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PENWITH COLLEGE PROSPECTUS 2022

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THE COLLEGE OFFERS **GREAT RESOURCES AND SUPPORT** WITH **FANTASTIC TEACHING.** THEY MADE MY TIME HERE **SO ENJOYABLE.**

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WELCOME

Martin Tucker
Truro and Penwith College
Principal

What an extraordinary year it has been, and for many reasons.

The challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic have been extensive but I want to take the opportunity firstly to congratulate everyone reading this prospectus for showing determination, dedication and patience in continuing your education in the face of this extraordinary challenge. I hope you are extremely proud of yourselves.

I would also like to remind everyone who is thinking of becoming a student here that we are taking all appropriate measures to ensure you enjoy a safe but productive learning environment. Both you and your parents/carers can be confident of a caring and quality education when you arrive at Truro and Penwith College.

Despite the uncertain times, there are things you can be assured of. At Truro and Penwith College, you will be studying at one of the top non-selective colleges in the country.

The College resides at the top of all colleges nationally year-on-year for academic and vocational results and 2021 was no exception. The summer exams were cancelled, with Teacher Assessed Grades awarded across academic and vocational qualifications. As expected, Truro and Penwith College students achieved results consistent with years of very high performance. Overall, the results saw a further increase to record levels both in high grades awarded and in the progress students make during their time here.

Our students have achieved these results across the full range of our courses, in partnership with excellent teaching and support staff who deliver the highest standards of education. The College continues to expand its world-class facilities and to enhance access and opportunity for students across the whole of Cornwall.

Truro and Penwith College is a leading example of a tertiary college. Our students not only achieve outstanding outcomes but secure the best progression opportunities into higher education and employment, which follow from those outcomes. It is their success that allows us to present ourselves with confidence as the best educational institution for you to pursue your ambitions.

To deliver these high levels of student achievement, we focus constantly on providing outstanding teaching, exceptional personal support, and a world-class student experience. Our impressive academies provide a platform for students to pursue excellence in specific fields such as sports, medicine, music, art, and enterprise, alongside their chosen course. They also ensure that specialised guidance and support is available for applications to the most competitive jobs and to the most selective universities.

As you explore our prospectus, you will see the level of passion and commitment we bring to all aspects of College life. I hope you will decide to become a part of our College, and in doing so create your own outstanding experiences and achievements to shape your future.

TEACHERS ARE HIGHLY SKILLED, APPLY THEIR EXPERTISE TO GREAT EFFECT IN PLANNING LESSONS, AND **BRING A PASSION TO THEIR TEACHING** THAT CHALLENGES AND **INSPIRES LEARNERS TO MAKE RAPID PROGRESS**.

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THERE IS **A CULTURE OF STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT,** WHICH IS EVIDENT ACROSS THE WHOLE ORGANISATION.

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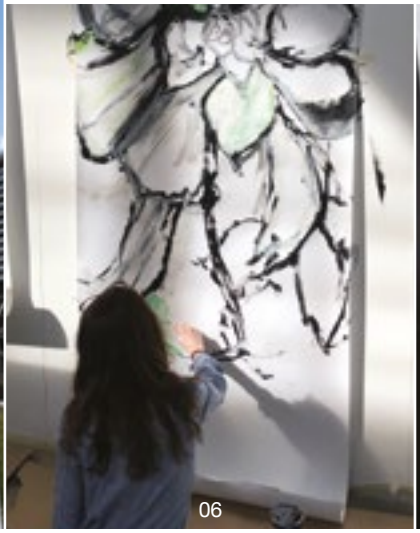
MORE OF WHAT YOU LOVE

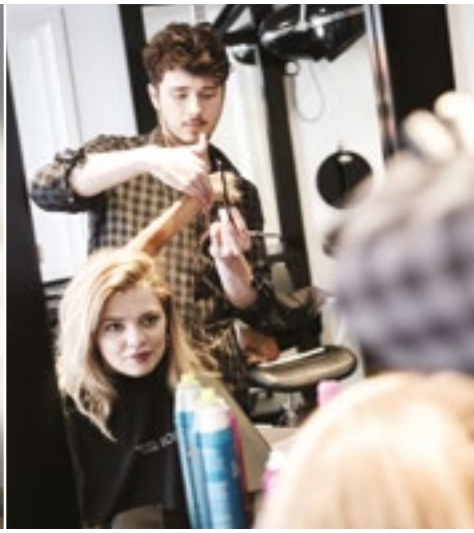
At Penwith College, we're big believers in choice, **YOUR** choice.

Studying here means you get to choose from an exciting range of subjects. Whether you are academic or prefer to learn by doing, it's easy to find the course that matches your interests, university goals or career aspirations. Our students tell us they have the time of their lives and make best friends here. You'll see why, surrounded by those who have made similar choices and opening doors to new opportunities you never knew you had. It's why we love our students having a choice.

This is **YOUR** time, and choosing Penwith College could be one of the best choices you ever make.

WHATEVER YOUR PASSION, PURSUE YOUR DREAMS AT TRURO & PENWITH COLLEGE.





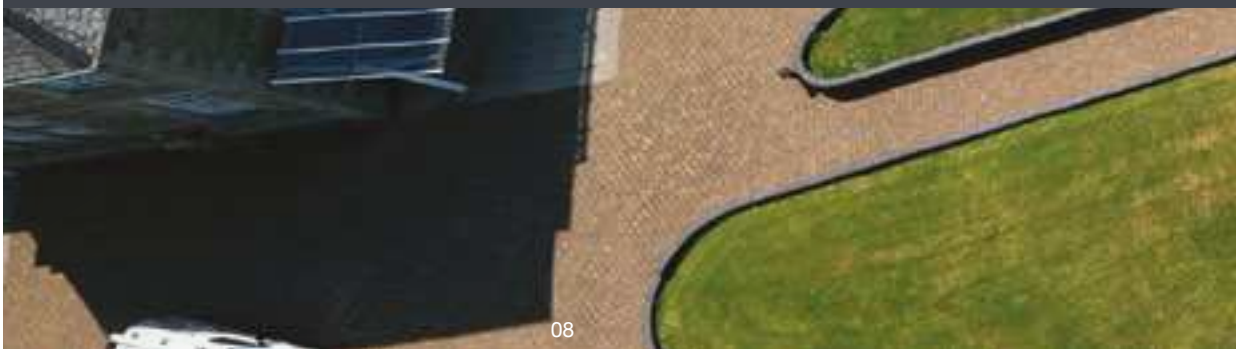
"I LOVE HAVING THE FREEDOM TO **TAKE CONTROL OF MY OWN FUTURE** AND THE OPPORTUNITIES YOU GET.

KEEPING US CONNECTED

THROUGH DIGITAL RESOURCES AND A LEADING RESPONSE TO ONLINE LEARNING, **TRURO AND PENWITH COLLEGE IS KEEPING US CONNECTED**.

Thanks to innovative IT, combined with outstanding levels of teaching and support, we are able to focus on what matters most - giving our students the very best education and support. The College has been nationally recognised for this focus, which included the online delivery of over 1,000 timetabled lessons for all students each day during the first lockdown. Our connected approach has seen us selected to lead on a collaborative project to develop national, 'cutting-edge digital approaches to online learning.'

You can now discover even more about the College online. We've created interactive campus tours to help you discover our facilities remotely, combined with 360 degree aerial views of every campus and subject spotlight videos from our tutors giving you a personal insight into our fantastic range of course and subject options.



SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT VIDEOS

Our tutors have created these personal videos and subject pages to show the wide range of courses you can study here, what you can expect to learn and to give you an idea of what life as a student at our Outstanding College is like.

Discover more online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/subjectspotlight

DIGITAL CAMPUS

Get ready for the next step. We have developed resources to create a unique Digital Campus, giving Year 11 pupils access to learning materials and resources to help you prepare and be ready for starting at Truro and Penwith College in September.

Links for you to enter and use the online Digital Campus are sent direct to schools.

360⁰ INTERACTIVE CAMPUS TOURS

Get hands on with amazing, fully interactive campus tours. Take control to zoom around buildings, click information points to find out more and explore the fantastic spaces, resources and facilities on offer. Discover a world of opportunity.

Take the tour online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/tourpenwith

MAKE THE MOST OF IT

IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT YOUR STUDIES. STUDENT LIFE IS RICH, VIBRANT AND HUGELY REWARDING. **EMBRACE THE OPPORTUNITY.**

2 / JAKE BEESLEY CREATIVE ACADEMY

"I love the creative academy as we have absolute freedom to explore our own ideas. I am really interested in drawing and storyboarding and hope to be a 2D animation storyboard artist in the future so this is directly relevant to my future and a lot of fun too."

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1 / FLORRIE SARGENT STUDENT COUNCIL HEALTH & SAFETY REP

"I joined the student council as I think it is important for the students to have a voice. I enjoy talking to my peers, getting their feedback and ideas and representing them on the council. Health and safety, especially with Covid has become such a priority. I now have a huge insight into why certain things happen and can help the student body understand this."

3 / JULIA LUTZKA STUDENT COUNCIL EDI REP

"I joined the council as the EDI rep because I know that being black in Cornwall is tough and if I can help others to understand how I have previously felt, then it will make the College experience even better for those who come after me. I have always felt welcome here at the College and part of the group. It's everyone's responsibility to promote inclusion and a way to ensure a cultural shift is by helping everyone to explore and celebrate our differences as well as our similarities."

4 / HENRY COOMBES FOOTBALL ACADEMY

"I love the academy. It allows me to connect with students from many other courses, some of whom I may never have met. It's great to be able to leave the classroom behind and get out on the pitch, enjoy the outdoors and run off some energy. I feel that playing and training with the football academy makes me more engaged in the College community and better engaged with my studies."

5 / ELLA SMITH DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

DofE really allowed me to step outside of my comfort zone. For my volunteering, I helped out at Food for Families which was great because I was able to give back to my community. I have met a wide variety of students from all different courses and working closely with them to plan the expedition and do our practise activities has brought us closer together.

ACADEMIES

MAKE THE MOST OF IT

WHETHER IT IS SPORTING, ACADEMIC OR ARTISTIC, BY JOINING AN ACADEMY YOU WILL LOVE BEING IMMERSED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT WILL **SEE YOUR SKILL-LEVELS SOAR.**

The achievements of our academy students are a huge source of pride for all involved, with many representing their country in sport, gaining national recognition with their music or breaking new ground in their chosen field of study.

AMELIA ACHESON CREATIVE ACADEMY

"I joined the College not knowing anyone. I love it here. It has been so easy to fit in and make new friends. I joined the Creative Academy as drama, theatre and the creative side of life is a huge part of who I am. Being part of the creative academy has given me an amazing opportunity to direct the project. We are making a mockumentary about us. It's been hard because of lockdown but now we are back it's full steam ahead."

LUCA RAINBOW BASKETBALL ACADEMY

"Playing basketball alongside the Sports Science course, which is more of a classroom based subject, changes up the tempo a bit. Playing releases endorphins which helps me focus on my work. I think to myself - I have had my fun and now I can get on with my work. Playing sport is good for my mental as well as my physical health."

SEE MORE OF OUR ACADEMIES ON PAGE 106

JADE DAVIS ESPORTS ACADEMY

"The esports academy is really relaxed. It is filled with students from a variety of different courses who all love gaming. They are not all computer games design students. Because we have a shared interest we all get along. I am one of the coaches, Overwatch is my game. I help the others, give guidance and take a leadership role during matches. Its great on a Wednesday afternoon to stop doing coursework and have space to chill out and game."

AUSTIN BROCKLEBANK SURF ACADEMY

"The Surfing Academy at Penwith College was a great opportunity. Surfing is something I am very passionate about and the Academy allowed me to pursue this and continue my competitive surfing as part of my College timetable."

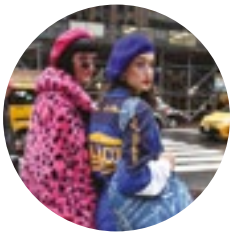
LUCY THOMAS FOOTBALL ACADEMY

"I enjoy training with the football academy. Although I am currently the only female player I am very much part of the team. I also play women's football for Mousehole and so this is a great supplementary training opportunity to enhance my fitness. I would really like to play football professionally when I leave College, perhaps travel to America. I think that having academies as part of the weekly timetable is really valuable as no matter what course you are studying."

OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES

FORMER AND CURRENT STUDENTS ARE HAVING **THE MOST INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCES.**

With a little ambition and the support from Truro and Penwith College, we'll help you get where you want to go, no matter where in the world that may be. Here is just a taster:



ART & DESIGN
NEW YORK, USA

Art and Design students make trips across the pond to New York, where they have the opportunity to visit some incredible museums and immerse themselves in the local art.

A LEVELS
PENNSYLVANIA, USA

Hannah achieved a place on the Sutton Trust US Programme, which has led to her studying at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, USA.

STEM CONSERVATION TRIPS
HONDURAS

Students enjoy conservation trips to learn about biodiversity, preservation and to conduct surveys on local flora and fauna in forests and in the waters off the Caribbean coast.

GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS
ICELAND

Touring Viking settlements, visiting the Eyjafjallajökull volcano, seeing the aura borealis and ice hiking on the Solheimajökull glacier, the annual visit to Iceland is a chance of a lifetime.

CHEMISTRY
UK

Our Chemistry students came out on top, plus gained valuable experience, at the Regional Schools' Analyst competition, run by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

RUGBY ACADEMY
JAPAN

The Rugby Academy tour Japan, Canada, Dubai and South Africa.

SPANISH STUDENTS
MACHU PICCHU, PERU

Spanish students scale new heights to visit the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu.

PAINTING & DECORATING
SHANGHAI

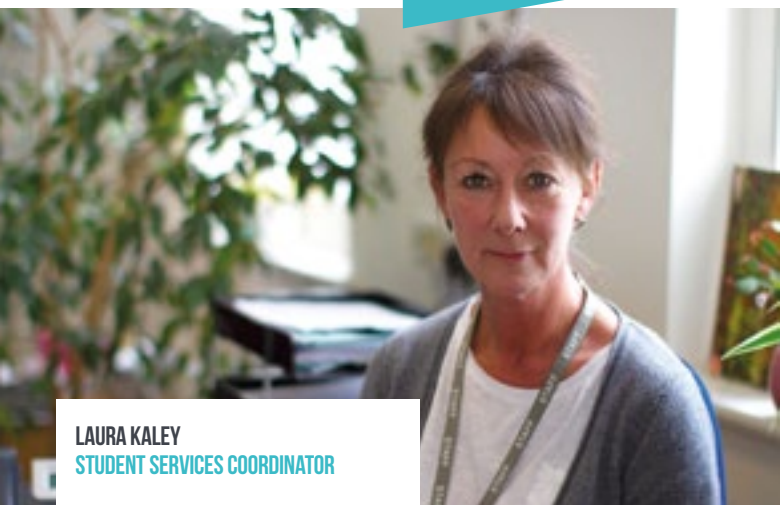
Painting and Decorating Apprentice Thomas, from Penzance, was on the road to Shanghai, for the finals of the International WorldSkills Competition, after being selected for the UK Squad.

GEOGRAPHY & IB DIPLOMA
ESWATINI

Geography and IB Diploma students have visited Eswatini many times as part of their course to help at schools for orphans of AIDS victims. One student, Will Jay, was so inspired by his trip, he is now working in Eswatini for the country's Water Board.

SUPPORTING YOU

WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO STUDY, SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME AT PENWITH COLLEGE.



LAURA KALEY
STUDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR

What do you offer?
I coordinate a team who work with and support all of the students in the College. I am the key link between external agencies and the College and I also manage the bursary fund. I coordinate the College counselling service and work very closely with the College mental health advisor. We offer information, advice and support on a whole range of issues, which include sexual health, safeguarding, personal and family issues, careers, higher education and UCAS, mental health and wellbeing, homelessness, financial support and bursary fund, signposting and referral to other agencies and LGBTQ support.

How will it help me?
Support from the Student Services team is available all year round, not just in term time. Not all students need to use student support while they are at College but knowing that there is always someone who can help is very important.

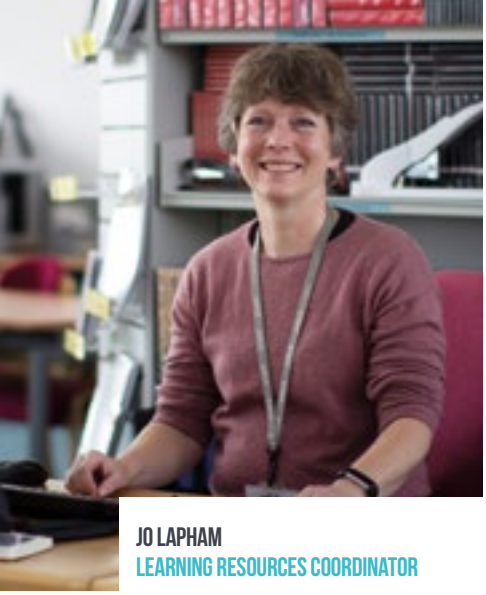
How do I find out more?
You can pop in to Student Services any time. No appointment is necessary and someone will be there to help you. To see a comprehensive list of services, check the Student Services handbook or look on the website.

CAROLINE THOMAS
EXAMS ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS ASSESSOR

What do you offer?
I ensure that students with specific needs have fair access to assessments and exams. I assess individual needs and make sure requirements are formally in place for a student's exams. I can also pinpoint strengths and weaknesses and recommend strategies that enable a student to learn in the most effective ways. Additional 1:1 tutoring is also available to students.

How will it help me?
Finding out what specific methods of learning are most effective for you can be extremely empowering.

How do I find out more?
If you have any questions please email me at carolinet@truro-penwith.ac.uk.



JO LAPHAM
LEARNING RESOURCES COORDINATOR

What do you offer?
We are here to help students use the computers and library facilities to access any information they need. This may include finding books, referencing, study skills, using the online library catalogue for books, journals and ebooks and using moodle. We offer individual and group sessions regarding the library systems, and showing the variety of resources available. We create study guides to help the students and offer a quiet place to study. We are always on-hand to answer any queries, give advice and help with the computers.

How will it help me?
The LRC is a central hub of information, not just for books. We know a lot about the College and can signpost students towards extra help and support as required. We also offer study centres that are kitted out with computers for students to drop in and work on, either on their own or quietly in groups. It's not all about study though, we also have a fiction collection as well as DVDs.

How do I find out more?
Within Moodle, we have a comprehensive information section if you select Learning Centre and then libraries. Otherwise, just pay us a visit and see for yourself!

TIM MOODY
CAREERS COORDINATOR

What do you offer?
The Careers Team offer meaningful guidance conversations which look at all aspects of future career planning. We are always striving to be inspirational, motivational and generate excitement about future pathways. The service is impartial and looks to deliver top quality careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) reflected in our reaccreditation of the Quality in Careers Standard.

How will it help me?
A guidance appointment is different from a job interview. You are exploring yourself and aligning your skill set to potential occupational areas. We encourage you to be aspirational yet realistic in your aim. The appointment is all about YOU, so you set the agenda, the pace and are totally in control. We as Careers Advisers, are here to facilitate your career choice and development, not to lead it. However, we do apply concepts of careers theory and decision-making models to our conversations as this is part of our professional practice.

