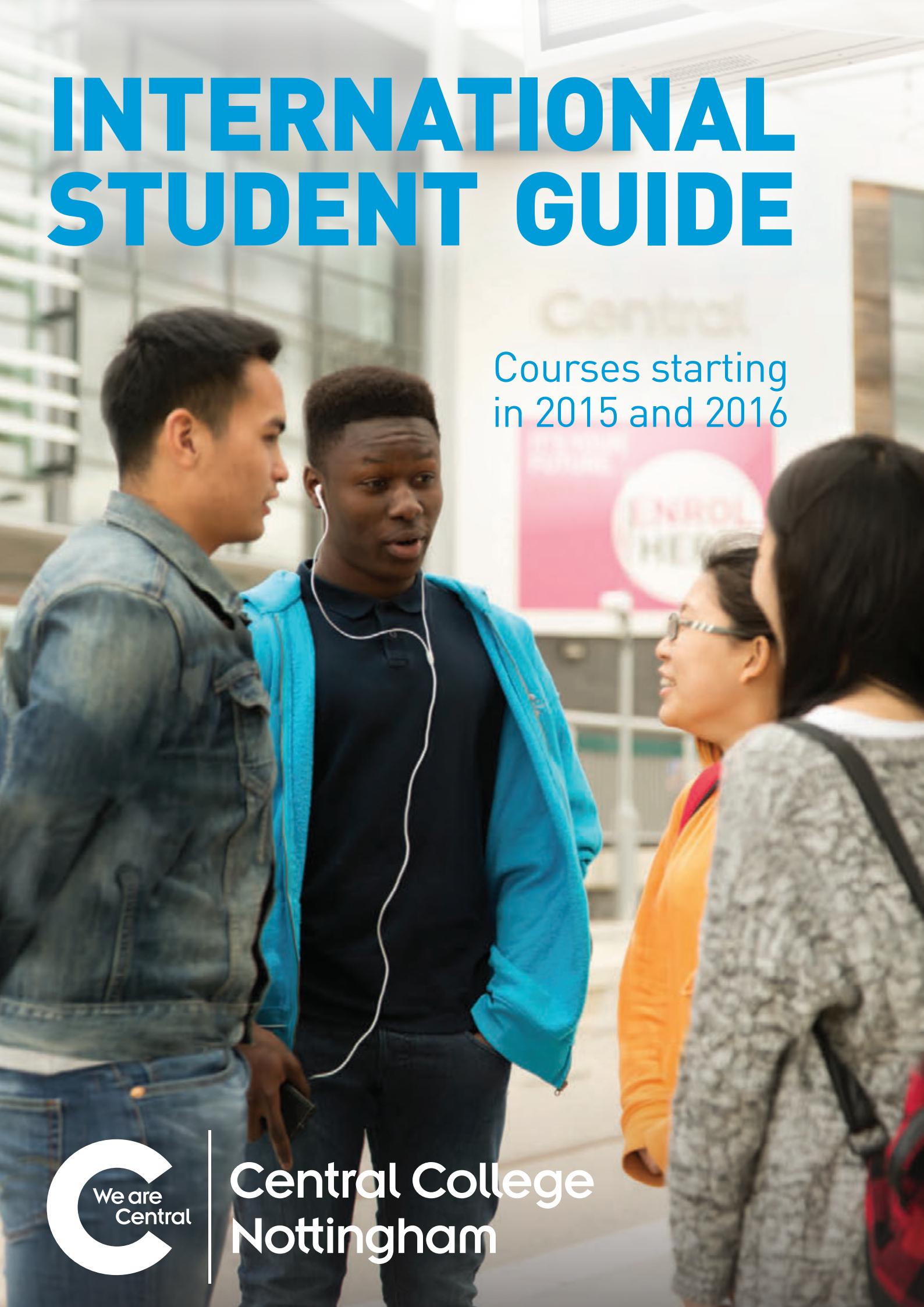


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A photograph showing three international students walking together outdoors. On the left, a young man of Asian descent wears a denim jacket over a light blue hoodie. In the center, a young man of African descent wears a black t-shirt under a bright blue zip-up hoodie; he has white earphones in his ears. On the right, a young woman of Asian descent wears glasses, a yellow scarf, and a grey textured coat. They appear to be engaged in conversation.

