

Gloucestershire College



Gloucestershire College is a successful college of further and higher education in the UK, offering a wide range of education and training programmes, including A Levels and GCSEs, vocational qualifications, work-based learning, basic skills courses, higher education, short courses for business, part-time day and evening courses and English for overseas students. The college has two new state-of-the-art campuses, one on the water-side in

Historic Gloucester Docks, the other in Regency Cheltenham.

UK high school education takes 4 years. During the first 2 years students study for **GCSE** exams and during the second 2 years they study for: **A Levels** or the **IB Diploma** - the qualifications which are the most common methods used to enter British universities. Instead of taking A Levels/IB Diploma, some students choose to enroll in a University Foundation Course - a one-year course during which students study subjects in a desired area.

Programmes

GCSE (16+) - The General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) is an academic qualification taken by students aged 14–16 and final examinations are taken at the end of Year 11 (age 15–16). Gloucestershire College offers one year GCSE courses starting in September.

A Level (16+)- A levels are usually studied over a two year period and are widely recognized around the world, as well as being the qualification that is the most common method used by British Universities to determine an applicant's suitability for academic subjects.

University Foundation (17+) –this is a one-year intensive, specially designed programme for international students who have finished their secondary school and wish to continue their studies in higher education in Britain. It combines not only English Language classes but also academic subject studies and has guaranteed progression to university.

English Language Programmes –Year-round courses and Summer school for juniors and adults.

Facilities



The college offers a wide range of modern facilities- a gym, spa centre, football and volleyball pitches, libraries, art and media studios, TV, radio and dance studios.

Accommodation



If you would like to live with other students you can choose to live in one of our new fully furnished modern student residences. You will have a single room with private en-suite facilities. The accommodation has a shared living room/ kitchen area.

Or you can stay with a carefully selected host family. There will be no other student of your nationality in the family (unless you ask for a special arrangement) so this will give you the opportunity to practise speaking English and experience our culture and traditions.

Sports and activities



During term-time there is an extensive sports and activity programme with qualified coaches to take training sessions and organise matches. Many of our international students participate in team activities competing against other colleges. We also operate an 'Enrichment Programme' where students can join volunteering projects or clubs such as the film club.

We also have an International Student Event Programme which includes monthly excursions in term time.

Leisure

Whether you want to relax or get out and about, Cheltenham and Gloucester are great places to be. Both offer good shopping, cafes, and restaurants, cinemas, theatres and museums and are close to other cities such as Bristol, Bath, Birmingham and Cardiff, an only two hours from London.

Cheltenham also sits on the side of 'The Cotswold Way', one of England's most famous and beautiful walking trails and Cheltenham is also home to the famous Gold Cup racing festival and the world renowned literary festival.