How do I find out more?
Contact timm@truro-penwith.ac.uk or look out for the Careers Station within Student Services.

SHEONA CORNES
HEALTH, WELLBEING & SPORT COORDINATOR

What do you offer?
HWS offers free wellbeing activities every week across the Truro and Penwith sites.

How will it help me?
The programme offers non-competitive, relaxed and friendly sessions to help promote good physical health and mental wellbeing.

How do I find out more?
You can find out more by emailing sheonac@truro-penwith.ac.uk

GET RESULTS GO PLACES

WE KNOW YOU WILL HAVE **THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE AT TRURO AND PENWITH COLLEGE**, AND YOUR RESULTS ARE A BIG PART OF IT.

You will be studying at one of the top non-selective colleges in the country. A level and Vocational Diploma students were awarded some of the highest grades ever recorded at Truro and Penwith College this year, reflecting our long-term track record of exceptional student progress and success.

Following the cancellation of the Summer 2021 exam series, the College followed national guidance to determine Teacher Assessed Grades based on a range of assessment evidence demonstrating individual performance. The exceptional 2021 results reflect the sustained and long-term, high performance and progress students make studying A Level, Vocational and Technical qualifications at Truro and Penwith College.

ABBY GEORGE - A* A* A*

Previous school: Mounts Bay Academy

Abby studied Biology, Psychology and Photography and plans to study Forensic Investigation at Bournemouth University.

“My lecturers were ace. Catherine Clarke was my Biology teacher as well as my tutor and she particularly supported me with my University application.”

ALEXANDER PEPLOW - A A A A

Previous school: Cape Cornwall School

Alex studied Physics, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths and is going to Bath Spa University to study Aerospace Engineering.

“Since coming to College I knew Aerospace Engineering was a route I wanted to go down. The teaching staff played a huge part in my success with their lessons being well taught and structured, helping me to build the necessary knowledge.”

ELLYN CALVELEY - TRIPLE DISTINCTION*

Previous school: Mounts Bay Academy

Ellyn studied the Sport and Exercise Science Level 3 Diploma. Her next steps include completing her higher level tennis coaching qualifications. Ellyn has played Tennis since the age of 4 and becoming a tennis coach has been a dream.

"I'm feeling really good about my results. I wouldn't have done it without the staff at Penwith. All of my teachers were incredibly supportive in every aspect. I've always wanted to become a tennis coach and the College has helped me so much to succeed."

TOBY WEEKS - TRIPLE DISTINCTION*

Previous school: Humphry Davy School

Toby studied the Uniformed Public Services Level 3 Extended Diploma. Next, Toby hopes to be accepted to join the RAF as a medic.

"I'm really happy with the results I have received today. Penwith College helped me massively to get them. The College gave me lots of support and so many opportunities to explore the different elements of my course."

ELLA SMITH - A* A* A*

Previous school: Mounts Bay Academy

Ella studied Graphic Communication, Business and Sociology and continues on to Bath Spa University to study BA Hons Graphic Communication.

"I feel extremely shocked and happy with the results I achieved. It didn't prove easy, especially with the challenging year that we had but myself and all my classmates worked so hard and should be proud."

OUTSTANDING OUTCOMES

STUDENTS AT TRURO AND PENWITH COLLEGE **MAKE EXCELLENT PROGRESS, OFTEN WELL ABOVE PREDICTED OUTCOMES.** IT'S YOUR FIRST STEP TO AN INSPIRING FUTURE.

Your studies here are a perfect stepping-stone, preparing you for progression onto an Apprenticeship, into employment or like many of our students, to University. Here is a small taster of our student destinations and subject areas:

SEAN GILBERT
GOONHILLY EARTH STATION LTD

Sean is currently working towards his Engineering Technician Level 3 Apprenticeship.

"I'd like to work across the world. That's my dream. Engineering gives you limitless opportunities worldwide."

ALICE CROOKS
READING UNIVERSITY

Alice studied Biology, Psychology and Sociology A Levels at Penwith College and has progressed to university to study Clinical Psychology.

"The College is a really nice environment. It's closer to a university experience and a good stepping-stone."

01 Truro & Penwith College
Childhood Education
Film, Media & Photography

02 Falmouth University
Graphic Design
Animation & Visual Effects

03 Bluefruit
Software Developer
L4 Apprenticeship

04 Headland Hotel
Hospitality Supervisor
L3 Apprenticeship

05 WES
Mechanical Engineering
L3 Apprenticeship

06 Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust
Nursing Associate
L5 Apprenticeship

07 Plymouth University
Nursing (Adult Health)
Cyber Security

17 University of Oxford
History
English Language & Literature

18 University of Cambridge
Geography
Engineering

19 University of East Anglia
Marketing & Management
Pharmacology & Drug Discovery

20 University of Birmingham
Mechanical Engineering
Psychology

21 Loughborough University
Aeronautical Engineering
Physics
Sport Management

22 University of Manchester
Psychology
Archaeology & Anthropology

23 University Campus of Football
Business
Football Coaching & Management

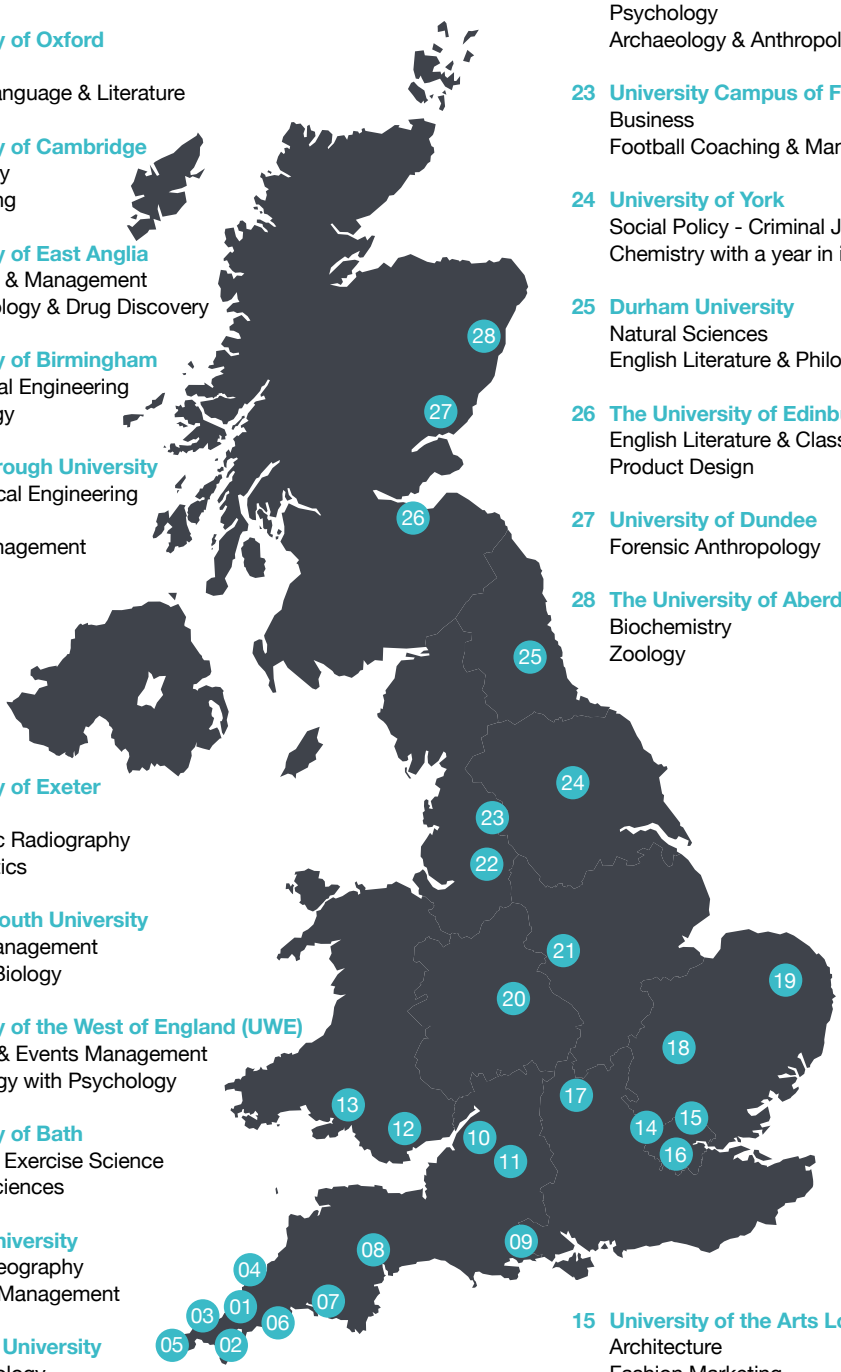
24 University of York
Social Policy - Criminal Justice
Chemistry with a year in industry

25 Durham University
Natural Sciences
English Literature & Philosophy

26 The University of Edinburgh
English Literature & Classics
Product Design

27 University of Dundee
Forensic Anthropology

28 The University of Aberdeen
Biochemistry
Zoology



08 University of Exeter
Law
Diagnostic Radiography
Mathematics

09 Bournemouth University
Events Management
Forensic Biology

10 University of the West of England (UWE)
Business & Events Management
Criminology with Psychology

11 University of Bath
Sport and Exercise Science
Natural Sciences

12 Cardiff University
Human Geography
Business Management

13 Swansea University
Marine Biology
Criminology & Psychology

14 King's College London
Political Economy
International Relations

15 University of the Arts London
Architecture
Fashion Marketing

16 University of Greenwich
Midwifery
Business Entrepreneurship

WHAT TO CHOOSE

ARE YOU AWARE OF JUST HOW MANY OPTIONS THERE ARE FOR YOU? **YOU HAVE SO MUCH CHOICE.**

If you want to stay in full-time education, you can choose subjects that interest you at A Level or specialising in one area on a vocational course. You may decide classroom-based learning isn't for you anymore. Many of our full-time Vocational courses are practically based, or you could start an Apprenticeship, learning while at work and coming to College on specific days. We also offer programmes for those with no prior qualifications, who are seeking employment or access to full-time education.

All of these options will give you an advantage whether you want to find a job or go on to university. We'll help you make the choice that's right for you.

For more information about your options, make sure you attend one of our many Open Events. Whether online or in person, you will get the opportunity to see our fantastic facilities and find out about your life as a student at one of the best colleges in the country. You can also discover more on our website where you can watch subject spotlight videos giving you an insight into our fantastic range of course and subject options.

SEE **PAGE 151** FOR OUR OPEN EVENT DATES.

Please note at the time of going to print the College is awaiting clarification from awarding bodies regarding provision that will be approved to run from 2021.

For those with learning difficulties and disabilities.

FOUNDATION STUDIES
ENTRY & LEVEL 1

How long is it? Various durations.

What do you need? No prior qualification required.

What is it? These Entry Level and Level 1 courses are designed to enable students with learning difficulties and disabilities to obtain the skills they need to participate within the community. Many programmes are tailored to your individual needs and have a flexible approach.

Programmes that balance work experience and qualifications leading to Apprenticeships, further study or work.

PERSONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
LEVEL 1 & 2

How long is it? Various durations.

What do you need? No prior qualification required.

What is it? These programmes put an equal emphasis on qualifications and work experience leading to an Apprenticeship, Further Education or paid employment.

You will be able to develop your skills to ensure that you are ready and able to obtain a full-time job or an Apprenticeship. Alternatively, you may decide that after your work placement, further education is required to obtain your career aspirations; as a Truro and Penwith College student you will have access to all of the relevant courses that the College has to offer.

Work-based qualifications that enable you to get real life experience and earn while you learn.

APPRENTICESHIPS
LEVEL 2 & 3

How long is it? A minimum of 12 months.

What do you need? There are no formal requirements as Apprenticeships are not just based on previous academic achievement. Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16. Some start in September but many start throughout the year. You will need to be committed, motivated, enthusiastic and reliable. Applicants will typically be interviewed prior to starting an Apprenticeship programme.

What is it? As an Apprentice you will be working for a local business, earning a real wage, gaining practical skills and completing nationally recognised qualifications. Choosing the Apprenticeship route gets you straight into the career of your choice. After finishing, the majority of Apprentices (85%) will stay in employment, with two-thirds (64%) staying with the same employer. You will be employed for at least 30 hours per week and take part in a mixture of taught courses, workshops, work-based assessments and e-learning. You will also have a dedicated training adviser who will help and support you throughout. For further details please call 01872 242711 or email apprenticeships@truro-penwith.ac.uk

Specialist vocational courses. In order to reach Level 3 you must complete an appropriate lower level.

Courses focused on progression to further study or employment.

A full-time vocational course in a single specific subject that is equivalent to three A Levels.

TECHNICAL COURSES LEVEL 1, 2 & 3

How long is it? Various durations depending on subject and level.

What do you need?
Hair, Beauty and Catering Level 1: Three GCSEs at Grade 2 including English Language (or English Literature) and/or Maths.

Hair, Beauty and Catering Level 2: Three GCSEs at Grade 3 plus either English Language (or English Literature) and/or Maths at Grade 4.

Construction Level 1: Two GCSEs at Grade 2 including English Language (or English Literature) and/or Maths.*

Motor Vehicle Level 1: Three GCSEs at Grade 2 including English Language (or English Literature), Maths and a Science.*

* These grades are desirable but all will be considered following a successful interview.

Level 3 Technical courses require successful completion of a lower-level qualification in an appropriate subject.

What is it? Technical courses involve studying the theory and practical elements of your chosen subject. These will enable you to develop occupational knowledge and progress into industry.

PROGRESSION LEVEL 1 & 2

How long is it? One year.

What do you need? Progression 1: No prior qualification required. Progression 2: You are required to achieve three GCSEs at Grade 3 including English Language (or English Literature) and/or Maths.

What is it? These courses are focused on progression, either to further study, an Apprenticeship or into employment. You will develop knowledge and understanding by applying your learning and skills in a work-related context.

Progression 1 pathways include Functional Skills English and Maths up to Level 1 and a Work Skills qualification. Achievement at Level 1 is essential for progression onto Level 2 courses. The Progression 2 pathway encompasses specific vocational qualifications, Level 2 Maths and English courses and prepares learners for the world of work. Learners have the opportunity to progress to Level 3 courses including Extended Diplomas, and the programme also prepares learners for Apprenticeships and employment. Assessment will be through a combination of external examination and coursework.

EXTENDED DIPLOMA LEVEL 3

How long is it? Two years - In year one you will complete a Level 3 Foundation Diploma before progressing to gain the full Extended Diploma at the end of Year 2 unless otherwise stated.

What do you need? Four GCSEs at Grade 4 to include either English Language or Literature and/or Maths. A Merit on a Level 2 Diploma in an appropriate subject can also be considered (plus English and/or Maths).

What is it? Previously known as the National Diploma, the 180-credit, 13-unit qualification is referred to as the Extended Diploma. This Diploma is equivalent to three subjects at A Level. It is an excellent route if you have decided on the broad area of employment you wish to pursue. The combination of a range of specialist modules with the depth of knowledge acquired enables you to progress successfully into higher education or into employment. You will also be required to undertake several hours of independent study. Assessment is through coursework, external written exams and evaluation of practical skills.

You can study this alongside A Levels or an Extended Diploma.

Choose three A Levels from over 25 subjects. It's a good way of keeping your options open.

Combines classroom theory and practical learning with an extended industry placement of 45 days.

EXTENDED CERTIFICATE LEVEL 3

How long is it? Two years.

What do you need? Four GCSEs at Grade 4 or above or a Level 2 Diploma in appropriate subjects.

What is it? The Level 3 Extended Certificate is an excellent addition if you are studying A Levels. They can add breadth to an academic programme of study and provide a vocationally relevant dimension. The six-unit qualification is equivalent to one A Level. Assessment is through coursework and evaluation of practical skills including a final major project.

NEED SOME HELP?

Need help choosing the right option for you? Check out page 151 for details of our Open Events.

A LEVEL LEVEL 3

How long is it? Two years

What do you need? Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above in appropriate subjects, to include English Language or Literature and/or Maths at Grade 5 or above and with specific relevant subjects related to your A Level choices at Grade 6 and above.

What is it? Advanced Level programmes consist of formal lectures, class activities and assessments, set homework and problem solving. For each subject, you will also be required to undertake several hours of independent study. Modern study facilities are available in the College and successful students use these effectively. We strongly encourage a broad programme for A Level students. Most subject specifications are assessed by examination but some include coursework assessment. All A Levels at the College will be delivered in the new linear format with no qualification at the end of year one. Academic assessment for Linear A Levels will take place at the end of two years of study. Students must study a minimum of three A Levels.

T LEVELS LEVEL 3

How long is it? Two years.

What do you need? Four GCSEs at Grade 4 to include either English Language or Literature and/or Maths. A Level 2 Diploma at Merit in an appropriate subject can also be considered (plus English and/or Maths).

What is it? T Levels are equivalent to three A Levels. T Levels combine classroom theory, practical learning and a three-month industry placement with an employer to make sure students have real experience of the workplace.
T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work. They provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door to highly skilled employment, an Apprenticeship or higher level study. Around 80% of your time will be spent at College with the remaining 20% being spent at your placement. This differs to an Apprenticeship, which is typically 80% on-the-job and 20% in the classroom. Experience with a real employer in a real workplace will allow you to apply the skills and knowledge you learn in the classroom to the job, giving you a taste of the world of work you can expect once you complete your studies.

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WHY CHOOSE ART AND DESIGN AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Dedicated Art & Design building with studio spaces, printing facilities, 3D studio, ceramics workshop and Adobe suites.

2 Excellent links with industry professionals.

3 Students thrive in a supportive environment and are encouraged to explore their creative ideas.

ART AND DESIGN

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE **FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN** ON PAGE 146

An opportunity to develop your creative skills, explore a wide range of disciplines, learn new techniques and challenge your imagination. Students will normally be 18 years old when starting this course, having achieved A Level qualifications or an Extended Diploma within art-based subjects.

See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/art-design

As an Art & Design student you will have the freedom to explore new ideas while developing technical skills in your chosen medium.

Your creativity will be enhanced within the Nanjizal building, with space, light and views over the Penwith campus. The study of art history, theory and techniques will provide many ideas that can be absorbed into your practical work.

You will have the opportunity to build a portfolio of work as well as a chance to exhibit in the end-of-year show. Many students also progress onto the successful HND Art Practice, based at the Penzance School of Art.

"Students develop skills in a wide range of disciplines that enable them to progress to the country's most prestigious universities or gain employment within the creative industries."

Lucy Hartles Lecturer

CHOOSE ART AND DESIGN FOR CAREERS IN:

- Animation
- Architecture
- Ceramics
- Fashion & Textiles
- Fine Art
- Glass Art
- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Interior Design
- Metalwork & Jewellery Design
- Product Design
- Sculpture
- Tattoo Art

A LEVEL FINE ART

- **Why choose this course?** Do you enjoy drawing? Would you like to improve your skills and knowledge? Would you like the opportunity to see and understand the world in a different way? This course offers you the opportunity to develop creatively, either as a personally enriching interest or as part of your progression towards a career within the creative industries.