Courses starting
in 2015 and 2016

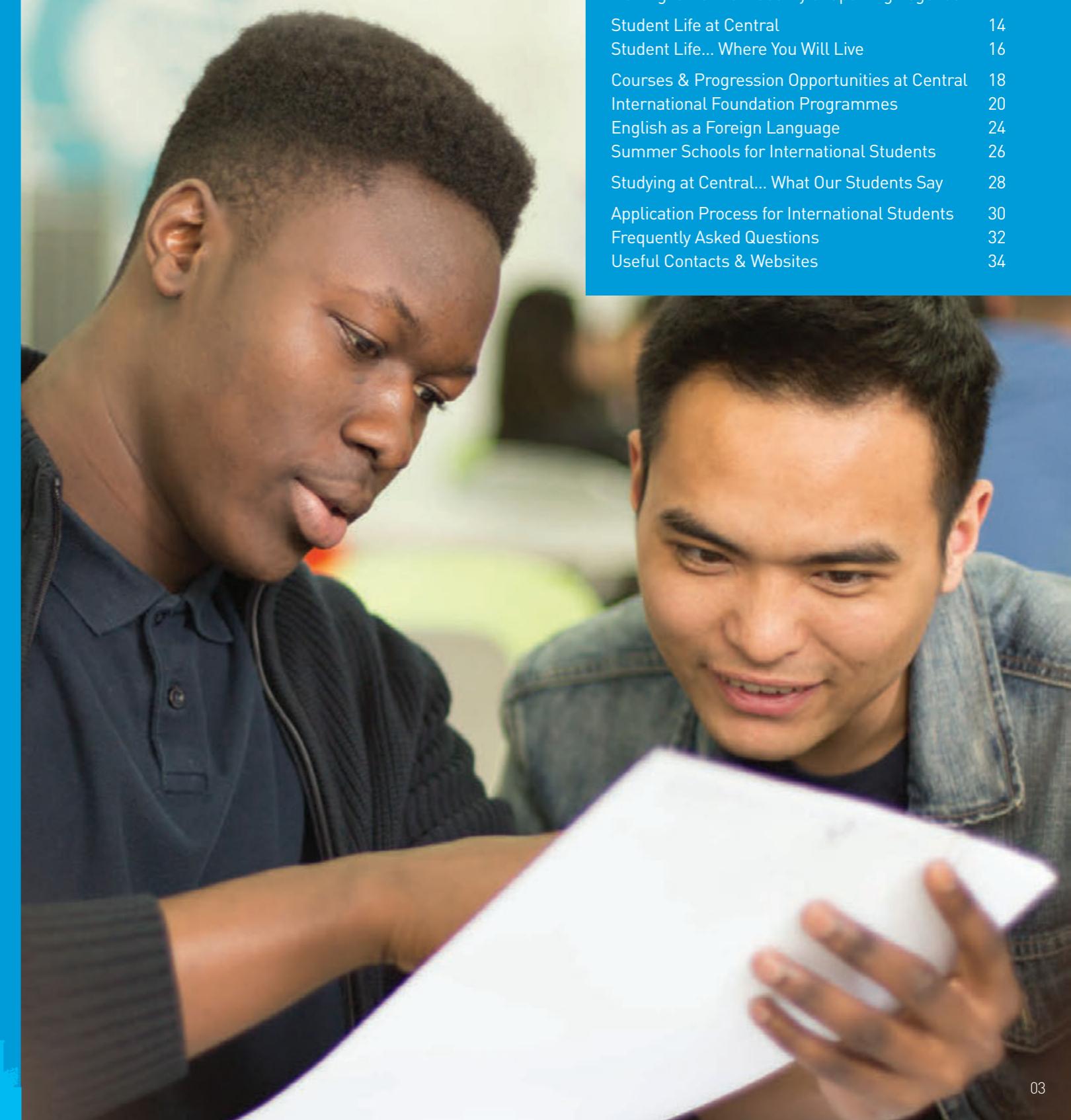


Central College
Nottingham

INTERNATIONAL GUIDE

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Nottingham... a great place to study!



WELCOME TO Central College Nottingham



Come to one of England's largest government-funded colleges to gain the qualifications you need to prepare you for further study at a British university. Our International Foundation Programmes and English as a Foreign Language courses have been established for over 30 years, and we have seen many of our international students gain places at some of the top British universities.

