accommodation price.

Frenchay Student Village — Cotswold Court					
Accommodation length			First payment (which includes £250 deposit*) on signing agreement	Second payment	Total to pay
Start date	End date	Number of weeks	Before you arrive	When you arrive	
Courses starting in June					
06/06/20	29/08/20	12	£1,000	£1,470	£2,470
Courses starting in July					
18/07/20	29/08/20	6	£1,000	£360	£1,360

Accommodation for students under 18 years of age: where possible, the College will accommodate students under 18 years of age in a single-sex flat with other students under 18 years old. If this option is not available, we will notify the student's parents or legal guardian to offer alternative accommodation. Students aged under 18 on their start date are expected to live in College-arranged housing.

* Your £250 deposit will be returned to you when you move out of your room. Please note, your deposit will not be fully returned if the room is damaged or left in bad condition, or if there are any accommodation penalty charges outstanding. A recharge list can be found with the confirmation letter after you submit the accommodation form.

Please note: the College reserves the right to change the properties advertised and / or prices quoted. If this happens, alternative options of an equivalent standard will be made available at similar prices. All prices shown are correct at time of publication but are subject to change. Published August 2019.



HOW TO BOOK

Follow the simple steps below to book your accommodation.

You can find answers to commonly asked questions on the following page.

Step 1

Use the [Accommodation Dates and Prices](#) page in this guide to choose the option that matches your course dates.

Step 2

When applying to study on a course, you can indicate your preferred room type on the application form. We will then record your accommodation preferences and send you further information with your tuition offer letter.

OR

If you have already completed the course application form, you can complete the online [Accommodation Form](#) to indicate your accommodation preferences, based on the information given in this guide.

Step 3

Once you have accepted your offer, we will be able to confirm your accommodation option. We will reserve a room for you and send you an Accommodation Pack. You will then need to complete the following steps in order to secure your booking:

1. Fill in your guarantor details on the Guarantor Declaration
2. Both you (the tenant) and your guarantor will need to read and sign the Termination and Refund Policy, and then return it by the accommodation confirmation date, which can be found in the Pack. A third person must also witness the signatures, and provide their own details on the document.
3. If you have not done so already, you will also need to make a minimum first payment of £1000 to secure the room. This will be credited towards your overall accommodation fees.

Step 4

You will receive an email from the UWE Accommodation Office, with steps to follow to secure your accommodation. These must be completed prior to your arrival, in order for you to check in at the residence.

Step 5

When you are ready to come to the UK and have booked a flight, you will need to confirm your arrival details by completing the online [Pre-Arrival Form](#). The College will be able to book and confirm transfers for you, and more details are provided in the Pre-Arrival Guide. Please submit your arrival details at least two weeks before you fly to ensure the College and your accommodation are prepared for your arrival.

I Accommodation guarantee

We can guarantee accommodation to all students who submit their Accommodation Form before the dates below, and have accepted their offer to study.

Accommodation start date	Guarantee deadline*
June 2020	1 st May 2020
July 2020	1 st June 2020

* While every effort will be made to allocate your first choice, we cannot guarantee this, and you may be offered another accommodation type or location. If you submit your form after the date listed, we cannot guarantee your accommodation, but will make every effort to find suitable housing for your studies at the College.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

You can find answers to commonly asked questions below to help you with your accommodation application.

I What is a 'guarantor'?

A guarantor is someone who will be legally responsible for any accommodation fees you are unable to or fail to pay.

I May I change the length of my accommodation?

You may not change your contract length after you have booked and signed your Accommodation Agreement.

I What is the first payment?

The first payment is to secure your accommodation along with the signed accommodation agreement. The £1,000 first payment is then divided into £250 for the security deposit and £750 towards your accommodation fees.

I What is evidence of payment?

Evidence of payment can be a copy of the payment receipt, bank statement, banker's draft or via Flywire.

I What happens if I miss the accommodation confirmation deadline?

You must complete the required steps in order to secure your booking. If you fail to do so by the accommodation confirmation date, your agreement may be cancelled and your room given to another student to book.

If your Accommodation Agreement is cancelled, and you tell us that you would still like to book college accommodation, you will be offered the next available room. If you decide not to take this room, refund of any fees paid will only be granted in line with Kaplan International Pathways Terms and Conditions, and may be subject to an administration fee being deducted.

I When can I move into my room?

You will be able to move into your room from the start date of your contract, but only if you have already sent us your signed Accommodation Agreement and first payment.

Please note that you cannot move in earlier than your accommodation start date. If you would like to move in earlier, you will need to speak to a member of our team in advance to see if it is possible. When you arrive, you can collect the accommodation access key from the accommodation reception which is open 24/7.

I Can I get a refund if I leave the College?

If you leave the College for any reason after starting your course, your accommodation fees will not be refunded.

HOW TO PAY

Read the information below to find out how you can make payments towards your accommodation.

Payment Structure		
Course	First payment on signing agreement (includes the £250 deposit)	Remaining payments
All courses	£1,000 (minimum)	Depending on your accommodation option, students pay the remaining amount upon arrival at the College and before the 2nd term (if applicable)

I How can I pay?

Before you arrive, you can make your first payment using one of the methods below:

Bank transfer / credit or debit card to Flywire.

1. Visit UWEBICbristol.flywire.com
2. Choose your country and the amounts you are paying in GBP
3. Choose your payment method and make your payment to Flywire
4. Enter the payer details and those of the student you are paying for
5. Track and confirm your payment by email, SMS or by logging into UWEBICbristol.flywire.com

Bank draft in Pounds Sterling payable to UWE Bristol's International College for the deposit.

Electronic Transfer in Pounds Sterling for the deposit to the following account:

Bank Account Name: KAPLAN UWE LIMITED

Bank Name: HSBC Bank plc

Sort Code: 40-11-60

Bank Account Number: 20004251

BIC: HBUKGB4B

IBAN NO: GB36 HBUK 4011 6020 004251

Bank Address: 60 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4TR

Remember to include evidence of your first payment when you return your signed Accommodation Agreement to reserve your chosen accommodation option. Remember to include your family name and student number (found on your offer letter) as payment reference.

When you arrive at the College, you can pay your remaining accommodation fees by Flywire.

I Please note:

- The £250 deposit is used to book your accommodation and will be returned to you when you move out of your accommodation.
- Your deposit will not be fully returned if the room is damaged or left in bad condition, or if there are any accommodation penalty charges outstanding.
- If your visa application is unsuccessful, please send a copy of your visa refusal documents (or other evidence) to your Admissions Adviser for review. A decision will then be made regarding eligibility for refund in line with the company's terms and conditions.
- Our policy is to allocate accommodation giving priority to students who pay the initial minimum payment of £1,000 first.
- If we do not receive the first payment and signed Accommodation Agreement, you will not be able to move into your room.
- Students who are under the age of 18 on arrival in the UK may be asked to pay all their accommodation fees before they arrive.

FIND OUT MORE

I Useful links

- 🖱 www.kaplanpathways.life/bristol-housing
- 🖱 www.kaplanpathways.com/bristol-applicants
- 🖱 www.uwe.ac.uk/comingtouwe/internationalstudents
- 🖱 www.uwe.ac.uk/whyuwe/unbeatablebristol.aspx
- 🖱 www.visitbristol.co.uk

Search: 'KaplanPathways'



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