- **What will I learn?** You will develop key skills and knowledge fundamental to the world of art and design. During a series of workshops you will explore a range of two-dimensional materials and approaches, such as tone, mark making, ink, mixed media, colour and painting. You will explore how a range of modern and historic artists have communicated ideas through their imagery and techniques. Year two builds on your learning. Experimental drawing practical workshops are held throughout, encouraging you to take risks and work in new and different ways.

- **Where will it take me?** A qualification in Fine Art is highly valued by many universities and employers. As a 'classical' 'creative' subject it is applicable to almost any progression in art and design and an excellent subject to complement courses such as Architecture, History of Art, Film, Prosthetics and Theatrical Make Up, Art Therapy and Education.

A LEVEL ILLUSTRATION/ GRAPHICS

- **Why choose this course?** Do you possess a lively, enquiring mind? Do you enjoy developing your ideas through drawing and utilising a range of processes towards a final product? You will learn to develop design solutions, exploring the power of visual communication as an invaluable commercial tool.

- **What will I learn?** You will begin with a range of varied and challenging workshops, developing fundamental skills and knowledge integral to the world of illustration and design including a mix of traditional and contemporary processes. You will develop skills in industry standard software including Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign. Other aspects include typography, thumbnail sketches, layout design and mixed media. You will research a range of illustrative and graphic styles, applying this knowledge to develop your individual practice.

- **Where will it take me?** You can progress directly from A Level to an arts degree such as Graphic Design, Visual Communication, Illustration, Games Design and Multi-Media Design. Employment as a graphic designer is the clearest route but this course also offers a way into illustration or, with further study, animation; you could work for the media, an advertising company or design agency.

LEVEL 1 PROGRESSION ART & DESIGN

- **Why choose this course?** The Progression 1 pathway will provide you with the opportunity to explore your interest in creative art and design through a series of projects. You will be provided with project briefs where you will develop skills and knowledge of art and design techniques, processes and tools while focusing on a set theme.

- **What will I learn?** On this course you will develop a range of art and design skills using a variety of methods and techniques such as drawing, painting, sculpture, mixed media, stitch and graphics. The research into artists and designers will be used to inspire and extend your artwork and your knowledge of art and design. The project briefs provided will relate to an art and design area of work and will provide the basis for you to extend and develop your skills, knowledge and ideas individually, working in a team and to a time scale.

- **Where will it take me?** The Progression 1 Art & Design course will provide preparation for further study at Level 2, such as the Progression 2 in Art & Design course or an Apprenticeship. During the course, you will create a portfolio of diverse art and design work, which can be taken to interviews.

SEE MORE COURSE DETAILS ONLINE.

UAL LEVEL 2 PROGRESSION ART & DESIGN

● **Why choose this course?** This course is a fast-paced, creatively rewarding, hands-on practical subject. In Art & Design, you will explore how to successfully express your ideas visually and how to develop your practical skills in different artistic techniques and processes. This programme includes the UAL Level 2 in Art and Design, GCSE English and Maths and the study of enterprise.

● **What will I learn?** You will have the opportunity to explore and discover new ways of working with methods of production and specialist techniques in areas such as drawing, painting, printmaking, graphic design, digital image making, textiles, sculpture and ceramics. You will also research the lives and work of other selected artists and designers related to each project. This research will inspire and inform your own creative outcomes alongside developing your verbal and written analytical skills and use of formal art and design language. You will have the opportunity to exhibit your artwork at different points throughout the year, which then culminates in a large external exhibition of the whole art department in June.

● **Where will it take me?** The Level 2 Diploma gives you the ideal foundation of skills to then progress onto the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design or a range of other Level 3 programmes within the College.

See page 22 for entry requirements

UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA CREATIVE PRACTICE: ART & DESIGN

● **Why choose this course?** It provides an opportunity for those who have an interest in the visual arts to explore, develop and test their creativity within a qualification structure, which is stimulating and demanding and provides a supportive transition from further to higher education.

● **What will I learn?** The course will prepare you with the skills and creative thinking HE institutions require for their undergraduate courses. The course will give you the knowledge, skills and understanding to explore, develop and test your creativity in areas such as fine art, drawing, painting, ceramics, glass, mixed media image creation, specialist design software, textile processes, printmaking and photography.

● **Where will it take me?** For any career in art and design, it is recommended that you go into higher education to do a specialist degree or foundation degree. Your portfolio of work is designed to get you accepted onto a course in higher education such as a BA (Hons) or a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design.

WHY CHOOSE AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Develop skills and knowledge that are in demand both locally and nationally.

2 Study in outstanding facilities providing the best possible experience.

3 Learn from extremely experienced staff that know how to help you succeed.

AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR **AUTOMOTIVE & ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS** ON PAGE 116.

See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/auto-engineering

You will learn and hone essential industry skills within the Gwenvor building.

Purpose-built workshops and classrooms provide the resources to develop the knowledge needed for a successful career. You will have access to the latest industry standard technical and diagnostic equipment to prepare you for work in the automotive industry. Away from the College, you will experience a variety of educational trips to manufacturing, commercial and trade shows to aid comprehension of the breadth of this industry.

"The knowledge gained on your course will give you skills to successfully gain a job in industry or progress to higher education."

Steve Piff
Programme Team Leader

CHOOSE AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING FOR CAREERS IN:

- Automotive Engineering
- Vehicle Service & Maintenance
- Vehicle Diagnostic & Fault Finding
- Motor Vehicle Retail
- Motor Sport

MEET THE STUDENT

Q&A

JACK ALLEN

Jack is from Camborne and studies the Transport Maintenance Level 1 Diploma. He previously attended Mullion School.

THE STAFF ARE SO SUPPORTIVE AND ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU.

- **Why did you choose this course?** I chose to do Automotive engineering as I have always loved cars and this course being 70% practical and 30% academic suits me as I am dyslexic. I really love the problem-solving tasks and getting my hands dirty, getting stuck in.

- **What do you enjoy the most?** The part of my course that I enjoy most are the practical tasks. The staff are so supportive. If you make a mistake they don't focus on what you did wrong but what you might do to solve the issue. The staff are always available to help you or for you to check in with.

- **Do you have any advice for prospective students?** My advice to potential students is don't follow the crowd or get pressurised into a course or a college because your friends are going. Do your research and be sure that the course is right for YOU.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA TRANSPORT MAINTENANCE

- **Why choose this course?** Do you aspire to be a mechanic? Are you curious about how vehicles work? Do you ever have the urge to take things apart to see how they work and have an inquisitive mind? Then this course could be for you.

- **What will I learn?** The motor industry is a diverse and interesting career path that can lead you down many avenues such as motorsport, sustainable transport, vehicle modification, sales, parts distribution, industrial or even agricultural vehicles. Our Level 1 Diploma is designed to be an introduction to various systems found on a modern car and enable you to make an informed decision on a career path within the industry.

- **Where will it take me?** On completion of this qualification you could gain employment as an Apprentice, or progress onto a Level 2 course to further your knowledge and increase your chance of employment. The course is structured to enable you to gain work experience over the duration of the course. This is highly recommended in order to build your confidence in the vehicle systems being taught and to give you a taste of work as a vehicle technician in industry.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

- **Why choose this course?** If you want to work in the motor industry repairing, modifying, servicing or carrying out routine maintenance on cars and light commercial vehicles this is an excellent qualification that will help you achieve your aim.

- **What will I learn?** You will gain excellent technical knowledge on all of the systems fitted to a modern vehicle. You will develop skills to allow you to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.

- **Where will it take me?** The qualification that you will be working towards is highly valued by the industry not only in the UK, but in other English speaking countries, potentially allowing you to work all over the world. On completion of this qualification, you could gain employment as an Apprentice, you could work for a dealership and focus on a particular manufacturer or work for an independent garage that services and repairs many different makes of vehicles.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

- **Why choose this course?** This advanced level course is for those with a previous qualification or industry experience. If you are interested in diagnostics and the technology involved in modern vehicles then this is the course for you.

- **What will I learn?** You will learn, develop and practice the skills required for employment and/or career progression in the automotive industry. This involves the overhauling, diagnostics and knowledge of the vehicle systems, which include engines, steering, suspension, brakes, electrics and transmissions.

- **Where will it take me?** After successfully completing the course you will have expanded your skills and have better confidence and opportunity to progress onto an Apprenticeship or employment.

CHECK IT OUT. SEE THE WORKSHOPS AND FANTASTIC FACILITIES ONLINE THROUGH OUR **360°** INTERACTIVE CAMPUS TOURS.

WHY CHOOSE BUSINESS AND LAW AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Exciting opportunities to study subjects in depth.

2 The option to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular, subject-related activities.

3 Gain an insight and transferable skills for further study and/or employment.

BUSINESS AND LAW

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See more course details online:
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Many careers require commercial awareness and business sense. With excellent links to local businesses, you will develop an understanding of all the resources that are required for success in the commercial world and learn practical skills that are transferable into any industry.

Exploring the global world of business, past students have visited Brussels, Luxembourg, Paris, Berlin and New York. Your exploration of law and the justice system will develop analytical skills and the ability to interpret and evaluate problems. Specific progression advice will be available to you if you are seeking to continue your studies in law and past students have successfully progressed to prestigious law schools at competitive universities.

"These courses can provide a springboard to a great career in businesses in Cornwall or anywhere in the world."

Jo Lello-Dunn
Programme Team Leader

CHOOSE BUSINESS AND LAW FOR CAREERS IN:

- Advertising
- Chartered Accountancy
- Administration
- Bank Management
- Law
- Marketing
- Management Consultancy
- Project Management
- Public Relations
- Recruitment & HR
- Retail Management
- Sales

A LEVEL BUSINESS STUDIES

● **Why choose this course?** Plan on joining the world of work and industry? Whether it is setting up your own small business or working for a global multinational, many of the key areas of understanding and useful skills are introduced within this course.

● **What will I learn?** You will reflect upon the commercial world and how it impacts your daily life and future. You will explore how different businesses interact with consumers and competitors and how they make operational and financial decisions. This will help build on your understanding of what it takes to manage a business, the importance of the everyday decisions facing a business and how to consider a business' finances. You will embrace the global environment that businesses now operate within and how a business' strategy must consider technological, social, environmental and ethical influences.

● **Where will it take me?** Many universities highly value the qualification and it is a stepping stone to related topics such as business management, economics, marketing and accountancy. The course provides an excellent understanding of business concepts that will assist you within the commercial world, whether running your own business or as an employee.

A LEVEL ECONOMICS

● **Why choose this course?** Economics relates to every aspect of our lives, from the decisions we make as individuals to the policies of firms and governments. The study of economics enables you to develop a deeper understanding of the world around us that is as valuable as it is interesting.

● **What will I learn?** Economics has been defined as the study of the allocation of scarce resources between competing claims and needs. You will explore the nature of markets and their role in allocating resources in a modern economy. You will use the concepts of supply and demand to analyse markets as well as investigating the central role of the government when markets fail and examine the performance of the UK economy. You will focus on an understanding and analysis of the labour market and business structures and investigate the role of the government and examine key issues and policies affecting economic performance.

● **Where will it take me?** The qualification is highly valued by universities and employers. Employers value economics graduates for their analytical way of thinking and problem-solving skills. Economics graduates are amongst the highest paid graduates and there are numerous career options in public and private sectors.

SEE MORE COURSE DETAILS ONLINE.

A LEVEL LAW

● **Why choose this course?** Should suspected terrorists have rights? Should euthanasia be legalised? Can you really get away with murder? Can we trust our judiciary? Does 'life' really mean life? Are sentences too soft? If these are the kind of questions that interest you, then studying law can give you the answers.

● **What will I learn?** You will have the opportunity to examine the English legal system as well as areas of both private and public law together with developing an understanding of legal method and reasoning. You will be encouraged to engage fully and critically with current affairs, develop high-level skills in research, communication, analysis and debating together with experiencing the practical realities of advocacy by participating in the Bar National Mock Trial Competition. Previous trips include visits to Parliament, the United Nations in New York and the Truro Crown Court. Law is a natural partner to English and history as well as politics, psychology and sociology.

● **Where will it take me?** Highly valued by many employers, studying law could not only lead to a career in the legal profession as a barrister, solicitor, legal executive or paralegal, but also to work in the commercial sector, business and finance, social welfare or politics.

LEVEL 2 PROGRESSION BUSINESS MARKETING

● **Why Choose this course?** Marketing is essential to the success of all businesses in the UK, whether they are making products or offering services. The roles within marketing are varied and include the process of researching initial product and service concepts through to their development, advertising, and digital marketing and sales, including relationship management of customers. This qualification has been developed in consultation with employers in marketing to ensure that you learn the skills and behaviours that will give you the best opportunity to be successful when applying for work.

● **What will I learn?** The areas you will cover include: Marketing in business, marketing activities, digital marketing communication and marketing campaigns. You will also enhance your broader skills in literacy and numeracy, which will be invaluable in supporting progression in other areas. In addition, you will develop transferable technical and practical skills in communication (working with colleagues, customers and clients), and research and project work, providing you with an opportunity to demonstrate your reflective practice by suggesting alternative approaches to a problem.

● **Where will it take me?** The Level 2 will provide you with a sound basis to progress further in marketing to a Level 3 qualification or an apprenticeship.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA BUSINESS

● **Why choose this course?** Almost all organisations work on 'business lines' in some way and, as an employee, no matter what your career you'll probably have to employ some business techniques.

● **What will I learn?** You'll start by learning the basics of business: What are the various types of business? What is a limited company? What is a partnership? Why do some businesses need to employ more managers than others? Who and what influences what a business does? What resources do you need to run a business? What is marketing and why is it so important? Why might you like certain adverts more than others? This qualification is assessed predominantly through coursework with some external assessment. The Extended Diploma in Business has been devised with the help of higher education institutions, professional bodies (such as the CIPD and the Chartered Institute of Management) and major businesses such as the John Lewis Partnership and Barclays Bank to meet the needs of students wanting to develop a rewarding career in tomorrow's businesses.

● **Where will it take me?** A Business Extended Diploma can lead students in a variety of different directions including higher education, Apprenticeships with local and national companies, retail management training schemes and work in leisure and services across the country.

See page 22 for entry requirements

WHY CHOOSE COMPUTING AND IT AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Fantastic, modern facilities and equipment.

2 Students have high aspirations and produce excellent work, leading to top university and employer opportunities.

3 Small, highly experienced and supportive team.

COMPUTING AND IT

See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/computing

With an enjoyment of problem-solving, you will be keen to develop your analytical skills. To enjoy success in the world of computing and IT, you will add teamwork and communication to your technical skills.

You will have many opportunities to enrich your learning experience with fellow Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students. You could also test your skills against other students across the country and compete in the British Informatics Olympiad.

"Students develop skills in a wide range of theoretical and practical subjects, allowing progression into multiple career paths."

Jo Lello-Dunn
Programme Team Leader

CHOOSE COMPUTING AND IT FOR CAREERS IN:

- Computer Programming
- Cybersecurity
- Database Administration
- Games Development
- Information Science
- IT Consultancy
- IT Technical Support
- Network Engineering
- Software Development
- Software Engineering
- Systems Analysis
- Telecommunications
- Web Development

A LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE

Why choose this course? If you enjoy learning about the fundamental principles and concepts behind computer science and how software is engineered, then this course will stretch and challenge you. You will gain skills in a range of programming environments, how we use programming languages to solve problems, how digital technology is used, and the moral, ethical, legal and cultural opportunities and risks.

What will I learn? You will develop practical skills in a range of programming languages principally Visual C# and Visual Basic.NET and perform systems analysis, software engineering and program construction. You will learn how software interacts with hardware, data structures and processes and how the principles of hardware impact on software and data communication. You will also discover how software drives the digital economy and the implications of the digital revolution on society.

Where will it take me? Computer Science complements many courses, such as Physics, Electronics, Mathematics, technology-related courses, and other sciences and could lead to a degree in Computer Science or computing-related subjects or a future in programming, networking, business, engineering or banking.

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LEVEL 2 PROGRESSION INFORMATION & CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Why choose this course? If you like the idea of building your own website, learning programme languages and new software packages, then this course will stretch and challenge you by providing valuable insights into how ICT is used today. This programme includes the BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Information & Creative Technology, GCSE English and Maths and the study of enterprise.

What will I learn? You will gain knowledge and a broad understanding of the skills required in the information technology (IT) sector, including some aspects of the creative industries, e.g. computer games development. You will also use a variety of software applications such as Adobe Animate to create a digital animation and HTML, and CSS to build a website for your professional, digital portfolio. You will also be using programming languages such as, Python/ Visual Basic to create software applications. All of this will give you an insight into how the professionals do things and will prepare you for progression to Level 3.

Where will it take me? Successful completion of the course to at least an overall merit will allow progression to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT. There are many career opportunities for the skilled professional.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

● **Why choose this course?** This course has been updated, in an ever changing sector, to cover the very latest subjects. Building on your existing knowledge, this course will stretch and challenge your IT skills and explore the impact that IT systems have on every aspect of our lives.

● **What will I learn?** By the end of this course, you will be confident in planning, designing and writing computer programmes, building websites, developing mobile phone apps, configuring and managing networks, and designing complex computer graphics. You will understand how to configure and protect an IT system from attack and subsequent data loss. You will be able to describe the impact that IT systems are having on our world and how businesses are using the latest technologies to gain competitive edge.

● **Where will it take me?** The majority of students continue on computing and IT related degree courses at university, such as Computer Science, Computer Forensics, Game Development, Digital Graphics and Animation, and Artificial Intelligence. The course also forms an excellent skills base for employment in the IT industry as a technician or developer.

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CHECK IT OUT. SEE THE COMPUTER SUITES AND FANTASTIC FACILITIES ONLINE THROUGH OUR **360°** INTERACTIVE CAMPUS TOURS.

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WHY CHOOSE CONSTRUCTION AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 First-class, fully-equipped realistic working environments.

2 Occupationally competent, experienced and outstanding tradespeople and teaching staff.

3 We will give you the skills to operate with confidence and outstanding abilities as a tradesperson.

CONSTRUCTION

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Your development will take place in purpose-built, realistic working environments. You will have the experience and skills of first-class tradespeople to draw from, enabling you to develop and be ready to enter the construction industry qualified and confident.

Once your full-time studies are complete, you can progress into employment within the construction industry.

"As a Construction student, you will focus on your chosen trade pathway, enabling you to develop as a competent tradesperson."

Steve Piff Programme Team Leader

CHOOSE CONSTRUCTION FOR CAREERS IN:

- Site Carpentry
- Bench Joinery
- Painting & Decorating
- Craft Masonry
- Bricklaying
- Plastering
- Maintenance Operative
- Architecture
- Site Management
- Quantity Surveying
- Building Surveying
- Facilities Management
- Property Management
- Property Development

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA BRICKLAYING

● **Why choose this course?** This is the first step to a career as a bricklayer. The role of the bricklayer is to accurately and consistently lay bricks, blocks and stone to architect specifications. They work inside and outside of properties building and repairing walls as well as specialist brickwork such as chimneys and fireplaces.

● **What will I learn?** You will gain an understanding of the construction industry and have an opportunity to apply learning in a practical and realistic way. You will learn how to work safely and how you can contribute to our built environment. You will quickly start to build walls and other structures on your own and in small teams.