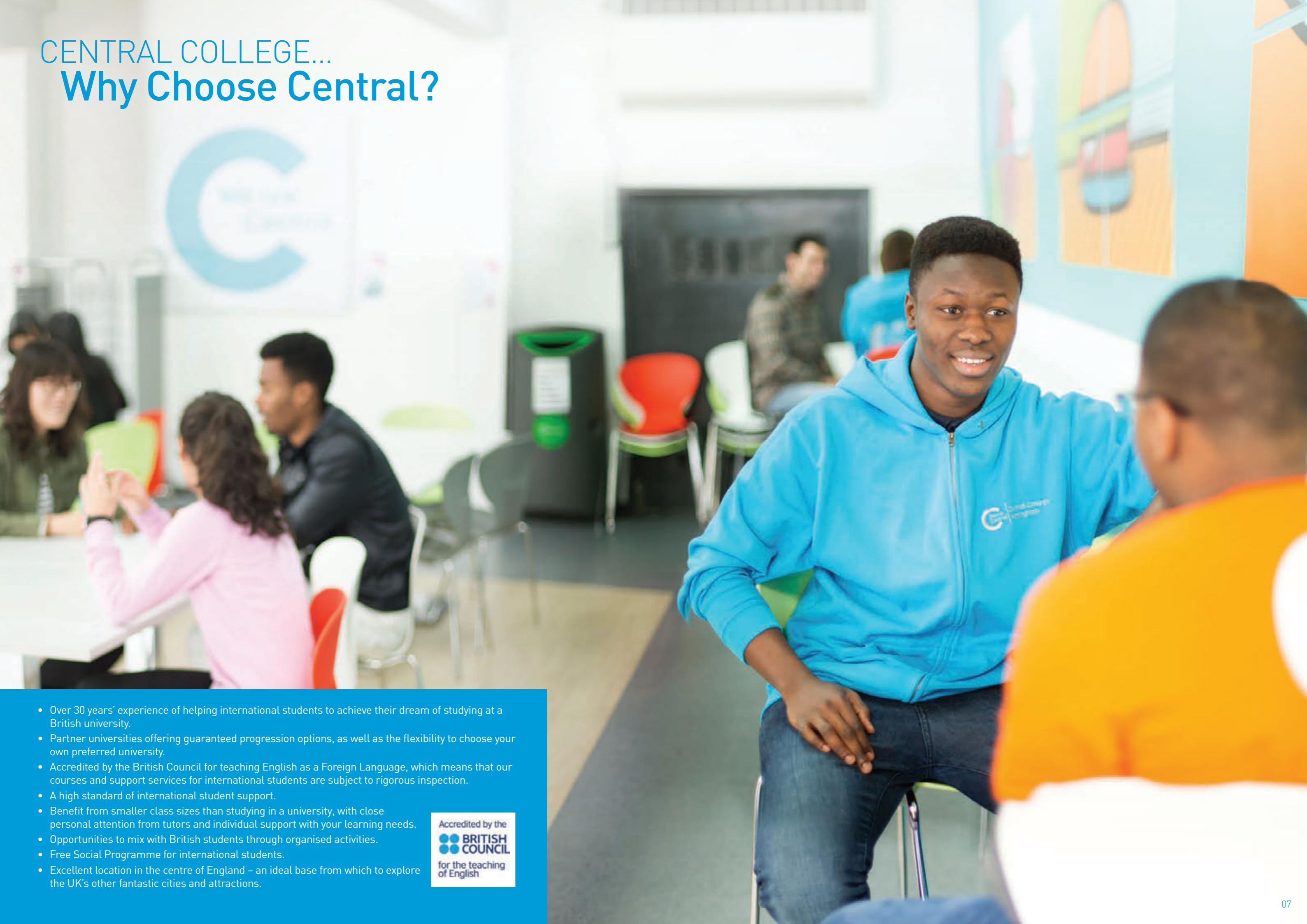
Why not let us help you to achieve your goals?

Read on to discover more about our wonderful 'student city' and the opportunities we can offer you...



DID YOU KNOW?
Central won a Queen's Anniversary Prize to recognise our 'Balls To Poverty' charity sport programme for work in South Africa and Uganda. To find out more see the website: www.ballstopoverty.co.uk

CENTRAL COLLEGE... Why Choose Central?



- Over 30 years' experience of helping international students to achieve their dream of studying at a British university.
- Partner universities offering guaranteed progression options, as well as the flexibility to choose your own preferred university.
- Accredited by the British Council for teaching English as a Foreign Language, which means that our courses and support services for international students are subject to rigorous inspection.
- A high standard of international student support.
- Benefit from smaller class sizes than studying in a university, with close personal attention from tutors and individual support with your learning needs.
- Opportunities to mix with British students through organised activities.
- Free Social Programme for international students.
- Excellent location in the centre of England – an ideal base from which to explore the UK's other fantastic cities and attractions.



NOTTINGHAM... A Student City

Did you know that thousands of students from all over the world choose Nottingham as their study destination each year?

Why? Because the city has a combination of excellent designer and high street shops; a vibrant music scene with live bands and clubs; and a busy cultural hub, with art galleries, theatres, and independent designers in the historic Lace Market and surrounding areas.

Also, there are lots of bars and cafés in the city as well as restaurants with a wide range of international foods to try with your friends. You could even visit 'Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem', reported to be England's oldest inn.

To find out more visit: www.experiencenottinghamshire.com



Nottingham has a huge choice of restaurants, café and bars, catering for every taste



Take a step back in time and visit England's oldest inn



With more than 700 years of history, Nottingham Goose Fair is one of Europe's most famous travelling fairs



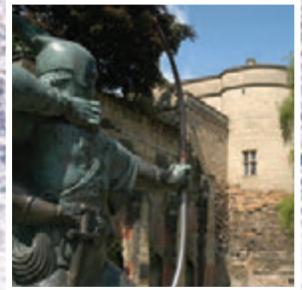
OUT & ABOUT In Nottinghamshire



When you take a break from your studies, why not take some time to learn about some of Britain's history and enjoy beautiful scenery in the surrounding countryside?

Wollaton Hall (main picture), a mansion built in Elizabethan times, is a fantastic place for a picnic and a photo opportunity for movie fans – it featured as Wayne Manor in the recent film 'Batman, The Dark Knight Rises'. A trip to Sherwood Forest Country Park allows you to enjoy the great British outdoors and see the home of the legend Robin Hood and the world famous Major Oak.

Why not visit the homes of two of the most well-known British writers, Lord Byron and DH Lawrence, or step back into the city's past at Nottingham Castle and in the historic caves which lie beneath the city?



Robin Hood – Nottinghamshire's famous son and a favourite folk hero



The City of Nottingham is built on a complex of over 500 caves dating back to the Dark Ages



Explore Sherwood Forest on two wheels!

SHOPPING, MUSIC, CULTURE In Nottingham

You can enjoy international singers and groups at the Capital FM Arena, watch 3D movies at one of the cinema complexes, or just walk around and enjoy the beauty of our historic city.

Nottingham is also a great base from which to explore the rest of the UK. It is under 2 hours by train to London and other major cities like Birmingham and Manchester are easy to get to.



Splendour Music Festival held annually at the historical Wollaton Park



Nottingham Playhouse puts on a wide variety of drama, music, dance and comedy



The fashion designer Sir Paul Smith was born in Beeston and opened his first shop in Nottingham



"Forever associated with the legendary Robin Hood, Nottingham is a dynamic county capital with big-city aspirations, fascinating historical sights and a lively music and club scene thanks to its spirited student population."
www.lonelyplanet.com

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE... County of Sporting Legends

Whether you love to play sport or want to see sporting stars in action, you will have a great choice in Nottinghamshire.

The county is home to two Football League clubs – Nottingham Forest (main picture), made famous under the management of Brian Clough in the 1970s and 1980s for back-to-back European Cup wins and Notts County Football Club, the oldest football league club in the world.

If you prefer cricket, you can watch international test cricket at the world-famous Trent Bridge, which is also home to Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club.



Trent Bridge Cricket ground has been hosting games since 1838



Notts County Football Club (The Magpies), is the world's oldest football league club



The Nottingham Panthers are a very successful ice hockey team who have recently won 3 major league titles

If you like sports that are a little bit different, why not go to the National Ice Centre, which has two Olympic-sized ice-skating rinks? You can try ice-skating yourself or watch the famous Nottingham Panthers team play ice hockey.

Or, if you like being outdoors, you can visit the National Watersports Centre and try white water rafting, canoeing, sailing, kayaking or wakeboarding!

Famous sportspeople from Nottinghamshire include:

- World champion boxer, Carl Froch
- Former world number one golfer, Lee Westwood
- Olympic medal-winning swimmer, Rebecca Adlington
- Paralympic gold medallist, Richard Whitehead

STUDENT LIFE At Central

If you choose to study at Central you can be sure of the highest standards of care and support. From the moment you apply through to when you complete your course with us, our friendly staff are here to help you and make your experience of studying in the UK enjoyable and memorable.



Some of the things we offer to help you settle in and enjoy your time with us are:

- Free airport pickup for all students under the age of 18, as well as those studying for a full academic year. A pre-booked airport pick-up for all other students is available on request. Prices vary depending on the arrival airport but you should expect to pay around £150.
- Help with finding suitable accommodation, with compulsory Homestay places for students under the age of 18. Details of available accommodation can be found on the next page.
- Comprehensive induction programme, including information on your course and practical things such as opening a bank account, registering with a doctor and staying safe.
- International Student Advisors to provide advice and help with any problems.
- A Personal Tutor to offer guidance with your course and discuss your progress with you, with formal reports written at least twice a year.
- A Progression Advisor to assist you with your university (UCAS) application.
- A free* Social Programme, including a Summer Ball/Awards Party and up to four trips to places of interest in the UK.
(*£10 deposit payable to secure a place; refundable on the day of the trip/event).
- A 'Buddy Scheme' offering the chance to work with home students and support each other with common areas of study.
- College-based taster activities with home students, focusing on the different vocational areas, e.g. construction, media, make-up, engineering, airline cabin crew.

Important note for parents: students are supervised during the classes in their timetable, but will not be supervised during breaks or on their way to and from College, nor if they choose to go out socially during evenings and at weekends. For more information on this please see our 'Parents' Guide'.

STUDENT LIFE

Where You Will Live



As an international student, one of the most important things when you come to the UK will be to make sure you have somewhere safe, friendly and welcoming to live. Our Accommodation Service is here to help you find the best accommodation to suit your needs. The safety and security of our students is of utmost importance to us, which is why we offer compulsory Homestay accommodation for all students under the age of 18, and offer all students assistance in finding a place to live.

- **Homestay** involves living in a British home as a member of the household. You will have your own bedroom but will share common living areas and bathroom facilities with other members of the household – an excellent way to improve your English and learn about British culture! Some hosts offer inclusive meals, whilst others are on a room-only basis. Most offer internet access and all heating and lighting costs are included in the rent. All hosts are required to complete criminal records checks prior to being appointed and are inspected annually to ensure the facilities they provide comply with College guidelines. More detailed information on Homestay can be found in our 'Accommodation Guide for Students Under 18' which is available on our website at: media.centralnottingham.ac.uk/App_Media/SNC/pdfs/international/Accommodation-Homestay-Guide-Under_18-2015.pdf
- **Self-catering** student accommodation at various locations around the Beeston area and in the city centre is available to book through the International Office. Rooms vary from private studios to en-suite rooms with shared kitchens. Wireless internet, heating and electricity costs are included in the rent. This type of accommodation offers a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends from different countries! For more information on the self-catering student accommodation available for booking through the International Office visit: media.centralnottingham.ac.uk/App_Media/SNC/pdfs/international/Accommodation-Guide-Over_18-2015-revised.pdf
- **Private rented houses** are available for those aged over 18, who prefer to live independently or with a group of other students or friends. Although we are unable to arrange this for you, we can offer advice on how to find a house to meet your needs. Rent varies and is usually for the accommodation only (food, internet, heating and electricity are extra costs). Students choosing this type of accommodation usually stay in a hotel for the first few nights to allow them time to look at potential properties before signing a legal agreement with the landlord. Please tell us if you are seeking this type of accommodation and we will advise you on suitable local hotels, particularly if you are bringing your family with you.