● **Where will it take me?** Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to progress onto a Level 2 Diploma in Bricklaying, which requires a further year of study. Alternatively, you could progress onto an Apprenticeship or relevant employment within the construction industry.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA CARPENTRY & JOINERY

● **Why choose this course?** It offers you the opportunity to design, create and to build with wood. The industry itself is diverse and embraces all kinds of projects such as office buildings, schools, hospitals and houses. It also includes major maintenance and alteration projects.

● **What will I learn?** Carpenters and joiners will carry out the following: understand drawings, which they use to create a project; planning tasks/projects in the most effective and efficient way; laying out, measuring, cutting, assembling and joining various timbers and materials; using a variety of different hand and power tools to the industry and safety standards. As a carpenter or joiner, you will cut and shape timber for floorboards, skirting boards and window frames; make and assemble doors, window frames, staircases and fitted furniture; fit wooden structures, like flooring and roof joists, roof timbers, staircases, partition walls, and door and window frames, and much more.

● **Where will it take me?** On successful completion of this Level 1 programme you will be able to progress onto Level 2 where you have a choice of either Site Carpentry or Bench Joinery. Both courses are available as full-time courses or Apprenticeships.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA PAINTING & DECORATING

● **Why choose this course?** If you work or want to work as a painter and decorator in the construction industry, this course is an ideal way of gaining experience while working towards an industry-recognised qualification.

● **What will I learn?** You will learn the application of different types of paints, paint systems, wallpapers and tools and equipment associated with the trade. During the course, you will develop and practise the skills required for employment in painting and decorating through the study of units such as: principles of building construction information and communication, erecting and dismantling access and working platforms, preparing surfaces for decoration, applying paint systems by brush and roller, and health, safety and welfare in construction, amongst other units associated with this trade area of study.

● **Where will it take me?** Progression routes on completion of this course include advancement onto the Level 2 Diploma in Painting & Decorating or progression onto an Apprenticeship and/or employment within the construction industry.

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LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA
BENCH JOINERY

● **Why choose this course?** If you want to work as a bench joiner in the construction industry making products such as doors, windows, staircases etc which are then transported to construction site to be installed by site carpenters and you have a Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery or experience of the construction industry then this course is an ideal way of gaining experience while working towards an industry recognised qualification.

● **What will I learn?** During the course you will develop skills required as a bench joiner through the study of units such as: principles of construction; planning and preparation for bench joinery production; use of woodworking machinery; bench joinery component production; assembly and finishing of bench joinery products.

The College has purpose built workshops where you will learn and develop your practical skills as well as industry standard equipment to make studying here as close to the working environment as possible.

● **Where will it take me?** You will be able to progress on to the Level 3 Diploma in Bench Joinery as a full-time course or as an Apprenticeship or enter employment as a semi-skilled craftsperson.

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LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA
BRICKLAYING

● **Why choose this course?** If you want to work as a bricklayer in the construction industry and have a Level 1 Bricklaying or experience of the construction industry then this course is ideal for you.

● **What will I learn?** You will learn the processes associated with the role of the bricklayer including granite and stonework, brick and block laying, plastering, rendering and roofing, amongst other tasks. You will also learn to use the hand tools, power tools and other equipment associated with the trade to enable you to fulfil the role of a bricklayer. You will study units such as: principles of building construction information and communication, interpreting working drawings to set out masonry structures, build solid and cavity walls to form craft masonry structures, internal and external finishes for craft masonry structures and install pitched roofing systems for small scale building projects.

● **Where will it take me?** You will be able to progress onto the Level 3 Diploma in Bricklaying or progress onto an Apprenticeship or employment within the construction industry.

SEE MORE COURSE DETAILS ONLINE.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA PAINTING & DECORATING

● **Why choose this course?** If you are looking to work as a painter and decorator, have a Level 1 Diploma in Painting and Decorating and want to improve your skills and knowledge using range of coverings such as paint and wallpaper to enhance and protect surfaces this course is for you.

● **What will I learn?** You will develop and practise the skills required as a painter and decorator through the study of units such as: principles of construction; access equipment; preparation of surfaces for decoration; application of surface coatings; application of papers to walls and ceilings; producing decorative colour effects. This qualification has been designed around the needs of employers within the construction industry and provides a mix of both practical and theory-based teaching.

● **Where will it take me?** Further to the successful completion of this course, students may choose to advance to the Level 3 Diploma in Painting and Decorating full-time course, an Advanced Apprenticeship or employment within the construction industry.

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LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA SITE CARPENTRY

● **Why choose this course?** If you want to work as a site carpenter working on-site building roof trusses and wall partitions or fitting staircases, window frames, cupboards and you have a Level 1 diploma in Carpentry and Joinery then this course is an ideal way of gaining experience while working towards an industry recognised qualification at intermediate level.

● **What will I learn?** You will develop and practise the skills required for employment through studying the principles of construction, structural carpentry, non-structural carpentry prior to plastering, non-structural carpentry following plastering, timber technology, the use of a circular saw and many other tasks associated with the role of site carpenter. You will use industry standard equipment to prepare you for employment.

● **Where will it take me?** On successful completion of this course, you will be able to progress on to Level 3 Diploma in Site Carpentry as a full-time course or progress onto an Apprenticeship or employment within the construction industry.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA BENCH JOINERY

● **Why choose this course?** If you want to work as a bench joiner and have a recognised Level 2 qualification in Bench Joinery, then this course will further develop your technical and creative skills to an advanced level.

● **What will I learn?** You will study units both to prepare you for the workplace such as organising, planning and pricing construction work as well as the highly technical elements of hands on joinery such as manufacturing curved joinery and stairs with turns. The course is a mixture of both theory and practical elements.

● **Where will it take me?** Successful completion of this course can lead to full-time employment in the construction industry or further study.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA BRICKLAYING

- **Why choose this course?** This advanced level qualification builds on skills that students have learned in Levels 1 and 2. Level 3 encourages students to grow in confidence to develop their own ideas around decorative and reinforced brickwork and more technically challenging work such as chimneys and fireplaces in a variety of materials. There is also a focus on repairing structures, which is an important set of skills for employment.

- **What will I learn?** Topics studied include: organising, planning and pricing construction work; repairing and maintaining masonry structures; constructing radial and battered brickwork; decorative and re-enforced brickwork; constructing fireplaces and chimneys. Where possible, students will be given experience of live building projects either through work experience or visits to sites.

- **Where will it take me?** Upon successful completion of this course you will be able to progress directly into employment.

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LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA PAINTING & DECORATING

- **Why choose this course?** If you have a Level 2 qualification in painting and decorating and want to work towards a Level 3 qualification that involves the administration of planning and pricing work as well as advanced creative and technical skills to produce decorative finishes this is the course for you.

- **What will I learn?** You'll study units such as: principles of organising, planning and pricing construction work; erecting and dismantling access equipment and working platforms; applying hangings to walls and ceilings; producing specialist finishes for paint and decorative work; installing specialist architectural finishes for decorative work; applying water-borne paint systems using airless equipment and using high volume low pressure spray equipment. You will also learn to use the hand tools, power tools and other equipment associated with the trade.

- **Where will it take me?** Successful completion of this course can lead directly to employment or further study.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA SITE CARPENTRY

- **Why choose this course?** If you want to work as a site carpenter and have a recognised Level 2 qualification in Site Carpentry, then this course is an ideal way of gaining further experience while working towards an industry recognised qualification at an advanced level.

- **What will I learn?** You will develop and practise the skills required for employment and career progression as a site carpenter through the study of units such as: principles of organising, planning and pricing of construction work; constructing cut roofing; fitting doors, windows and their finishings; fixing stairs with turns; principles of maintenance and repair; set up and use fixed and transportable machinery. You will also learn to use the hand tools, power tools, woodworking machinery and other equipment associated with the trade to enable you to install quality joinery products.

- **Where will it take me?** Successful completion of this course could lead to full-time employment or further study at university level such as Architecture.

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WHY CHOOSE ENGLISH AND LANGUAGES AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Lively lessons delivered by experienced and well-qualified staff.

2 Interesting and challenging texts that enable you to engage with a wide range of contemporary and classic writing.

3 A variety of trips from experiencing Shakespeare in Stratford to working in primary schools in Brittany.

ENGLISH AND LANGUAGES

See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/english-languages

Language is intrinsically linked with a country's literature, traditions and history.

You will explore the linguistic and literary heritage of the English language, understanding how it influences all communication. Your skills of self-expression and analysis will develop as you read widely and look at the genres of poetry, prose, drama and a range of non-literary texts.

As you progress in higher study or your chosen career, you will value your ability to interpret and communicate effectively in written and spoken form, which are essential skills for any profession.

The world will be opened up to you as your foreign language skills develop and you become immersed in a new culture. You will also have the opportunity to test your linguistic talents around the world, not just within Europe but further, where your chosen language may be spoken across the globe.

"Students develop confidence using language, enabling them to engage with and appreciate other cultures, as well as their own."

Colin Fell
English Lecturer

CHOOSE ENGLISH AND LANGUAGES FOR CAREERS IN:

- Copy Writing
- Features Editing
- Journalism
- Lexicography
- Press Editing
- Script Writing
- Teaching
- Novel Writing

A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- **Why choose this course?** Imagine you could take your innermost thoughts and insert them into someone else's mind. Well, language allows you to do this. You will explore questions like: how do children learn to speak and write? Are we witnessing the corruption of our language or is linguistic change gr8?

- **What will I learn?** You will learn to analyse texts effectively while applying a range of theories and using detailed linguistic terminology. You will explore how spoken, written and multimodal texts are influenced by context and both reflect and construct personal identities. The language analysed will be incredibly diverse ranging from informal interactions within friendship groups to formal speeches by politicians. You will also have plenty of opportunity to pursue your own interests in this subject: you will produce your own creative writing in a genre of your choice and conduct an independent investigation on topics such as gender, power and journalism.

- **Where will it take me?** This course is highly valued by universities and employers and is an excellent subject to complement many courses, such as English Literature, Psychology, Sociology, Media Studies and Education. Some university courses also require A Level English Literature.

A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

- **Why choose this course?** Love writing? Like to analyse... well, everything? This course allows you to be creative - not only in the fiction and non-fiction writing you will produce - but in your analytical work by imposing no rules as to how you should approach your analysis of a text. Word class? Sure. Imagery? Of course!

- **What will I learn?** Explore both non-literary and non-fiction texts and expect to study prose, drama and poetry as well as a range of texts such as articles, online copy and adverts. You will also explore the nature of spoken and multimodal language: how people talk and why they talk in the way they do and develop your creative writing in different genres, reflecting on your practice in order to become a critical reviewer of your own as well as others' works.

- **Where will it take me?** This A Level enables you to develop the key critical, creative and analytical skills required both for progression to higher education and for enhanced employability. The course provides a grounding for either Language or Literature at degree level and is an excellent subject to complement many courses, such as Psychology, Sociology, any Media-related course, Communication and Education.

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A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

- **Why choose this course?** If you enjoy reading and analysing literary texts, then this is the course for you. You will study a range of challenging and stimulating works from a variety of periods from 1610-2010. The course offers opportunities for comparisons between texts and genres and considers works of literature in their historical and cultural contexts. You will learn the skills of close textual analysis and literary criticism.

- **What will I learn?** You will be introduced to Gothic literature. Gothic is an intellectual and artistic movement developing through the end of the 18th and into the 19th centuries, and it continues to influence literature and the arts to this day. Works such as Mary Shelley's Frankenstein explore the darker, less rational side of the human imagination, and Angela Carter's the Bloody Chamber reinterprets traditional fairy tales for the modern feminist age. You will study other literature such as the poetry of Christina Rossetti or John Milton's or Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Tennessee Williams' A Streetcar Named Desire and Shakespeare's Hamlet as well as coursework texts to be agreed with your tutor.

- **Where will it take me?** A qualification in English Literature is highly valued by universities and employers and many university courses welcome an A Level in English Literature in application for a variety of courses.

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A LEVEL FRENCH

Why choose this course? A knowledge of French opens the doors to companies in France and other French-speaking parts of the world. As the world's fifth biggest economy and number-three destination for foreign investment, France is a key economic partner. That makes learning French an excellent choice for young people wanting to maximise their employment chances.

What will I learn? You will be able to improve your language skills, which means that you will learn vocabulary based on a variety of topic areas as well as grammar rules, which will enable you to make sense of the language and to use it accurately. You will have regular conversation sessions with our French assistant to help you improve your confidence in speaking. Students can take part in one of two trips to France, a ten-day stay in Brittany with a five-day work experience placement in a primary school, and an exchange trip to Morlaix.

Where will it take me? A qualification in French is highly valued by universities and employers alike. At university, French can be studied alone or combined with almost any other subject. Employment prospects are very good for graduates with a language qualification.

SEE MORE COURSE DETAILS ONLINE.

A LEVEL SPANISH

Why choose this course? Spanish is spoken in 23 countries by more than 400 million people and is the second most important global language with regard to international communication. It is one of the official languages of the European Community and the United Nations and Spain is one of the UK's most important trading partners.

What will I learn? You will develop all four language skills: speaking, reading, listening and writing through a wide range of materials, both inside and outside the classroom. You will also have the opportunity to take part in one of our language visits to Spain. You will develop your knowledge of Spanish speaking countries and their culture. You will do this by studying various topics as part of your course, as well as a Spanish language film and novel. In addition to your weekly lectures, you will also have a conversation session with one of our Spanish language assistants to help you improve your confidence in speaking.

Where will it take me? Spanish can be studied alone or combined with almost any other subject including Business, Law and Science. Spanish is of huge global importance. There are ever increasing opportunities for Spanish speakers to work in Europe and Latin America. Language graduates have the highest employment rate after students of Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science.

WHY CHOOSE FOOD, CATERING AND HOSPITALITY AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Trained by experienced professionals in the hospitality industry.

2 Fantastic facilities in our highly acclaimed restaurant.

3 Exceptional opportunities for work experience such as being part of our Rick Stein and Paul Ainsworth Academies.

FOOD, CATERING AND HOSPITALITY

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See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/food-catering-hospitality

The hospitality industry is one of the cornerstones of the Cornish economy and you will gain the skills needed for success.

You will discover and develop new talents, working as part of a team and experiencing the buzz of a professional kitchen. Our training kitchen and Senara restaurant have already received accolades, impressing chefs and food writers alike, and you will join the successfully established team. We have been awarded the People 1st Centre of Excellence Award, AA College Rosette Highly Commended every year since 2015 and are a Centre of Excellence for Fish & Shellfish, Food & Beverage, Patisserie and Confectionery.

All students participate in an extensive work placement programme and enhance and develop their skills in a variety of hospitality settings.

"There is no substitute for learning while working as you quickly develop the skills you need to progress in this fast-paced industry. We're proud to support The Rick Stein Academy and work with those who are passionate about great food and making people smile." Rick Stein

Following a work placement with Galvin at Windows in London, Fred Sirieix commented: "The students were brilliant. So good at what they do. We will employ them all in a heartbeat when they finish their course."

Rick Stein
THE RICK STEIN ACADEMY
TRURO & PENWITH COLLEGE

Paul Ainsworth
Truro & Penwith College **Academy**

"Extensive business links, which provide exceptional opportunities for work experience and employment, such as being part of our Rick Stein Academy."

Jo Lello-Dunn
Programme Team Leader

CHOOSE FOOD, CATERING AND HOSPITALITY FOR CAREERS IN:

- Catering Management
- Event Management
- Restaurant Management
- Professional Cookery
- Bakery & Patisserie

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

● **Why choose this course?** This course will cover all of the essential basics required in food preparation, production, cooking and serving. In addition to these two crucial qualifications for a strong starting point in all aspects to the hospitality industry, you may also undertake a Level 2 CIEH Food Safety and a Level 2 Award in Health & Safety in the Workplace.

● **What will I learn?** The course will introduce you to the basic principles of cookery used in professional kitchens including fish filleting, roasting, baking, poaching, steaming, frying, stewing and braising, as well as areas of pastry work and essential knife skills. You will work one day per week in our busy restaurant, learning barista skills, customer service skills, serving and preparing hot and cold beverages, processing payments and bookings and in-depth menu knowledge. You will also be able to gain a qualification in Food and Beverage Service. In addition, you will be expected to undertake work placement alongside your course.

● **Where will it take me?** This qualification will enable you to gain employment within many types of catering and hospitality establishments or progress onto TLQ/NVQ Level 2 depending on GCSEs.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

● **Why choose this course?** This qualification is based on the national occupational standards for professional cookery and includes all the required elements to work effectively as a junior or commis chef.

● **What will I learn?** You will develop knowledge and understanding of relevant health and safety and how to plan for the preparation, cooking and finishing of a variety of dishes. You will develop knowledge of produce and ingredients as well as techniques used to prepare, cook and finish dishes.

In parallel, you will develop communication and customer service skills, awareness of environmental sustainability and commercial skills, all of which are valued highly by employers. You will also be able to gain a qualification in Food and Beverage Service. You will be expected to attend a mandatory work placement alongside your course.

● **Where will it take me?** This qualification will enable you to gain employment within many types of catering and hospitality establishments or progress here onto the VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Professional Cookery. Alternatively, you could enter the hospitality industry at a qualified operational level.

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LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL COOKERY - TECH LEVEL

● **Why choose this course?** The Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Professional Cookery offers a natural progression from Level 2. If you're already a chef, it's ideal for mastering advanced cookery skills.

● **What will I learn?** You will develop knowledge of relevant health and safety and how to plan for the preparation, cooking and finishing of a variety of dishes. You will develop the advanced skills and techniques to prepare, cook and finish dishes, which include meat and offal, poultry and game, fish and shellfish and vegetables. In parallel, you will develop communication and customer service skills, and awareness of environmental sustainability and commercial skills. You are required to complete two optional units, which include producing petits fours and producing hot, cold and frozen desserts. You will also be able to gain a qualification in Food and Beverage Service. In addition, you will be expected to attend a mandatory work placement alongside of your course.

● **Where will it take me?** Successful completion of this course puts you in a good position in the hospitality industry. Past students have gained employment with companies such as Nathan Outlaw's, Rick Stein and the St Moritz Hotel. As an alternative, there is the opportunity to study the Level 3 Diploma in Patisserie and Confectionery.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA PATISSERIE & CONFECTIONERY

● **Why choose this course?** The VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Professional Patisserie and Confectionery is a technical level qualification aimed at students who wish pursue a career in patisserie and confectionery as a pastry chef or pâtissier and already have a relevant Level 2 qualification or appropriate work experience.

● **What will I learn?** This qualification is based on the national occupational standards for professional cookery and patisserie and confectionery and includes all the required elements to work effectively as a pastry chef of pâtissier. Learners will develop the knowledge, understanding and advanced skills and techniques to produce petits fours, hot, cold and frozen desserts, paste products, fermented dough and batter products and biscuits, cakes and sponges. Learners will also learn how to develop working relationships in hospitality, how to produce display pieces and decorative items and the art of practical gastronomy. In parallel, learners will develop their communication and customer service skills, their awareness of environmental sustainability and their commercial skills, all of which are valued highly by employers. Problem solving and research skills will also be developed.

● **Where will it take me?** As a pastry chef or pâtissier, learners could progress directly into employment in a variety of contexts, which include hotels, restaurants, specialist bakeries, specialist cafés and tea rooms, visitor attractions and cruise liners.