COURSES & PROGRESSION

Opportunities at Central

At Central we specialise in courses that will give you the skills and knowledge you need to progress to a British university. We have courses to improve your English in preparation for further study, and subject-specific Foundation Programmes to bring your qualifications up to the required standard.

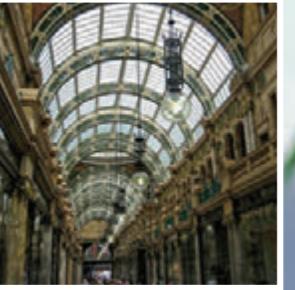
We are accredited by the British Council for teaching English as a Foreign Language, and our Foundation Programmes were originally developed with the University of Nottingham, who still moderate them. This means you can be sure you are studying a recognised course and will benefit from high quality teaching and support with your learning.

Our international students consistently progress to high-ranking universities, including Nottingham, and our Foundation Programmes are recognised for progression to Aston, Bath, Bristol, Leeds, Lincoln, Loughborough, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield Hallam and York.

Our partnership with the University of Nottingham means that International Foundation students will receive a guaranteed conditional offer for progression to specific degrees related to their subject area. The University of Hull also offers guaranteed progression to some degrees within Hull University Business School for students who meet the entry requirements.



Bath is a beautiful city and has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site



Leeds has a mix of old and new, providing the ideal environment for exploration and adventure



Hull is set to be the UK's City of Culture 2017, delivering a programme of artistic excellence and events



INTERNATIONAL Foundation Programmes

Designed for students whose high school qualifications are not suitable for direct entry to university, these courses will bring your academic qualifications up to A-Level standard and improve your English language level.



	ACCOUNTING	ARCHITECTURE	BUSINESS	MANAGEMENT & ECONOMICS	ENGINEERING	SCIENCE
HOURS PER WEEK	24½	25	24	24	28	26½
MODULES STUDIED	Accounting Maths Economics Enterprise EFL/Study Skills IT	Art & Design Maths Physics Architectural Context EFL/Study Skills IT	Finance Marketing Maths Economics Enterprise EFL/Study Skills IT	Economics Management & Finance Maths Computer Science EFL/Study Skills IT	Physics Maths Chemistry EFL/Stud Skills IT	Chemistry Biology Maths EFL/Stud Skills IT
CLASS SIZE	There will be a maximum of 15-20 students per group					
ENTRY CRITERIA	<p>ACADEMIC – ALL INTAKES You will usually have to have completed 12 years of high school in your home country with good grades in relevant subjects. Students from some countries may be accepted after Year 11. Please ask us for the entry requirements for your country</p> <p>ENGLISH LANGUAGE</p> <p>JANUARY START (2½ TERMS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IELTS 5.5 overall with 5.5 in Reading and Writing and 5.0 in Listening and Speaking.• For Management and Economics only – IELTS 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in Reading and Writing; 5.5 in Listening and 5.0 in Speaking. <p>SEPTEMBER START (3 TERMS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IELTS 5.0 overall with 5.0 in Reading and Writing and 4.5 in Listening and Speaking.• For Management and Economics only – IELTS 5.5 overall, with 5.5 in Reading and Writing; 5.0 in Listening and 4.5 in Speaking. <p>MAY START (4 TERMS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IELTS 4.5 overall with no less than 4.0 in any of the four elements.• For Management and Economics only – IELTS 5.0 overall, with no less than 4.5 in any of the four elements. <p>JANUARY START (5 TERMS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IELTS 4.0 overall with no less than 4.0 in any of the four elements.• For Management and Economics only – IELTS 4.5 overall, with no less than 4.0 in any of the four elements. <p>OTHER REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>The minimum age a student can usually be accepted is 17. 16 year-olds may be accepted in exceptional cases.</p>					