WHY CHOOSE FOUNDATION STUDIES AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Outstanding curriculum.

2 Excellent facilities.

3 Dedicated staff.

FOUNDATION STUDIES

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We welcome students with additional learning and support needs.

Our range of courses will help you to gain skills for personal progression, whether it be accessing mainstream education or developing independent living skills. As a student in Foundation Studies, you will be part of the College's most active group of students. You will be able to attend residentials, take part in the Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge, obtain a work placement through our dedicated job coach and most of all, enjoy learning in a fun and supportive environment.

"Every year our students continue to challenge, motivate and surprise us - they are always a joy to teach!"

Laurence Hartwell
Foundation Studies Lecturer

FOUNDATION STUDIES ACCESS INCLUSIVE LEARNING

● **Why choose this course?** Access Inclusive Learning is designed to meet the needs of students who have moderate or severe learning difficulties who wish to continue their education.

● **What will I learn?** AIL focuses on the individual student; the timetable, target setting, review procedures and transition are person centred. At the end of the first year a Progression Pathway for each student is determined. The focus here is to develop communication skills, all aspects of self-care and making choices. The Supported Internship Programme is a two-day-a-week teaching programme that takes place at RCHT, Tescos or Children's Hospice South West. It is an employment-focused transition programme that gives students the opportunity to develop key employability skills. Sheltered work opportunities are an integral part of the Pathway with an appropriate community placement at the end of the course.

● **Where will it take me?** On completion of the course you may progress onto a community work placement, sheltered employment or open employment. Our aim is to promote lifelong learning and to help you reach your potential as valued members of society.

ENTRY LEVEL 3 SKILLED FOR LIFE

● **Why choose this course?** This is an innovative course offered at Entry Level 3 that provides you with the opportunity to experience a range of vocational sectors and learning experiences. The qualification provides a progression route onto Further Education or work. It is aimed at post 16 students who have not yet decided on a career, or those who need more qualifications to gain entry onto other courses.

● **What will I learn?** Skilled for Life is suitable for you if you are preparing to work or gain sustainable employment, as you will develop the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the workplace. Work experience is organised for you if you are ready to work both in a supported environment and independently. Many of our students enrol on the course to gain the extra skills and qualifications needed to access further courses in the College. The flexibility of the course enables tutors to target your individual learning needs, which may have previously prevented you from accessing a Further Education pathway. You will also have the opportunity to study and gain accreditation in Functional Skills: Maths, English and ICT.

● **Where will it take me?** Completion of the course could lead to further College courses or employment.

See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/foundation-studies

WHY CHOOSE HAIR AND BEAUTY AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Outstanding teaching.

2 Excellent facilities.

3 Exceptional pastoral support.

HAIR AND BEAUTY

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Working within Inspiration, our commercial salon, you will learn with members of the public as your clients and develop the theory and business skills needed to succeed in your chosen therapy.

We attend showcase events given by leading experts including Steve Smart, Lee Stafford and Andrew Barton, which will give you a real view of life in the industry.

You will take part in the annual Cornish Skills competition, where you will display your creativity alongside representatives from other colleges and salons. We are very proud of our students' successes, who regularly achieve gold medals, and hope you will join those who progress on to national skills competition.

"We are continually proud of our students' achievements and the personal barriers they overcome, which ultimately leads to them gaining meaningful employment."

Jo Lello-Dunn
Programme Team Leader

CHOOSE HAIR AND BEAUTY FOR CAREERS IN:

- Barbering
- Complementary Therapies
- Beauty Therapy
- Hairdressing
- Media Make Up
- Nail Services
- Salon Management
- Spa Management

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA
HAIR & BEAUTY SKILLS

● **Why choose this course?** This qualification is designed to introduce you to a range of practical skills from across the hair and beauty industry and will prepare you for employment.

● **What will I learn?** You will learn different techniques of styling, plaiting and twisting, along with some basic skills in beauty therapy. We will focus on how we present ourselves and how to develop your skills in communicating knowledge about hairdressing and beauty therapy. You will develop your spoken and written language to communicate in a professional salon manner with clients. You will discover how English and Maths play an important part in everyday life and how crucial these skills are to enable you to gain employment. You will investigate how you can adapt socially, looking at different accents and cultures.

● **Where will it take me?** On completion of this qualification you could progress onto one of the following: Level 2 Diploma in Ladies Hairdressing or Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy.

SEE MORE COURSE DETAILS ONLINE.

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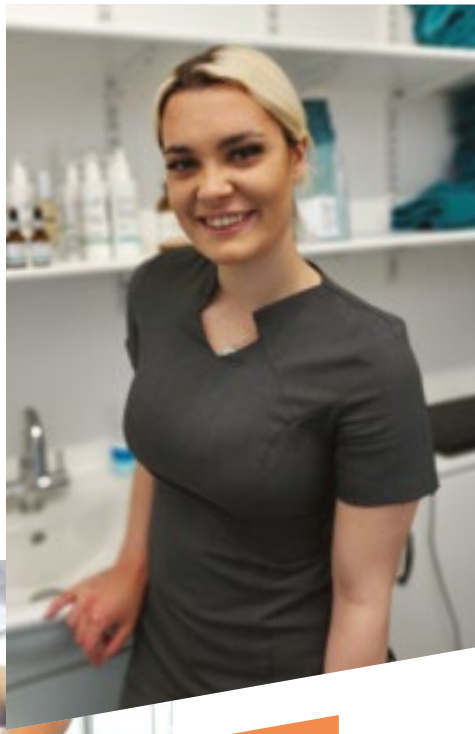
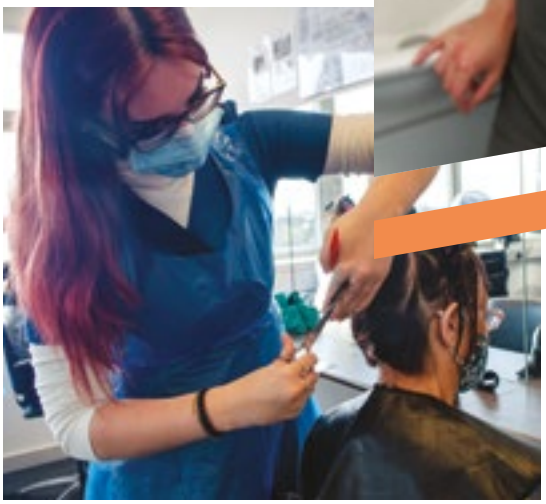
LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA
BEAUTY THERAPY - TECH LEVEL

● **Why choose this course?** The Diploma is a Technical level vocational qualification, which has been developed collaboratively with employers, professional associations and trade bodies to set the standard and content that will prepare you for a career as an employed or self-employed beautician/beauty specialist.

● **What will I learn?** This qualification includes; waxing services; make up applications; eyelash and eyebrow tinting services; eyebrow shaping services; manicure and pedicure treatments; facial treatments; skin type analysis; consultation techniques and client care; health, safety and hygiene; anatomy and physiology for beauty therapists. The qualification's structure provides you with the flexibility to develop your knowledge, understanding and skills as a beauty therapist.

● **Where will it take me?** While this qualification's primary purpose is to prepare learners for employment as a beautician/beauty specialist, learners may choose to develop their skills by undertaking further qualifications in Beauty Therapy at Level 3.





LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA
LADIES HAIRDRESSING - TECH LEVEL

- **Why choose this course?** If you are interested in having a rewarding career within the hairdressing industry and enjoy meeting people, then this is the course for you.

- **What will I learn?** Your lessons will be held in a professional commercial salon environment, where you will practice on training heads in preparation for client services. You will discover the importance of English and Maths skills and the crucial role they play in your everyday life, from timing services, mixing and measuring chemicals, reading manufacturer's instructions and so on. This is a qualification that has been specifically designed to develop your practical skills in: the creative art of cutting and dressing women's hair; how to provide effective shampooing and conditioning services; the artistic skill of colouring and lightening hair; how to provide a good consultation service for your clients.

- **Where will it take me?** You could work in a variety of settings from small salons to high fashion, large city salons, ocean liners, television and theatre. Progression onto Level 3 Hairdressing would enable you to start your own business or franchise, while higher education courses could qualify you for teaching, training or assessing posts.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA
BEAUTY THERAPY - TECH LEVEL

- **Why choose this course?** This advanced course is the next step from Beauty Therapy Level 2. If you would like an exciting career in the beauty sector, this course will enable you to enter into one of the many career pathways within the beauty therapy industry. You will learn new and exciting treatments in our industry standard salons.

- **What will I learn?** If you enjoyed learning Beauty Therapy Level 2 and would like to develop your skills to an advanced level, this course will teach you techniques in massage, advanced face and body treatments and much more. It will also help you to develop your skills in consultation and communication within the salon environment. You will learn the techniques and theory for these advanced treatments. You will learn how the body works and the impact that your treatments have on the individual systems of the body. You will have to attend a work placement one day a week, which will give you the opportunity to gain real life practice in a salon or spa of your choice.

- **Where will it take me?** The beauty industry is constantly evolving and developing and this course will give you all the current skills and techniques needed to be the best you can be.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA
WOMEN'S HAIRDRESSING - TECH LEVEL

- **Why choose this course?** If you enjoy studying hairdressing and would like to develop your skills to an advanced level by learning about how to correct colour and advanced cutting techniques, then this course will stretch and challenge you.

- **What will I learn?** You will learn both the techniques and science for these advanced techniques. Initially you will practice all of your new skills on training heads before carrying out the chosen techniques on clients in the salon. You will develop your skills by working to meet clients' many requirements. This will build your confidence and employability skills to enable you to find employment within the hairdressing industry. All students will be able to gain industrial experience by attending a hairdressing salon of your choice one day per week.

- **Where will it take me?** A good hairdresser could work in: salons, leisure clubs and gyms, health and fitness clubs, spa industry, fashion/photographic industry, film/television/theatre, client's homes, trichology, cruise liners, clinics and hospitals and much more. The course will also enable you to study at Level 4 and 5, or subjects such as a Diploma in Level 3 Theatrical, Special Effects or Hair and Media Make Up.

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WHY CHOOSE HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDCARE AT TRURO COLLEGE?

1 Strong progression routes.

2 Essential employability skills.

3 Small, highly experienced and supportive teams.

HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDCARE

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR **HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & CHILDCARE APPRENTICESHIPS** ON PAGE 116.

See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/care-childcare

As a caring individual it is vitally important that you have the necessary qualifications to play a role in shaping the lives of others.

We will help you gain the skills you need to benefit society, helping others through support and education and being able to fulfil the growing demand for high-quality, caring professionals. Alongside specialist knowledge, communication and organisation, you will develop your empathy and compassion to excel in a rewarding career.

"Past students have progressed to a range of fantastic careers including teachers, early years practitioners, teaching assistants, nurses, midwives and social workers."

Sue Kellas Deputy Team Leader

CHOOSE HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDCARE FOR CAREERS IN:

- Childcare
- Counselling
- Dietetics
- Education
- Health Care
- Mental Health
- Occupational Health
- Play Therapy
- Nursing/Midwifery/ Paramedics
- Social Care
- Youth Work
- Special Educational Needs & Disabilities
- Teaching Assistants

T LEVEL EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

● **Why choose this course?** If you have an interest in education and childcare then this T Level may be the right course for you. In addition to your College studies, you will undertake a placement within a childcare/education setting for a minimum of 45 days.

● **What will I learn?** In 2021 the Education pathway and Early Years pathway will be offered. These pathways will consist of studying core topics to gain knowledge and understanding, an industry placement and occupational specialist topics.

Core topics include: An overview of childcare and education (0-19), child development, supporting education, safeguarding, health and safety and wellbeing, behaviour, observation and assessment, equality and diversity, Special Educational Needs and disability, English as an additional language, parents, families and carers, working with others and reflective practice. Students will study and be assessed on occupational specialism topics.

● **Where will it take me?** On successful completion of the T Level you will be ideally placed to seek employment in a variety of roles, such as a Nursery Nurse, Nanny, Teaching Assistant, or Learning Assistant. Alternatively, you may continue on to Higher Education courses in Early Years and Family Studies, or Primary Teaching.

SEE MORE COURSE DETAILS ONLINE.

T LEVEL HEALTH / HEALTHCARE SCIENCE

● **Why choose this course?** If you have an interest in Nursing, Health or Healthcare Science, then this T Level may be the right course for you. In addition to your College studies you will undertake a placement within a Health/ Healthcare setting for a minimum of 45 days.

● **What will I learn?** In 2021 the Health and Health Science pathway will be offered. These pathways will consist of studying core topics to gain knowledge and understanding, an industry placement and occupational specialist topics. Core topics include working within the health and science sector, health, good scientific and clinical practice and core science concepts. Students will study and be assessed on occupational specialism topics. There are a range of specialisms available this includes, adult nursing, midwifery, mental health, supporting care of children and young people and assisting with healthcare science.

● **Where will it take me?** On successful completion of the T Level, you will be ideally placed to seek employment in a variety of roles within the health and social care sector. Alternatively, you may continue to higher education courses in a specific area of nursing, midwifery or other health related subject.

LEVEL 1 PROGRESSION
INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

● **Why choose this course?** If you want a career where you can progress, feel secure and get an enormous sense of personal achievement from knowing you are positively supporting individuals with a range of health and social care needs, then this course is for you. This programme also includes English and Maths.

● **What will I learn?** With a huge demand for workers, plenty of opportunities for progression and a job in which a high percentage of workers report they feel their work makes a difference, the BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Health and Social Care has lots to offer. The knowledge base you will develop, such as being organised, working with others, developing a personal progression plan, communication skills and finding out about health and social care services, is not only vitally important but essential to progress onto a career.

● **Where will it take me?** Previous students have taken the opportunity to continue their studies onto our Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care. Career opportunities include support work, health care assistants, Apprenticeships in early years settings or other health and care organisations.

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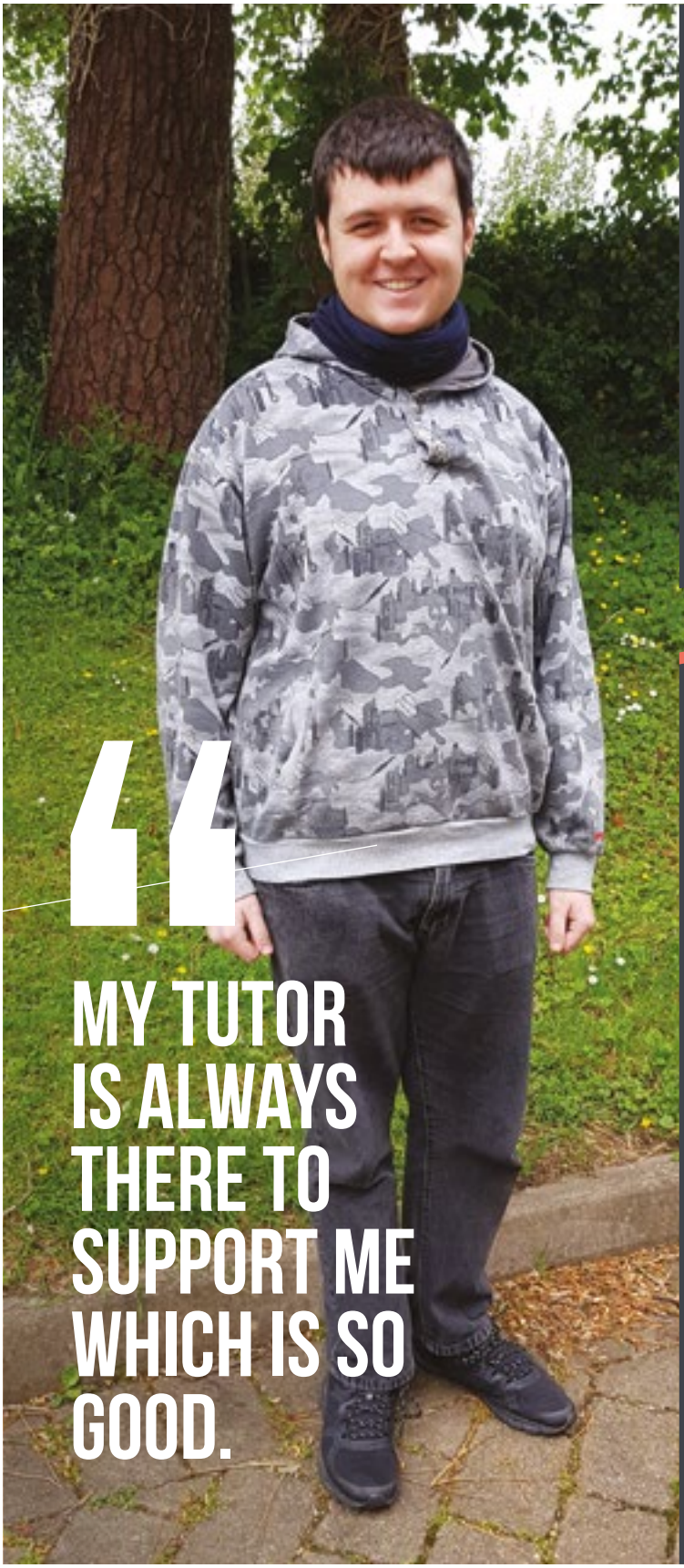
LEVEL 2 PROGRESSION
WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY SETTINGS

● **Why choose this course?** Would you like to work with children from birth to 11 years in a school or nursery? If you enjoy helping babies, infants and children develop then this is course for you. This programme includes the CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings, GCSE English and Maths and OCN Level 2 Award in Employability.

● **What will I learn?** You will be prepared to enter either an apprenticeship or our T Level in Education and Childcare. The course will give you a good insight into important areas that you need to know about in order to work with children from birth to 11 years old. This includes exploring career pathways, nutrition for children, how to develop children's language and literacy skills and promoting play and learning. You will be closely supported through the course by a small team of tutors including your personal tutor and a specialist from the early years sector. You will also have the opportunity to gain experience in an early years or primary school setting with the backing of our work placement officer.

● **Where will it take me?** This course will prepare you for progression onto an Apprenticeship T Level or employment in the early years sector in due course.



MEET THE STUDENT

Q&A

MARCUS EVANS

Marcus is from Pendeen and studied the Health and Social Care Level 3 Extended Diploma. He previously attended Cape Cornwall School.

> MY TUTOR IS ALWAYS THERE TO SUPPORT ME WHICH IS SO GOOD.

- **Why did you choose to come to Penwith College?** I chose Penwith because it was smaller and local to me. I had met with some of the lecturers at open events and at my interview and they seemed so nice.

- **What do you most enjoy about your course?** Probably the opportunities we have had. For example, we got to go to Benoni Nursing Home to volunteer alongside our course during free periods in the first year.

- **How did you find the progression from Level 1 to 3?** The transition was really smooth and I had a lot of support from the lecturers. The workload increased noticeably but it was nothing too stressful. It's good to be able to study a big range of topics covering all aspects of Health and Social care. My tutor is always there to support me which is so good.

LEVEL 2 PROGRESSION HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

● **Why choose this course?** This qualification aims to give you the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge that are used within the health, social care and childcare sectors. This programme includes the BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Health and Social Care, GCSE English and Maths and OCN Workskills.