INTERNATIONAL Foundation Programmes continued



	ACCOUNTING	ARCHITECTURE	BUSINESS	MANAGEMENT & ECONOMICS	ENGINEERING	SCIENCE
COURSE FEES	For current fee information please refer to our 'Course Fees and Other Costs' leaflet. This is available on our website at: www.centralnottingham.ac.uk/international-students/fees-and-scholarships.aspx or on request from the International Office. Discounts and scholarships are available for some countries – please ask for details.					
ADDITIONAL COSTS	In addition to course fees, students may have to pay for course books at around £20-£30 each. Architecture students will have to purchase some of their own basic art materials, such as sketch books and pencils, but costs should be minimal (£5-£15). Standard IELTS tests (not SELT) are offered twice per year, usually in February and May, at a cost of approximately £150 per test depending on current IELTS rates.					
START DATES	4 INTAKES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January to August (2½ terms) • September to June (3 terms) • May to June the following year (4 terms) • January to June the following year (5 terms) 	3 INTAKES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September to June (3 terms) • May to June the following year (4 terms) • January to June the following year (5 terms) 	4 INTAKES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January to August (2½ terms) • September to June (3 terms) • May to June the following year (4 terms) • January to June the following year (5 terms) 	4 INTAKES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January to August (2½ terms) • September to June (3 terms) • May to June the following year (4 terms) • January to June the following year (5 terms) 	4 INTAKES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January to August (2½ terms) • September to June (3 terms) • May to June the following year (4 terms) • January to June the following year (5 terms) 	4 INTAKES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January to August (2½ terms) • September to June (3 terms) • May to June the following year (4 terms) • January to June the following year (5 terms)
CLASS TIMES	Classes are taught between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday. There are usually no classes during College holidays and there will be 4-6 additional non-teaching days per academic year. As a guide, term dates for the current year can be found on our website at: www.centralnottingham.ac.uk/international-students.aspx and dates for the coming year will be provided in the 'Pre-Arrival Guide'.					
ASSESSMENT	Assessment is through a combination of coursework and examinations. The proportion of coursework to examinations for each course can be found on the 'IF Course Information Sheet' – please ask for a copy of this for the course you are interested in.					
PROGRESSION	On completion of the Foundation Programmes students usually progress to a British university. We will help you to choose the best degree course and university to meet your needs. If you need advice on the most suitable Foundation Programme for what you intend to study at university, please ask us.					

ENGLISH As a Foreign Language



Do you need to improve your English in preparation for further study? Or maybe you are looking for a short course to experience life in the UK and practise your English? Whatever your reason, our flexible EFL courses will suit you – enrol from 3 to 36 weeks, with classes from Beginner to Advanced level.



ENGLISHUK 
member

	ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE	IELTS PREPARATION	PRE-IELTS PREPARATION
HOURS PER WEEK	22	Up To 7	Up To 7
COURSE DESCRIPTION	<p>Designed to help you to improve your overall level of English, prepare for further study in the UK and learn about British culture.</p> <p>Learn all four skills of Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing. You can either take the entire course, or choose to focus on particular areas you need to improve.</p> <p>IELTS classes and academic skills are included from Pre-intermediate level upwards.</p> <p>On-going assessment through progress tests to enable you to move through the levels as appropriate.</p>	<p>A flexible course that focuses on specific IELTS skills – Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing. You can either take the entire course, or choose to focus on particular areas you need to improve.</p> <p>Designed to be studied alongside full-time EFL. Weekly practice tests are included to ensure you are familiar with the IELTS exam format.</p>	<p>An alternative to the IELTS Preparation option for those who have not yet reached Pre-intermediate level.</p> <p>Focuses on the basic skills needed to pass the IELTS test.</p> <p>Designed to be studied alongside full-time EFL.</p> <p>Practice tests included to ensure you are familiar with the IELTS format.</p> <p>You can progress to the IELTS Preparation option once you reach a suitable level.</p>
MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE	15	15	15
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<p>If you are coming via the Short-Term Study Visa route there are no formal entry requirements but you should have some basic knowledge of English.</p> <p>If you are coming via the Tier 4 General Student route you will need a minimum of IELTS 4.0 with 4.0 in all elements (or equivalent Secure English Language Test).</p> <p>Minimum age: 16</p>	<p>You must already have English language at Pre-intermediate level, or IELTS 4.5. You must also already be studying a full-time course at the College.</p> <p>Minimum age: 16</p>	<p>You should have a good basic understanding of English, but not quite have reached the standard required in order to begin the IELTS Preparation option.</p> <p>Minimum age: 16</p>
COURSE FEES	Please ask for our 'Course Fees leaflet', or see our website for current fees.		
ADDITIONAL COSTS	<p>You will need to buy course books for each level you study at. Books cost up to £25 each, and you will pay for your books at enrolment along with your course fees. In the event that there is any difference between the amount paid and actual cost of the books the surplus will be refunded. IELTS tests can be taken at the College at least twice a year, or you can book your own test externally (not SELT). The cost is around £150 per test.</p>		
START DATES	Most Mondays during term time in September through until the end of May [minimum length of study is 3 weeks].		
CLASS TIMES	<p>All classes are from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00am and 6.00pm. There are usually no classes during College holidays and there will be 4-6 additional non-teaching days per academic year. As a guide, term dates for the current year can be found on our website at www.centralnottingham.ac.uk/international-students.aspx and dates for the coming year will be provided in the 'Pre-Arrival Guide'</p>		

SUMMER SCHOOLS For International Students



A fantastic four week programme for students aged 18 and over, combining English language classes with the chance to see the sights and attractions of Nottingham and visit some of the other beautiful cities in England.