● **What will I learn?** This course aims to give you the opportunity to gain a broad understanding and knowledge of, and skills in, the health and social care sector, e.g. the underpinning care values and an understanding of the different life stages that individuals go through.

● **Where will it take me?** The course supports progression to a more specialised Level 3 health and social care course, an Apprenticeship or qualifications in other sectors, such as early years. These, in turn, give you the potential opportunity, in due course, to enter employment within a range of job roles across the health and social care sector. The course aims to inspire and enthuse you to consider a career in the health and social care sector, or in a related sector where knowledge of health and social care will be of use.

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LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

● **Why choose this course?** A career in health care or social care is challenging, rewarding, interesting and exciting, requiring you to have a variety of skills, knowledge and expertise to succeed. This course will provide you with a broad scientific base and an opportunity to study health and social care issues.

● **What will I learn?** An experienced team of lecturers, many of whom have worked in the health and social care profession, will support your learning. You will need to prepare to work hard independently, carry out in-depth research and use a variety of information sources. You will have the opportunity to be placed in a variety of settings totalling a minimum of 100 hours, which is a mandatory part of the course. Previous settings have included hospitals, dentists, residential homes for the elderly and day centres for clients with mental health problems or learning disabilities.

● **Where will it take me?** Successful completion of the course should allow entry into higher education, including nursing, midwifery, teaching, social work, psychology and youth work degrees and/or employment or training in the health or social care sector. Previous students have also progressed into criminology, sociology, nutrition, dental nursing and other allied health care professions including OT, paramedicine and health care assistants.

WHY CHOOSE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Extremely well-resourced subjects, leading to outstanding results.

2 A wide range of opportunities from leading revision sessions in local schools to trips to Eswatini and Iceland.

3 Lessons informed by up-to-date examining experience.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/humanities

You will explore compelling questions that have an impact on societies past, present and future and through debate, research and study you will develop a mature, questioning intellect.

You will develop your critical thinking skills, benefiting your whole study programme during your time at Penwith College and beyond university into your career. You will be able to gain further enrichment in your chosen studies by taking part in one of the regular trips to exciting locations including Toronto, Iceland and Eswatini.

"Humanities and Social Sciences help you understand why the world is as it is and how it can be better."

Elle Wheatley Programme Team Leader

CHOOSE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES FOR CAREERS IN:

- Archaeology
- Environmental Consultancy
- Ecology
- Counselling
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

Why choose this course? This course offers an exciting issues-based approach to studying both physical and human aspects of the subject. Applying your geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to the world around you, you will engage critically with a wide range of complex contemporary issues such as tectonic hazards, climate change, resource insecurity, globalisation and superpowers.

What will I learn? You will make links between varied geographical concepts through synoptic themes embedded in the subject content including the different players involved in geographical issues and decisions, why attitudes to geographical issues vary so greatly and how this influences actions as well as futures and uncertainties.

Inspired by geography as one of the key disciplines relevant to understanding the world's changing places and people, you will also develop a sense of achievement as you grow as a critical, independent thinker and as an informed and engaged citizen.

Where will it take me? A qualification in Geography is highly valued by many universities and employers alike. Geography is also an excellent subject to complement many other courses, such as Environmental Studies, Politics and Sociology.

A LEVEL HISTORY

Why choose this course? The study of history helps us to understand and explain the past and is a fascinating subject in its own right. The course allows students to develop their enjoyment and understanding of the past and make sense of contemporary events and issues.

What will I learn? You will study the British Empire between 1857 and 1967. How did Britain come to assume a vast Empire upon which the sun never set? Why, having amassed such a vast Empire, did Britain relinquish much of it in a 20-year period after the end of World War Two? We will also study the Cold War 1945-1991, and complete a 3,500 word independent investigation on the Making of America 1763-1865.

Where will it take me? History is a popular and highly regarded qualification by both universities and employers. The skills that you acquire as a historian, the ability to think clearly, to weigh up arguments and to analyse problems, are highly desirable. History students gain access to a wide variety of careers including business, law, marketing, media, and politics as well as career pathways including archaeologist, archivist, curator and teacher.

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SEE MORE OF COLLEGE LIFE ON SOCIAL.

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A LEVEL PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION & ETHICS

● **Why choose this course?** This course addresses some of the big questions that face human beings like: what is the purpose of my life? What am I? How should I live? And why should I do what is right? If you are the type of person who is accused of thinking too much, if Google can't answer your questions and if you like spending time wondering whether your real life is the one in your dreams and that you are reading this in your sleep, then this course might be for you.

● **What will I learn?** The course aims to take these problems seriously and attempt to find real answers to them by attempting to apply rigorous logic, finding the right types of evidence and evaluating possible approaches. It is not about sharing opinions; it is about the meticulous analysis of the problem and scrupulous attention to detail.

● **Where will it take me?** Philosophy of Religion & Ethics is recognised as a respected entrance qualification by all universities, and employers are aware that it helps to develop an individual's ability to communicate, work with others and solve complex problems. Given the emphasis on ethics in this course, it might be useful for those considering careers in law or medicine.

A LEVEL POLITICS

● **Why choose this course?** If you are interested and engaged in learning about political issues, then the government and politics specification will provide you with the tools to analyse and understand politics in depth. You don't need extensive knowledge of politics to study the subject, but an interest and desire to keep informed about politics and political issues is essential to your success on this course.

● **What will I learn?** You will analyse politics, focusing on a range of themes. These include the nature of democracy and representation and whether there is a participation crisis in Britain. You will then turn your attention to how government operates within the UK, looking at how well Parliament functions, whether the constitution is fit for modern Britain and if Prime Ministers are becoming more powerful or not. Once grounded in key political concepts, you will be introduced to a series of key political thinkers to study. This is followed by an examination of the global political system and the relationship between states.

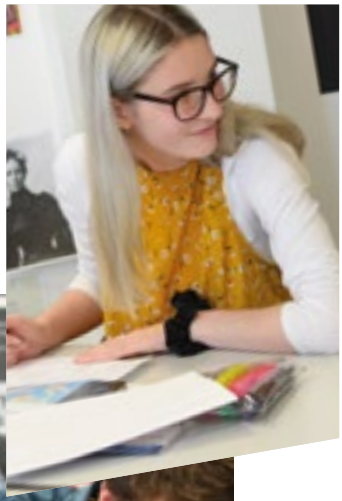
● **Where will it take me?** A qualification in Politics is highly valued by many universities and employers alike. Many of our Politics students go on to study Politics and related courses including International Politics, Law, and History at a range of prestigious universities.

A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

● **Why choose this course?** A successful Psychology student has an appetite for understanding how scientific principles can be applied to human behaviour. If you are interested in people and inquisitive about their behaviour, this is the subject for you.

● **What will I learn?** Psychology is the science of mind and behaviour. We look at people's motivations behind different behaviours from a scientific point of view. We explore research into behaviours in an attempt to find answers to; 'are some people just born evil?', 'are each of the hemispheres of the brain responsible for different functions and behaviours and how would we know?' Topics range from biological explanations of behaviour to how interacting with other people can influence your behaviour.

● **Where will it take me?** Studying Psychology will equip you with numeracy, communication, IT, organisation and analysis skills and provides a valuable background for a variety of careers including management, personnel, advertising, marketing, teaching, uniformed services, nursing and health and welfare. Further training and experience beyond degree level is usually required for qualification as a professional psychologist; clinical, educational, forensic or organisational.



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A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

● **Why choose this course?** Sociology is the study of society, explanations of social behaviour and an investigation into an individuals' relationships with society. Sociologists would claim that society is the single most important influence in your life and would argue that our behaviour can be largely explained by social circumstances and experiences.

● **What will I learn?** This course considers points of view on society, including those that largely approve of the way it works (Functionalism) to those that argue for change (Marxism and Feminism). You will learn to think critically and independently about society and your place in it, and develop a critical and informed understanding of the world around you. Topics include: Families and Households, Education, Research Methods, Beliefs, and Crime and Deviance.

● **Where will it take me?** Sociology is highly valued by many universities and employers and provides students with valuable analytical and evaluative skills. The objective and rigorous nature of this subject can lead to a range of careers, such as management, human resources, social work, the civil service, the criminal justice system, national or local government and law.

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MEET THE STUDENT

Q&A

EMILY REES

Emily is from Penzance and studied English Literature, History and Psychology A Levels. She previously attended Mounts Bay Academy.

- **Why did you choose Penwith College?** As well as being my local college, the support was great. I completely changed my mind about which courses to take when I received my GCSE results. The College was really flexible and supported me to choose the best subjects for me.

- **What is it like studying at Penwith College?** Penwith is a smaller campus but I like that, studying in smaller classes and having more personal attention. Since being at College I have met so many new people from around the county and the country. I still have my friends from secondary school but I now have a whole load of new friends.

- **Do you have any advice for those considering studying at Penwith College?** When I got my GCSE results it really highlighted my strengths. It's so important to choose subjects that you enjoy because if you enjoy it, you are more likely to succeed.

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WHY CHOOSE MATHEMATICS AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Strong support with transition from GCSE.

2 Support sessions to develop knowledge and skills when needed.

3 Opportunities to participate in extra-curricular maths challenges.

MATHEMATICS

See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/mathematics

Mathematics underpins many industries today, forming foundations for technology, engineering, construction, science and medicine.

You will benefit from the College's promotion of excellence through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through development and experiences. You could test your knowledge and ability against other students across the country and compete in the UK Senior Mathematical Challenge.

"Our students say they find Maths a real challenge, but one that they really enjoy."

Jamie Nevill
Mathematics Lecturer

CHOOSE MATHEMATICS FOR CAREERS IN:

- Accountancy
- Banking
- Construction
- Cyber Security
- Engineering
- Film Animation
- Financial Trading
- GCHQ
- Investment Banking
- Medicine
- Physics

MEET THE STUDENT

Q&A

SHUNZI WHITE

Shunzi is from St. Buryan and studies Economics, English Literature and Mathematics A Levels. She previously attended Humphry Davy School.

I LOVE THAT THE LECTURERS ARE SO PASSIONATE & KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THEIR SUBJECT.

- **Why did you choose to your subjects?** I chose Maths and English because I knew they would keep my university options broad as I am still not sure what subject to take at university. Whilst economics was suggested to be a good fit to maths on the open evening last year.

- **What do you most enjoy about your subjects?** I love that all the lectures are so passionate and knowledgeable about their subject, making all the lessons eye opening and interesting as they always have an intriguing answer to your questions.

- **What's it like at Penwith College?** I have found it really enjoyable, as I have got to meet new people and make new friends in my classes. All of my friends have a real passion for the courses and subjects they have chosen due to the great lectures and there is a general happy air about the College.

A LEVEL MATHEMATICS

Why choose this course?
Mathematics is a challenging and stimulating course that will encourage you to develop your mathematical skills, improve your ability to think logically and enable you to determine solutions to a wide range of problems.
If you enjoyed studying GCSE maths, particularly the more algebraic topics, and would like to significantly improve your mathematical skills, then this would be an ideal subject for you.

What will I learn? You will need to be good at algebra before you start the course. You will learn many new mathematical techniques and apply them to a variety of practical situations. At this level, mathematics is all about applying your knowledge to solve problems in real-life situations. You need to be logical so that you can follow a mathematical argument, and you need to be creative so that you can look for different ways to apply your skills to solve a problem.

Where will it take me?
Mathematics is a versatile qualification that is well respected by employers and will be desirable if you are thinking of going on to study courses in subjects such as Computing, Economics, Engineering, Finance, Geography, Psychology or any of the Sciences at degree level.

SEE MORE COURSE DETAILS ONLINE.

A LEVEL FURTHER MATHEMATICS

Why choose this course?
Enjoy solving puzzles and playing strategy games? Want to develop a deep understanding of big ideas and to know 'why' and not just 'how'? Do you want to develop problem-solving, logical reasoning, communication and resilience skills? Then this course is for you.

What will I learn? By studying Further Mathematics you will increase your knowledge and understanding of mathematical techniques and their applications. A Level Further Mathematics is taken, together with A Level Maths and two other A Levels. The course is designed to stretch and challenge able young mathematicians by introducing you to new techniques and concepts, such as complex numbers and matrices.

Where will it take me?
A qualification in Further Mathematics is highly valued by universities and employers. There are obvious links with computing, sciences and finance-based courses but the course can also be useful for sharpening up thinking skills, logical reasoning and pattern spotting. Many universities require Further Mathematics for admission to Mathematics degrees, some also prefer applicants for Engineering, Computing, Economics and actuarial science courses to have studied Further Mathematics.

WHY CHOOSE MEDIA, GAMES AND PHOTOGRAPHY AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Industry-standard hardware and software in bespoke air conditioned studios.

2 Dedicated and highly educated staff with current industry experience.

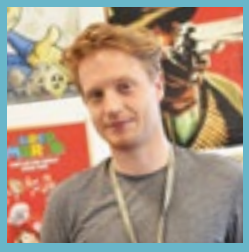
3 Students have high aspirations and produce excellent work, leading to top university and employment opportunities.

MEDIA, GAMES AND PHOTOGRAPHY

See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/media-photography

Behind the camera or on the screen, analysis and creativity come together in these constantly evolving, exciting mediums. You may explore the richness of the history of cinema or explore modern techniques to capture a breathtaking moment.

Working alone or in a team we'll expand your creative horizons through whatever medium you prefer. From the silver screen to handheld consoles you will produce industry standard products from your first year.



"Penwith College is one of the UK's leading providers of Games, Media, VFX & Photography and we have achieved this through working with both local and national employers such as Cornwall Fire Service and the BBC."

Adam Blackmore Games Development Lecturer

CHOOSE MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY FOR CAREERS IN:

- 3D Art
- 3D Environment Design
- Audio Engineering
- Animation
- Broadcast Journalism
- Concept Art
- Directing
- Film Editing
- Games Programming & Level Design
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- SFX Production
- TV & Film Video Production
- VFX Compositing

A LEVEL FILM STUDIES

● **Why choose this course?** Fancy being the next Quentin Tarantino or Christopher Nolan? Studying film could put you on the right path. Film Studies offers the chance to gain hands-on experience of film making and explore film language, history, theory and criticism.

● **What will I learn?** You will begin by exploring how aspects of film form and language are motivated for expressive effect. This includes an examination of the creative decisions involved in mise-en-scene, cinematography, editing, special effects and sound and a consideration of how the structuring concepts of narrative and genre control meaning and spectator response.

Film contexts are also explored, examining how social, cultural, political, historical and institutional factors shape meaning. You will analyse different films and engage in research involving Hollywood 1930-1990, contemporary American independent film, British film and non-English language European film. You will explore global filmmaking perspectives including world cinema, documentary, silent cinema and experimental film.

● **Where will it take me?** A qualification in Film Studies is highly valued by many universities and employers alike.

A LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES

● **Why choose this course?** The media play a central role in contemporary culture, society and politics. They shape our perceptions of the world through the representations, ideas and points of view they offer and have real relevance and importance in our lives today, providing us with ways to communicate, forms of cultural expression and the ability to participate in key aspects of society.

● **What will I learn?** You will study a wide range of media products, undertaking detailed analysis of how the media communicate stories in a variety of forms. You will debate the social, cultural and economic relevance and impact of the media as well as the way TV, radio, film, news, music, publishing, social media, advertising and games are constructed to better understand the powerful and complex messages we receive. You will also develop photography and design skills using Adobe Photoshop and InDesign as well as developing web and film skills.

● **Where will it take me?** The course can lead to a degree in Journalism, Graphic Design, Advertising or Film. You will not only develop practical skills and a critical awareness of the media but also employability skills such as communication, interpersonal, organisational and problem-solving skills.

CHECK IT OUT. SEE THE MEDIA TEACHING SPACES AND FANTASTIC FACILITIES ONLINE THROUGH OUR **360°** INTERACTIVE CAMPUS TOURS.

A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Why choose this course? Photography is an art of observation. It has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them. It allows us to tell our story and show others our framing of the world around us. This course provides opportunities to engage in projects that encourage creativity, investigation, analysis and experimentation as a means of developing technical and expressive skills.

What will I learn? The course encourages the development of your own visual language while improving your understanding of the broad visual, cultural and theoretical contexts in which contemporary photographers operate. You will learn a broad range of photographic and camera skills - both analogue and digital - utilising traditional darkroom and digital Photoshop techniques. The course will teach you to appreciate photographic theory and practice and to understand the work of artists and pioneers in the development of the photographic medium.

Where will it take me? Successful completion of the course can lead to further study or employment in all areas of lens-based and visual arts including art foundation, media, film, multi-media, graphic design, journalism, advertising, Illustration and PR.

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LEVEL 2 PROGRESSION MEDIA & GAMES

Why choose this course? The UAL Level 2 Award in Creative Digital Media Production & Technology pathway will provide training for those intending to work in the media and games industries. It will provide you with the opportunity to develop a range of competences and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life in these fields.

What will I learn? In completing this diploma you will obtain a qualification that will allow progression to further study, training, or employment and that will enable you to make informed choices with regard to a career in the media and games sector. You will also have developed creative and practical skills that may be applicable in other work situations or will enable you to progress to Level 3 qualifications in areas such as Games Development, Creative Media Production, Art & Design, Music Performance and Production and Music Technology.

Where will it take me? The UAL Level 2 Award has been specifically designed to give you a taste of the different skills and opportunities available in the creative digital industries. Our Progression courses allow you to go onto any Level 3 course and the Progression 2 Media and Games furnishes you with software skills that can be used again on Lens Based Media, Games Design or IT.

UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA
CREATIVE PRACTICE: GAMES DESIGN

- **Why choose this course?** This is an exciting entry into the rapidly growing field of cutting edge VFX, Games Design and Animation. It offers an in-depth examination of how video games and Hollywood CGI is created.

- **What will I learn?** Together with the delivery of relevant and up-to-date course content designed to replicate today's real-world work environment, you will have access to professional industry software and a number of employer focused assessments. You will learn how to create 3D characters and animate them in a games engine or as part of a film production. Your creations will be brought to life using STEM programming skills and you can demonstrate your artistic side when presenting your work in a professional industry showcase. You will learn the tools and techniques required to design complex game worlds and environments that push the boundaries of creativity as we move into an age when games are now recognised as an art form. You will work in bespoke games labs with immersive surround sound and VR equipment with staff who are accredited to teach the Autodesk software.

- **Where will it take me?** The limits of what can be produced are only defined by your ability and effort and Penwith College Games have a rich history in publishing games and winning national awards for our work. Upon completion of this course, you could go on to a number of outstanding national universities or stay local and enjoy incredible support on the FdA Computer Games Design and Production at the College.

APPLY NOW

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UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA
LENS BASED MEDIA

- **Why choose this course?** The media is a powerful entity that plays a significant role within society. The centrality of the media to our everyday experience - from the conduct of your daily life to the exercise of power to the creation of culture - is inescapable.

- **What will I learn?** The Diploma will provide you with an introduction to a broad range of creative and technical skills. The course incorporates vocational learning to provide you with the necessary understanding, knowledge and skills for future progression and employment. You will have the opportunity to engage with a diverse range of media - TV, filmmaking, radio, animation, photography, graphic design, social media, marketing - often in the form of 'live' or 'real-world' briefs and assignments where you will explore, develop and test your creativity within a stimulating and demanding environment. The course will provide you with opportunities to develop and utilise broad, transferable skills through encouraging an ethos of personal and professional development.