COURSE DATES

Mid-July to mid-August. For exact dates please ask for a copy of our current 'Summer Schools' brochure.

HOURS PER WEEK

12 hours of lessons each morning from Monday to Thursday, in groups of around 15 students, with additional afternoon and weekend activities and excursions. The sample timetable will give you an idea of how the programme is usually structured, but this does change in line with student feedback. Please see our 'Summer School' brochure for this year's programme.

COURSE FEES

Fees include tuition, course materials, self-catering student accommodation, travel pass, afternoon activities and weekend excursions. Please see our 'Summer Schools' leaflet, or our website for the current fees.



SAMPLE TIMETABLE																			
	09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30	17:00	17:30	
Monday	EFL Lesson 09:00-12:15																Afternoons are free for individual or group activities. Ideas of things to do will be provided.		
Tuesday	EFL Lesson 09:00-12:15																		
Wednesday	EFL Lesson 09:00-12:15																Sports including Tennis, Basketball and Cycling. Games Nature Trail Film Club		
Thursday	EFL Lesson 09:00-12:15																		
Friday	Local excursions: Nottingham Castle; Capital FM Ice Arena; Nottingham City Tour 09:00-16:00																	National Excursions by coach: Times TBC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• London City Tour including Big Ben, Buckingham Palace & Trafalgar Square, plus shopping on Oxford Street• Birmingham Bull Ring Shopping Centre & Stratford-upon-Avon Shakespeare Experience• Cambridge Shopping & University Tour• Oxford & Bicester Village shopping	
Saturday																			
Sunday																			

STUDYING AT CENTRAL... What Our Students Say

Yupu from China

Course:
**International Foundation
in Engineering**

"Central College Nottingham is a really good place for studying. I have just completed the International Foundation Programme in Engineering. My teachers are excellent and have taught me so much during this year. I can't thank them enough."



Linh from Vietnam

Course: International Foundation Science

"I chose IF Science because I believed the course would provide me the best foundation for my study in university. Also, my aim was to do Pharmacy at the University of Nottingham so I thought it would be a great opportunity to actually come and explore the city as I will be staying there for at least 4 years of my life.

What I love the most about Central College was the atmosphere that it gave me. It felt challenging as there were so many intelligent students from all over the world, yet, relaxing as they were extremely friendly. I definitely will recommend to other students to come to Central College because it provides a pleasant education environment to all students from different backgrounds and countless advantages in applying for higher education in the UK."



Aryclenes from Angola

Course: English as a Foreign Language

"I chose to do an English course for two main reasons. Firstly, as an international language nowadays learning English is quite important because it has the benefit of making the communication between people around the world easier. Secondly, because I need to learn English to go to university. I have found all modules interesting, because all of them have contributed to the improvement of my English. The College has trained me on how to speak, read, write and listen to English well enough to be able to do the IELTS test. I will be returning to Central to do my International Foundation Programme in Engineering, and then hope to progress to the University of Bristol to complete my degree, before returning to my country and helping with the development of the oil industry."



Henar from Spain

Course: English as a Foreign Language

"I wanted to study in the UK to improve my English in all aspects, and my agent recommended Central to me. The environment is really good and the teachers are always willing to help. My last group and my teachers were like a family and I learnt infinite things; not only academic stuff but also British culture and even cultures from many different countries. I totally recommend it.

I like Nottingham because there are plenty of students from every country, you can go outside and have fun. You can find many places for entertainment (cinema, shopping, bowling, water centre...) and it is such an active city. The time I've been in Nottingham I've been to a lot of fairs, fashion shows, shopping activities, food festivals, markets... You'll never be bored even though it's not a big city like London!! But you can get to any place easily."



THE APPLICATION PROCESS For International Students



Now you have read all about what we can offer you at Central, we really hope that you will decide to apply. If you still have any questions or need any advice before you apply, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to advise you.

Telephone: +44 (0)115 884 2804 for admissions or +44 (0)115 884 2218 for general enquiries.
Email: international@centralnottingham.ac.uk

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY, PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROCESS DETAILED BELOW

1. Complete an International Student Application Form – download the form from our website: www.centralnottingham.ac.uk/international
2. Return your completed form and supporting documents to: international@centralnottingham.ac.uk
3. We will send you an Offer Letter (usually within 3 business days). Your offer might be conditional on achieving certain qualifications – these will be specified in the letter. It will also tell you your course fees, deposit due and how to pay.
4. To accept the offer, complete the Offer Acceptance Form and return it to us, along with evidence that you have paid your deposit.* You should also return your Accommodation Booking Form at this point.
5. If your offer is conditional you should submit evidence that you meet the conditions as soon as possible. If you are unable to meet the conditions please tell us.

6. We will issue your CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) if you are applying as a Tier 4 General Student, or your Visa Confirmation Letter if you are applying as a Student Visitor.
7. Apply for your visa, following the procedure detailed on the UK Visas & Immigration website (see Useful Contacts and Websites on page 35).
8. Tell us when you receive your visa decision so we can confirm or cancel your place.
9. Return your Airport Transfer Request Form to confirm your arrival details (at least 2 weeks before you arrive).
10. We will confirm your accommodation details and airport pick-up if you have requested these services.

DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- ✓ Passport copy
- ✓ Copy of any current or previous visa for the UK (with a copy of your CAS statement if you are currently studying in the UK and evidence of enrolment)
- ✓ Certified copies and English translation of all of your examination certificates or school transcripts for the past 2 years
- ✓ Portfolio if you are applying for Architecture

*Your deposit will be refunded to you minus a £100 administration charge if your visa is refused for a reason that is in no way due to your own intentional or reckless act. We will also refund deposits paid by students who fail to meet the conditions stated in their offer minus a £100 administration charge. To claim a refund please email: international@centralnottingham.ac.uk stating the reason you are unable to take up your place and attach relevant supporting documents (e.g. transcript or visa refusal notice).

FREQUENTLY ASKED Questions



HOW CAN I BE SURE I AM COMING TO A GENUINE COLLEGE?

Because we are a government-funded college of further education, you can be sure that we are a genuine institution, offering high quality teaching. Our status as a Tier 4 Sponsor shown on the Home Office's official Register of Sponsors means that we are approved by UK Visas & Immigration to sponsor students to come to the UK for study under Tier 4 of the Points Based System and are subject to rigorous compliance checks to ensure we operate appropriately.

I WANT TO COME FOR JUST A FEW WEEKS TO IMPROVE MY ENGLISH – IS THIS POSSIBLE?

Yes – we offer flexible English as a Foreign Language courses from 3 weeks up to a full academic year. With enrolment for EFL every Monday during term time, you can choose a start and finish date to suit you.

DO I NEED A VISA?

Unless you are from a country within the European Union or a 'non-visa national' country then you will need a visa to study in the UK. You can choose to come on a Short-Term Study Visa to study English language, or as a Tier 4 General Student for a longer course at NQF Level 3 or above. Please see the UK Visas & Immigration website for more information at: www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/

WILL I NEED IELTS TO GET A PLACE AT THE COLLEGE?

For courses such as International Foundation Programmes, where a set level of English is needed, you will need to have taken IELTS, which must be the Secure English Language Test (SELT) version of the test if you need a Tier 4 Visa. We are also able to accept other SELT qualifications on the UKVI approved list – please visit: www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/431248/Approved_Secure_English_Language_Tests_and_Test_Centres_v4_0.pdf for details.

If you are coming on a Short-Term Study Visa for EFL then you do not need IELTS but should have some evidence of any previous study of English.

HOW QUICKLY CAN I GET AN OFFER LETTER?

We aim to send out all offers within 3 business days (Monday to Friday in the UK), as long as you have included all of the supporting documents we need. If documents are missing we will be unable to process your application so it will take longer for you to receive an Offer Letter. So please check before you submit your application that you have included everything listed on pages 30-31.

DO YOU OFFER A FREE AIRPORT PICK-UP?

Yes – we offer a free airport pick-up for all students aged under 18 and for all students who are studying a course lasting for a full academic year. If you are over 18 and coming for a shorter course, then we can book an airport pick-up for you at an additional cost of approximately £150.

WILL I GET HELP TO FIND SOMEWHERE TO LIVE?

Yes – the International Office will help you to find suitable accommodation when we receive your Accommodation Booking Form (this is sent to you with your Offer Letter). Please see pages 16-17 for information on our accommodation service.

WILL YOU HELP ME TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT?

Yes – we will advise you on things such as how to open a bank account and how to register with a doctor during your Induction Programme when you arrive at the College.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME TO REACH THE IELTS SCORE I NEED?

This will depend on the gap between your current level and the score you need. As a guide, it usually takes approximately 12 weeks for a student to increase by 0.5 IELTS.

USEFUL Contacts & Websites



STUDYING IN THE UK...

UK Council for International Student Affairs: www.ukcisa.org.uk

UK Visas & Immigration: www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas

British Council: www.educationuk.org

Home Office Register of Sponsors: www.gov.uk/government/publications/register-of-licensed-sponsors-students

OUT & ABOUT...

www.experiencenottinghamshire.com
www.letsgotobeeston.co.uk

ENTERTAINMENT...

www.trch.co.uk
www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk
www.broadway.org.uk
www.cornerhouse.tv/home.aspx
www.capitalfmarena.com/online/
www.rock-city.co.uk
www.glee.co.uk/GleeClubNottingham
www.leftlion.co.uk

THE ARTS...

www.nae.org.uk
www.nottinghamcontemporary.org

FOOD & DRINK...

www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/eat-and-drink

SPORT...

www.panthers.co.uk
www.trentbridge.co.uk
www.nottinghamforest.co.uk
www.nottscountyfc.co.uk
www.nottinghamrugby.co.uk
www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ntc
www.nwscnotts.com

LOCAL GOVERNMENT...

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk
www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk

LOCAL TRAVEL...

www.thetram.net
www.nctx.co.uk



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