- **Where will it take me?** The course will enable you to develop a portfolio of work that can lead to a wide range of university specialisms or employment.

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MEET THE STUDENT

Q&A

TAYLOR GOWLAND

Taylor is from Penzance and studies the Lens Based Media UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma. He previously attended St Ives School.

What do you like most about your course? I enjoyed our final major project as I worked on a documentary. I have always had a passion for telling peoples' stories and I do a lot of street photography which all tied in nicely. The course is quite open and you are encouraged to find your own style.

Do you have any advice for prospective students? Coming to College is an experience, you just have to throw yourself into it. People here are all really nice and if there is anything you don't understand there is no stigma in asking for help.

What are your next steps? I'm planning to go straight into the industry. It makes more sense for me as I have worked before and I have spoken to a lot of people who have said your practical ability is worth more than a degree. For many people going to university is a goal, and I respect that, but it's not for me.

> THE COURSE IS QUITE OPEN AND YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO FIND YOUR OWN STYLE.

WHY CHOOSE MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Fantastic, custom-built performance and rehearsal facilities.

2 Professional performance opportunities throughout the course.

3 Industry links and speakers - both local and international.

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

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See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/performing-arts

You will be joining a vibrant and dynamic department with opportunities to showcase your talents in one of many performance spaces within the College, or beyond.

As part of the artistic community Cornwall is celebrated for, all the world really is your stage. Supported by experienced lecturers and technicians, your course will give you a solid foundation from which to springboard your talents. Whether you want to play as part of a band, act or produce your own music, we have a course that will teach you everything you need to know, growing your confidence and academic understanding as you progress.

"Brimming with performance opportunities, up and coming local artists will have the chance to learn how to place themselves on the world stage."

David Atkinson-Beaumont
Programme Team Leader

CHOOSE MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS FOR CAREERS IN:

- Acting
- Audio Engineering
- Directing
- Live Sound Production
- Mixing
- Music Production
- Music Teaching
- Performing Music
- Play Writing
- Session Music
- Song Writing & Composition
- Theatre Direction
- Voice Over Acting

A LEVEL DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES

● **Why choose this course?** This is a practical course that develops your theoretical understanding of theatre, nurturing your talent creatively and academically. We will study the work of the influential playwrights, directors and theatre companies that make theatre so exciting and diverse. This course is designed to provide a balance between performance, research, analysis and design and, most importantly, to encourage you to develop your own vision of what makes great theatre.

● **What will I learn?** We approach the study of drama and theatre from three key viewpoints: actor, director and designer. You will develop these skills while creating original performance material in addition to studying and performing three plays with contrasting theatre styles. Our exploration of contrasting styles supports the development of your own performance skills and will build your critical appreciation of theatre.

Drama is a collaborative course and will help you to develop important communication skills, creativity and promote your personal and social development.

● **Where will it take me?** The skills that you will develop on this course are transferable to all areas of further study. Our students have the option of university to study any degree subject or a vocational route such as drama school to study acting, musical theatre or design. Drama is also an excellent subject to complement many courses, such as English literature, dance, classics, humanities, any media-related course and education.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA MUSIC

To be taken alongside A Levels

● **Why choose this course?** Designed to develop a range of practical skills and musical knowledge essential for pursuing a career within the music industry.

● **What will I learn?** You will develop your performance skills along with technical production experience to enhance your playing and composition, instrumental technique and sound mixing/editing. Over the two years you will explore, research and write about a range of musical genres. You will choose, learn and rehearse a set of songs/pieces in specific styles, either as a solo performer or as part of a group and put on a live performance. You will then carry out a rehearsal and live performance project as part of a larger ensemble or group, taking responsibility for all aspects of your live performance including sound, lighting and promotion. You will study music industry standards and job roles. Your last project will be a collaborative performance designed to develop your skills in the organisation, budgeting and planning of a real live music event.

● **Where will it take me?** The course is designed to develop the full range of skills you will need to succeed in a wide variety of roles within the modern music industry. Many of our students progress to related university programmes and others have gone on to successful careers as performers, session musicians, sound engineers, technicians, producers, teachers and composers.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA
MUSIC PERFORMANCE & PRODUCTION

● **Why choose this course?** This course is closely industry-related, helping you to gain practical skills that will be essential for pursuing a career in the music industry.

● **What will I learn?** You will learn how to develop your music skills through performing in a group, composing your own pieces and working in a variety of different musical styles. Through a close analysis of the music industry, you will discover how to plan your career, develop your own personal music style and propel yourself into the local and national music scene. Alongside your performance skills you will also learn the technical aspects of music production including using industry standard software and recording equipment.

Towards the end of your course, you will plan a final music event, which will demonstrate all of the technical and collaborative skills that you have learned throughout the course. You will have many opportunities to perform at external events throughout the academic year in order to gain confidence and develop your skills as a performer in front of real audiences. Students performed previously at the St Ives Theatre, The Lugger Penzance, art exhibitions, Mazey Day, Notes on the Green and Lafrowda.

● **Where will it take me?** Many students use the course to progress on to university programmes such as BA (Hons) in Commercial Music, Popular Music, Sound Engineering or Technology.

GET CONNECTED.
SEE MORE OF COLLEGE LIFE ON SOCIAL.

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WHY CHOOSE PPD AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Students undertaking PPD at Penwith grow in confidence, in skills and in maturity.

2 There are options to either progress into employment or into a mainstream programme for further training.

3 Students have time to get their Maths and English qualifications and are supported to think about their career route.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/ppd

We welcome learners who, for whatever reason, may not have previously been academically successful. We offer you a chance to have a fresh start in an outstanding college.

CHOOSE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR:

- a new start and a stepping stone to other courses, an Apprenticeship or employment

> "Businesses report that workplace experience can be just as important to them as formal qualifications."
>
> Department of Education

VOCATIONAL

LEVEL 1 & 2 PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Why choose this course? These courses offer an equal emphasis on qualifications, personal development and work place learning leading to an Apprenticeship, full-time employment or further learning.

What will I learn? You will be equipped with employment skills and an enhanced CV to ensure that you have the best opportunity to gain the career of your choice. The course will cover personal preparation for employment, self-improvement and effective behaviour at work. A key part of the course will be a work placement learning opportunity in an area of choice supported by a job coach. You will work for a real business to gain practical experience that will not only enhance your CV but also help cement your career choice when leaving education. Additional courses linked to the placement are also available.

Where will it take me? In some cases you may stay with the business and undertake an Apprenticeship or gain full-time employment. For those seeking to move into the work environment, we will help with applications and support you with interview preparation via video analysis. You will be able to move into an Apprenticeship or employment at any point in the year, or move into further learning the following academic year.

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WHY CHOOSE SCIENCE AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Award-winning laboratory facilities.

2 Support sessions available outside of class time.

3 Opportunities to enter national science challenges.

SCIENCE

LOVE SCIENCE? LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR RANGE OF STEM ACADEMIES AND THE MEDICS' ACADEMY ON PAGE 106.

See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/science

You will have many opportunities to enrich your learning experience with fellow Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students.

The College is a member of the Royal Society Associate Schools and College scheme, and you will benefit from these close links with the UK's most prestigious scientific institution. With a guest lecture programme that has included speakers from the Institute of Physics and behind the scenes tours at the Kennedy Space Centre, Florida, the study of science at the College has never been more exciting.

"STEM subjects form the foundations of the industrial and corporate worlds and provide students with a skill-set in high demand by employers."

Ben Clough
Chemistry Lecturer

CHOOSE SCIENCE FOR CAREERS IN:

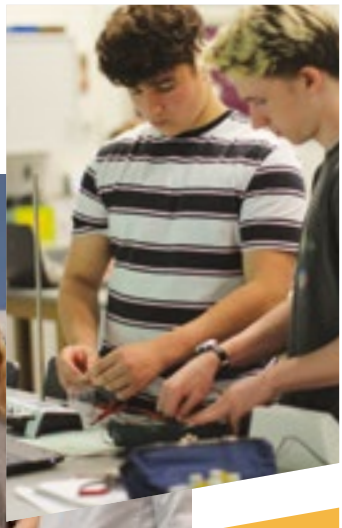
- Astronomy
- Chemistry
- Forensic Science
- Genetics
- Geochemistry
- Geophysics
- Marine Science
- Microbiology
- Nursing
- Physics
- Research Science
- Veterinary Science

A LEVEL BIOLOGY

Why choose this course? If you enjoy learning about life and living organisms and want to delve deeper into concepts that you have been introduced to at GCSE, from biochemistry and cell biology as well as behaviour and ecology, then this course will offer you an exciting and challenging area of study.

What will I learn? Biology encompasses the cellular basis of living things, the transformation of energy that underlies the activities of life, and the genetic basis for inheritance in organisms. You will study the evolutionary relationships between organisms and the diversity of life on earth, to include microorganisms, plants, animals and fungi.

Where will it take me? A Level Biology is a highly respected qualification that is valued for most degree subjects and by employers worldwide. To broaden your higher education options, it is recommended that you study this course alongside A Level Chemistry. Biology also opens up a wide range of opportunities for university level study, including Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Veterinary Science, Zoology, Radiography, Agriculture and Horticulture, Marine Biology, Biochemistry, Genetics, Nutrition, Botany, Forensic Science and many other possibilities.



A LEVEL CHEMISTRY

Why choose this course? If you enjoy the study of the substances that make both us and our surroundings then chemistry is for you. It is everywhere; in the food we eat and the water we drink, from the clothes we wear and our mobile phones to the medicines that keep us healthy.

What will I learn? You will develop your knowledge, competence and confidence in practical skills and problem solving, together with enhancing your understanding of key chemical ideas and how they link to each other. You will study a variety of topics including organic chemistry, energy, quantitative chemistry and chemical bonding alongside contemporary issues.

Where will it take me? If you want to study Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Science then chemistry is essential. An understanding of chemistry is desirable for the study of many subjects, is valued highly by universities and equips you for further study in the sciences as well as areas such as law and finance. Studying chemistry will provide you with problem-solving, communication, creativity and teamwork skills; hence chemical scientists are much sought after and can pursue careers in many exciting and varied fields of work.

SEE MORE COURSE DETAILS ONLINE.

A LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

- **Why choose this course?** You will gain an understanding of how different events and cycles within the environment interrelate, how human activity impacts upon these systems and the strategies used to minimise the problems that may be caused.

- **What will I learn?** The course begins by studying how the properties of our Earth have allowed life to develop. We will examine further the structure, characteristics and human impacts on our physical environment by studying the science of our atmosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere. The biosphere is also an essential component in creating and maintaining life processes on Earth, unfortunately many species and biomes are under threat and you will be able to evaluate how effective management strategies are in trying to save many species from extinction.

In your second year, we will examine further how humans affect the planet through our demand for energy sources, release of pollutants and need for biological resources. The course embeds scientific enquiry into your learning and you will have the opportunity to take part in lab investigations and local fieldwork.

- **Where will it take me?** The course could lead you to a career with an environment agency, National Trust, Forestry Commission, local wildlife trusts, environmental consultancies, National Parks, recycling organisations, waste management and water quality organisations or further study at university level.

A LEVEL PHYSICS

- **Why choose this course?** If you are interested in questions like “what happens if I go into a black hole?”, “what is a Higgs Boson?” and “what happens if I travel near to the speed of light?”, then this course will challenge you to consider these questions - and many more.

- **What will I learn?** Physics allows you to understand the fundamental structure of the universe from atoms (or smaller) to galaxies (or bigger) and how the matter within the universe interacts. You will discover that the same underlying physical laws can be applied from everyday situations such as electric circuits or theme park rides to complex situations like particle accelerators or black holes.

- **Where will it take me?** To study physics, electronics or engineering at degree level you will need A Level Physics. However, an understanding of physics is also desirable for Mathematics, Computer Science, Chemistry, Geology, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and Environmental Science university courses. Studying the physical sciences at university level provides you with problem solving, communication, creativity and teamwork skills and opportunities in careers within many exciting fields of work including meteorology, finance, law and journalism.

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MEET THE STUDENT

Q&A

ROISIN MCMAHON

Roisin is from Penzance and studied Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics A Levels. She previously attended Humphry Davy School.

IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, JUST ASK. LECTURERS WANT YOU TO SUCCEED

- **Why did you choose to study at Penwith College?** Although I looked at all of the other options available to me, the best option was right here in Penzance on my doorstep.

- **Do you have any advice for those considering studying here?** Look around at all of the courses available and delve deeper into what each course involves. Make sure you do your research before finalising your decision. When you come to College be open and make new friends as well as staying in touch with your old school friends.

You will be successful if you try hard and take your work seriously throughout the course. If there is something you don't understand just ask. None of the lecturers' mind going through things twice. The lecturers want you to succeed

T LEVEL SCIENCE

Why choose this course? For those who have an interest in working within an industrial scientific laboratory setting, as well as the desire to learn about the application of a range of biological, chemical and physical scientific concepts.

What will I learn? This T Level consists of a core component, an occupational specialism and an industry placement, which will give you valuable vocational insight and prepare you for the world of work. You will study a number of core and specialist modules to develop your knowledge, understanding and competence including: health and safety legislation, industry regulation, scientific methodology, scientific best practice and operating procedures, a wide range of experimental procedures, data handling and processing, biology (cellular biology, molecular biology, genetics, microbiology, immunology and classification), chemistry (chemical properties, reactions, acids/bases, energy changes, chemical analysis and chemical equations) and physics (electricity, magnetism, waves, nuclear radiation, gases, materials science and thermal physics). You will also undertake an industry placement with an employer focused on developing your practical and technical skills. You will be guided and supported to develop skills and competence in a variety of real-life applications, including an employer set project.

Where will it take me? With further training this qualification could lead to many careers within fields including medical, chemical, biological, physical, environmental and earth science, food science, manufacture and quality control.

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LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA APPLIED SCIENCE - BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Why choose this course? Do you enjoy using scientific knowledge to solve problems? Are you keen to learn how to piece together evidence and data to reach valid conclusions? Then this course is designed for you, with the detailed understanding of skills and investigations used in many fields of science including medical, chemical and biological sciences.

What will I learn? You will study a range of core scientific units and specialist units. These will develop your scientific understanding and practical skills. Assessment is primarily by assignments with some additional examinations. The course has aspects from many areas of science, including biology, chemistry and physics with an emphasis on the biology. This course is designed with industrial applications and careers in mind.

Where will it take me? Scientific skills are always in demand in the workplace and a wide range of careers are possible including working in hospital laboratories, research laboratories, school or college laboratories or quality control laboratories (for example in the food and drink industry). The course is well respected by universities and as a result can lead to a variety of science-based courses at higher education.

WHY CHOOSE SPORT AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Outstanding facilities.

2 Wide range of careers and progression opportunities.

3 Highly experienced and specialist staff.

SPORT AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

LOVE SPORT? LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS ACADEMIES ON PAGE 106.

See more course details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/sport

You will have the opportunity to participate, compete and excel in a wide range of physical activities at Penwith College.

You will also be able to become a member of our academy programmes, irrespective of your academic course or standard of performance. Our sports teams play within the AoC Sport organisation, which runs leagues and cups across the country, as well as sport specific competitions and tournaments. Teams from the College have competed in the AoC Sport National finals and have travelled across the South West as well as to London, Birmingham, Dallas and Japan, where we have had success at both regional and national level.

You will have the opportunity for personal development by taking part in the Sports Leaders Awards schemes, for which the College has been awarded Sports Leader UK Academy status and through which over 800 students have already trained. Students are involved in volunteering in local primary, secondary and special schools as well as at community events such as the Cornwall School Games.

Provision has been made for a wide spectrum of abilities with recreational sessions and non-competitive activities. There are more than 60 free activity sessions delivered each week as part of the Health, Wellbeing and Sport (HWS) Programme.

"These courses offer an amazing insight into exciting careers paths and are delivered by professional staff who are specialists in their field and ready to guide you towards higher education or employment."

Nadia Edyvean
Deputy Team Leader

CHOOSE SPORT & PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR CAREERS IN:

- Sports Coaching
- PE Teaching
- Personal Training
- Sports Therapy
- Professional Athletics
- Sports Nutrition
- Strength & Conditioning Coaching
- Uniformed Public Services
- Local Authorities
- Central Government

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCES

To be taken alongside A Levels

- **Why choose this course?** This course is a one A Level equivalent and is designed as part of the A Level programme to offer flexibility for those wishing to pursue a career in Healthcare or Sport.

- **What will I learn?** The two-year programme consists of one external examined unit in each year with the exam in January. The second module for each year will be an Internally set and assessed unit. The course has a mix of theory and applied practical activities, to enable all students to use all of their personal skills. The core elements of this course cover anatomy, physiology, psychology and nutrition. This is a mixture of theory and practical sessions. Assessment is through one externally assessed exam and one internally assessed unit.

- **Where will it take me?** Recognised by UCAS for university application, this is particularly suitable for students wanting a career in Healthcare (Physiotherapy, Sports Therapy, Osteopath, Chiropractor or Podiatrist) or in Sport.

CHECK OUT OUR **360°** INTERACTIVE CAMPUS TOURS.

LEVEL 2 PROGRESSION PUBLIC SERVICES

- **Why choose this course?** This pathway will provide training and experiences for those intending to work in the armed forces or emergency services industries and will provide the opportunity to develop a range of practical skills. This programme includes the BTEC Level 2 Award in Public Services, GCSE English and Maths and the study of enterprise.

- **What will I learn?** If you enjoy studying a variety of subjects chosen to help develop your confidence, understanding and skills and then applying them in and out of the classroom, this progression could be for you. Topics such as Health, Fitness and Lifestyle for the Public Services, Citizenship, Society and the Public Services, Sport and Recreation in the Public Services, The Role and Work of the Public Services, and Land Navigation by Map and Compass are some of the units you will study over the one-year course. You will learn through a range of methods including practical experiences and theory based lessons.

- **Where will it take me?** You will be able to make informed choices with regard to a career in the uniformed public services. You will also have developed academic and practical skills that may be applicable in other work situations or will enable you to progress to Level 3 qualifications in areas such as Public Services or Sport.

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LEVEL 2 PROGRESSION SPORT

● **Why choose this course?** This pathway will provide training and experiences for those intending to work in the sport industry and will provide the opportunity to develop a range of practical skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life. If you enjoy studying a variety of subjects chosen to help develop your confidence, understanding and abilities and then applying them in and out of the classroom, this progression could be for you. Sport participation, anatomy and physiology and coaching are some of the units you will study over the one-year course.

● **What will I learn?** You will learn in a range of methods including practical experiences and theory-based lessons. You will be taught in classroom lectures, practical sport and group discussions using the extensive facilities at the College, including the sports hall, fitness suite, 3G astro pitch and massage suites. Alongside the Progression 2 Sport pathway you will study Maths and English for four hours each a week. Progression onto a Level 3 course will only be secured once you have completed the course.

● **Where will it take me?** In completing this qualification you will be able to progress onto further study, training, or employment in the Sport sector. You will also have developed academic and practical skills that may be applicable in other work situations or will enable you to progress to Level 3 qualifications in areas such as Uniformed Protective Services or Sport.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA SPORT

● **Why choose this course?** This National Extended Diploma in Sport includes elements of both theory and practical sport and will allow you to investigate the diversity within sport, health and the leisure industry.

● **What will I learn?** The course is an academic programme that combines theory and some practical sessions. Core units of Anatomy and Physiology, Training and Programming, Sports Development and Business will be assessed by external exams. Other units including Leadership, Current Issues and Psychology are assessed by a combination of continuous practical assessment and in-depth coursework. Each assignment will be based around a scenario that reflects tasks/projects that sports employees would be undertaking in the workplace. For example, a personal trainer conducting client health and fitness assessments.

● **Where will it take me?** This course prepares you for both employment and progression onto higher education courses such as the Foundation Degree in Sports Coaching at Truro and Penwith College, or a degree programme at another university. Common career paths for sport students include sports coaching, teaching, strength and conditioning coach, sports therapist and personal trainer.

MEET THE STUDENT

Q&A

HOLLIE PRODGER

Hollie is from Heamoor and studied Geography, Psychology and Physical Education A Levels. She is also part of the Hockey Academy and took part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Hollie previously attended Mounts Bay Academy.

PENWITH SUITED ALL OF MY NEEDS, FROM MY ACADEMIC STUDY TO SUPPORTING MY LOVE OF HOCKEY.

- **Why did you choose to study at Penwith College?** Penwith is my local college and suited all of my needs, from my academic study to supporting my love of hockey as part of the Hockey Academy.

- **Do you have any advice for those considering studying here?** My advice is to choose what you love over what you think you need to do. It's great getting advice from your careers teacher but talking to the actual lecturers and the students who are on the course at an event like an open evening gives you the real view, not just about the course but also about student life.

- **What do you plan to do next?** I hope to go to either Bath Spa or Exeter University to study Sport Science.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE

Why choose this course? The Sport and Exercise Science programme is a challenging and enjoyable science-based course that will direct learners towards a detailed understanding of the many facets of the human body and its interaction with the physical world in relation to sports performance, exercise and health. It can lead students on to exciting careers within the sports performance, exercise and health industries.

What will I learn? The course is an academic programme that combines theory and some practical sessions to cover the sport and exercise sciences' core elements of Anatomy, Physiology, Psychology and Nutrition, all of which are assessed by external exams. Other units, including Biomechanics, Research Methods, Sports Injuries and Fitness Training are assessed by a combination of continuous practical assessment and in-depth coursework.

You will also learn the appropriate use of both laboratory and field-based testing and training equipment using our highly equipped sports science laboratory and gyms.

Where will it take me? This course prepares you for both employment in the health and leisure industry and progression on to higher education to study for a degree in areas related to sport, exercise, health or education. This could include Sports Science, Sports Therapy, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Physical Education, Coaching and Sports Psychology. Courses such as the Foundation Degrees in Sports Rehabilitation or Exercise, Health & Fitness at Truro and Penwith College are available.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Why choose this course? This course prepares you for the entry tests carried out by the emergency services and armed forces. It will also improve your fitness level, teach you leadership and team building skills and help you to develop an understanding of the protective services which form the cornerstone of our society. The skills taught in the course can easily be transferred to management or similar vocations where leadership and decision making are important.

What will I learn? This course includes elements of both theory and practical work. You will study a range of units including Understanding Discipline, Leadership and Teamwork and Expedition skills. During the course you will take on the role of being employed within the Uniformed Services when completing assignments and activities. Each assignment is based around a scenario which reflects tasks and projects that employees would be undertaking in the working environment. There is also an opportunity to take part in industry recognised additional qualifications which will enhance your skills, experience and employability.

Where will it take me? There are opportunities to progress and study a whole range of subjects including Public Services, Criminology, Probation or Fitness and Personal Training at degree level. Alternatively you could gain direct entry into careers in the armed services, Police or Coastguard.

WHY CHOOSE ACADEMIES AT PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Academies are open to all students and are included in your timetable.

2 They encourage development and excellence and can offer additional breadth to your studies.

3 The skills you acquire will stay with you as you progress to university, your career and into life as an enriched individual.

ACADEMIES

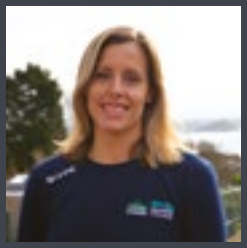
PLEASE NOTE THAT ACADEMIES CAN ONLY BE JOINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A FULL-TIME PROGRAMME OF STUDY.

See more details online:
truro-penwith.ac.uk/academies

As a full-time student, you could join one of our academies. These have been set up to encourage development and excellence. Whether your interest is sporting, academic or artistic, we have created programmes and support to help you excel.

As part of any academy you can expect to enjoy success during your time at Penwith College, but the skills you acquire will stay with you as you progress to university, a career and into life as an enriched individual. Academy activities are included into your timetable, enabling you to access as much as possible without interfering with your studies.

In addition to the academies on the following pages, Truro and Penwith College also offers other academies at the Truro College campus. Transport may be provided for those wishing to take part. Please see the College website or the Truro College Prospectus for further information.



"The academies are fantastic to be a part of, and a great way to add structure to your college day. Whatever your interest, the academies allow you access to experienced members of staff who can aid your development and support your future goals."

Nadia Edyvean
Deputy Team Leader

ACADEMIC ACADEMY

● **Why choose this academy?** If you are curious, inquisitive and enjoy learning, then the Academic Academy is for you. Explore new and interesting ideas that broaden your knowledge and supplement your College studies.

● **What can I expect?** The Academic Academy is a 30-week programme of lectures and seminars designed to stretch, challenge and provide support for students who want to apply for selective universities. It is taken alongside your full-time programme and only requires a commitment of two hours a week.

The programme is fun and exciting and aims to increase your intellectual curiosity and confidence in ways that will support applications to the most competitive universities. We'll introduce you to new ideas and new ways of looking at the world. Every Wednesday afternoon you will have a lecture by our own staff and external guests. Previous speakers include a lord, an Oxford professor, BBC national newsreader and the Director of Experiments at CERN. This is followed by a choice of seminar.

The academy also provides Oxbridge support for any students who wish to apply to Oxford or Cambridge universities.

SEE MORE ACADEMY DETAILS ONLINE.

BADMINTON ACADEMY

● **Why choose this academy?** All players, from beginners to county-level players, are welcome in the academy. Training and fitness sessions in our extensive facilities prepare you for competitive match play.

● **What can I expect?** Players will take part in badminton-related activities, including individual racket skills, drills and preparation for match play. All Badminton Academy players will receive additional support and advice on strength and conditioning and gain access to the College's extensive fitness facilities.

The College plays in the Association of Colleges Sport tournaments and cups, with the opportunity to qualify for the national finals, as well as a range of county and regional schools tournaments. In recent years, the badminton team has been very successful on a national stage: they were winners of the AoC National Cup in 2014, 2016 and 2017, and had representatives in the South West team at the AoC National Championships.

BASKETBALL ACADEMY

● **Why choose this academy?** Whatever the ability or experience students have, the Basketball Academy can provide the quality coaching, player development and game experience to help players fulfil their ambitions and enjoy the game.

● **What can I expect?** Players have the opportunity to take part in on court sessions, which include up to five hours a week training on the basketball court, strength and conditioning coaching in the fitness suite, match and personal performance analyses, nutritional advice and psychological guidance. The academy also has a link with the professional BBL team Plymouth Raiders, where further experience can be gained by our players, training with the Raiders' coaches at their training facilities at Marjons University.

The Basketball Academy competes regularly on Wednesday afternoons, in the Association of Colleges (AOC) Sport competitions, including the Southwest League, Southwest Cup, and National Championship qualifying tournament. We also compete in the 'Dynamic' England Schools Competition. When feasible for students, we can also enter our team in to the county men's league (CBA), which runs on Friday evenings. The academy also supports and encourages the development of players interested in coaching or officiating - and through our strong involvement in basketball development in the county - we are able to provide the opportunity for experience and qualifications to be gained in these areas.

COMPUTING ACADEMY

Why choose this academy? Run in partnership with local businesses, the Computing Academy will enhance your technical skills and employability, preparing you for a career in the fast-changing field of computing.

What can I expect? Ethical Hacking: You will shadow a real life target, gathering intelligence and collating evidence that could be used to gain electronic access. You will then map the real target's network remotely, identifying the types and names of those network devices and undertake cyber-attacks.

CISCO Networking CCNA1: You will undertake the Cisco CCNA Routing and Switching course, which consists of four modules and is considered to be the industry entry level certification for network engineers.

Software Development & Emerging Technologies: You will learn how to program a number of components and devices including temperature sensors, robotic arms and robotic buggies. These will be connected to a Raspberry Pi computer. There will be an opportunity to try out emerging technologies such as 3D printing and virtual reality.

CREATIVE ACADEMY

Why choose this academy? The Creative Academy is designed to bring together like minded students who would like to be involved in creating a bi-annual performance featuring drama, dance and music. These will be ticketed performances with all proceeds going to local charities.

What can I expect? As well as performers in drama, dance and music we will need:

- Sound & Lighting Technicians
- Set Designers
- Graphic Designers
- Costume Designers
- Back Stage Crew
- Script writers
- Dance Choreographers
- Directors
- Film makers
- Marketing Specialists
- Accountants
- And someone to make the tea!!

You do not need to be studying one of these subjects, just are enthusiastic to be part of the creative team.

CRICKET ACADEMY

Why choose this academy? If you would like to join the Cricket Academy, you'll need to be of club or county level with a deep commitment to cricket and strong desire to improve.

What can I expect? Coaching and training sessions will take place in the Cornwall Indoor Cricket Centre - a world-class facility and the most modern in the UK, with five lanes of nets, five bowling machines, advanced video technology and a specialist floor. There is a strong fixture list, including indoor tournaments, the Schools Sports Magazine National U17 Cup, and AoC Outdoor Twenty20 League.

During the year, players will also have the opportunity to train as umpires and coaches within the England and Wales Cricket Board structure. Annual trips to the ECB Academy at Nottingham, ECB Academy at Loughborough and overseas trips may also take place. Players will receive theory sessions on mental, technical and tactical aspects of the game and undergo some lifestyle management training.

ESPORTS ACADEMY

Why choose this academy? If you are a keen participant in online multiplayer video games, then the Esports Academy could be for you. Our award-winning Games Development team will help you hone your skills and prepare you for national and international tournaments.

What can I expect? An initial round of open invitation try-outs in our Games Dev suite will be your first step towards joining a College squad, with different teams that specialise in specific online titles. You may want to practice your sniper skills in Counter Strike, deck build in Hearthstone or jump into the thick of it as a tank in Overwatch.

The Esports Academy will join competitions based on the skills of each year's squad and will give you the chance to represent the College in a game that challenges and excites you. Develop skills such as communication, leadership, strategic thinking, problem-solving and decision-making, as well as crucial IT and cyber skills. Working in tandem with the British Esport Council, we hope to create a team that will snatch trophies and give you a rewarding experience with like-minded students. Wednesday afternoons will be strategy and practice sessions with tournaments taking place at different times throughout the term with potential trips to National finals depending on your success.

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Why choose this academy? The football programme at Penwith will offer regular opportunities for players of all levels and abilities.

What can I expect? Penwith College's Football Development Programme aims to provide players of all ability and experience with access to regular coaching sessions and competitive fixtures each season. Training sessions are designed and implemented around the FA Four Corner Player Development Model with an emphasis on the individual players' physical, technical, tactical and psycho-social development.

Players will work with FA qualified coaches and will take part in around six hours of football-related activities per week.

The College team will play against various south west colleges including PETROC, South Devon and Callywith in the AOC League as well as local 6th form teams including Helston College, Newquay Tretherras and Camborne School in the Cornwall Schools League. The team also competes in both national and county wide cup competitions.

HIGH PERFORMANCE ACADEMY

● **Why choose this academy?** The High Performance Academy offers specialist training and support to exceptional athletes across a range of sports with an aim to improve the athlete as a whole rather than just in the competitive environment. With this in mind, the High Performance Academy has been established to work alongside athletes within our core academies of netball, rugby, football and surfing as well as those from sports outside of the standard provision.

● **What can I expect?** Academy staff will work alongside coaches and trainers outside of the College to support the technical training that you may carry out at club level. This may be in the form of general fitness improvements, delivery of a specific training programme or strength and conditioning. We can also support athletes who may be in the process of recovering from injury by carrying out rehabilitation programmes or providing sports massage and flexibility sessions. These have been very popular with academy coaches as they know their players will return to sport in good condition after injury.

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

● **Why choose this academy?** The Hockey Development Squad welcomes players of all levels, from beginners to national competitors. Whatever your ability, we'll hone your skills and raise your standard of play.

● **What can I expect?** There are normally about 30 players in our male and female hockey teams, playing over 20 games in the season. The majority of our men's and women's 1st elevens play club hockey and we recommend players who want to play at 1st team level to be playing in or to join local clubs, although there have been some exceptions to this.

Players will engage in hockey-related activities, which will include theory classes, coaching, fitness sessions, skills work and post-match analysis. Competitive matches usually take place on Wednesday afternoons. Coaching and umpiring courses may also be offered throughout the year.

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MEDICS' ACADEMY

● **Why choose this academy?** If you are interested in following a career in medicine, dentistry or veterinary science then the Medics' Academy is for you! The process of applying to these highly competitive courses has multiple stages and can be confusing - the Medics' Academy is here to help guide you through this process and to optimise your chances of receiving an offer.

● **What can I expect?** The Truro and Penwith College Medics' Academy is run in partnership with students from Exeter Medical School as part of the Widening Access initiative. We also work closely with ex-academy members at all stages of their careers, foundation year doctors, GPs, dentists and vets to give you the widest exposure to careers in this field.

The first year is about building your knowledge and skills through talks, interactive workshops and seminars, in which you will learn communication skills, manual dexterity and basic clinical skills. You will also learn about the application process and the different types of medical courses that are available. We can even help you to find work experience, which is essential for a successful application.

In the second year, you will receive advice on writing personal statements, admissions tests and choosing the right medical course for you. After your application has been submitted, you will have the opportunity to take part in two mock interviews and a full day of MMI training, enabling you to perform at your best when you have your real interview and give you the confidence to succeed.

NETBALL ACADEMY

● **Why choose this academy?** Netball players of all abilities are welcome in the Netball Academy. See your skills develop with our expert training.

● **What can I expect?** We have two teams that play at different levels of competition. The 1st team play in the Association of Colleges SW League 1 travelling for fixtures in Devon, Somerset and Avon. The 2nd team play in the Cornwall 16-19 League against other local schools and colleges. In addition to the leagues, we also enter County tournaments for both teams.

During the programme, you will have the opportunity to work on skills, tactics, fitness, match play and match analysis. Further opportunities include sports tours and trips to Superleague franchises, alongside developing coaching and umpiring skills. Although we have strong links with several local clubs, not all academy members are affiliated to clubs. The academy has a friendly and encouraging atmosphere where all players are valued, allowing personal development to occur.

RUGBY ACADEMY

● **Why choose this academy?** The Penwith College Rugby Academy facilitates a range of differing abilities to allow participants to develop as players and represent the College team.

● **What can I expect?** The Rugby Academy compete in the AOC South West League with fixtures stretching from as near as Truro and Plymouth to as far as South Gloucester and Stroud and Weston Super Mare. There is the opportunity for every player to compete for a place in the league side however, we also ensure that we have a regular range of local fixtures and sevens tournaments to encourage maximum participation.

Players will be able to attend three Rugby Academy training sessions per week covering the physical, mental, technical and tactical elements of the game. There is a key focus on skill development, match analysis and the understanding of the game in action. Additionally, all players will also have the opportunity to attend three strength and conditioning sessions a week before college, totalling 10.5 hours of rugby activity per week. The Rugby Academy at Penwith College is fully inclusive and allows every player the opportunity to improve as an athlete, as a rugby player and to develop personal character traits such as motivation, commitment, discipline and reliability.

SEE MORE ACADEMY DETAILS ONLINE.

SURF ACADEMY

● **Why choose this academy?** The Surf Academy has two strands - competition (for experienced surfers) and participation (for beginners). Whatever level you are, you'll have plenty of opportunities to improve and test your skills.

● **What can I expect?** Surfing is available from both campuses and has produced a competitive team of male and female surfers who compete in Surfing GB and UK pro tour events during the season. The competition strand is for students with a high level of surfing skill and experience. Opportunities exist to take part in local and national competitions and events.

The participation strand encourages students to develop practical techniques and understanding of sea conditions and will normally see students having a competent level of surfing ability that includes relevant personal equipment, knowledge of etiquette and green wave surfing.

STEM ACADEMY

Truro and Penwith College provides over half of all post-16 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) related courses in the county and is one of the largest in the country. This volume of activity, together with exceptional student achievement and progression to some of the top institutions in the world, has cemented the College as a national leader and outstanding STEM provider.

It is this commitment to excellence that was recognised by STEM Learning who have awarded the College the prestigious Platinum Science Mark Award, in recognition and celebration of the delivery of inspirational science education. Truro and Penwith College is very proud to be the first provider in Cornwall to receive the Platinum Award.

This extensive provision attracts the very best academic teaching staff with unrivalled access to industry-leading organisations and people. The College is host to the South West's educational coordinator for the renowned Royal Society of Chemistry, has Institute of Physics (IOP) Lead School status and was selected as one of the first Maths Hubs in the country. After a national competitive process, Truro and Penwith College has also been chosen to become one of the first providers in England to be awarded official Computer Hub status by the National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE).

This unrivalled provision also attracts industry leaders looking to share their knowledge with our enthusiastic and well-supported students. Visits include the former leader of Experiments at CERN, now Director of Particle Therapy at the Cancer Research Institute, and Oxford Professor Ken Peach and the University of Cambridge's Dr James Grime, who have both given invaluable insights into how to excel in the field of STEM.

Each summer, a number of our students are placed with one of the most prestigious STEM schemes in the country. Much of the Truro and Penwith students' work with Nuffield Research Placements is so cutting-edge that it is classified due to commercial sensitivities. Rachel Delourme, STEM Advisor and Nuffield and Sustainability Coordinator at the College said the Nuffield scheme is an "opportunity for students to take part in exciting, cutting-edge, world-class research".

Ofsted, when awarding the College its Outstanding status, identified the College's "inspirational and highly-skilled teaching with exceptionally well-developed facilities," both of which have been fundamental to our students' successes while at College and in helping prepare them for further STEM research and study, usually at university level.

Truro and Penwith College seeks to extend students' interest and understanding in the STEM subjects beyond the scope of the IB Diploma, A Level and Extended Diploma courses offered. We have a number of extra-curricular pathways available to our students, which are grouped as the STEM Academy.

BIOLOGY PATHWAY

- **Why choose this academy?** The Biology Pathway allows students in their second year of study to extend their understanding on a range of topics beyond the scope of the classroom lectures in the subject. Current issues in the news, recent publications and cutting-edge research can be debated, discussed and investigated.

- **What can I expect?**
The British Biology Olympiad challenges and stimulates students with an interest in biology to expand and extend their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their knowledge and to be suitably rewarded and publicly recognised by the award of medals, certificates and other prizes.

The BBO consists of two one-hour multiple choice papers to be taken online under staff supervised exam conditions. Students may then have an opportunity to progress further to national or international competitions. It is hoped that competing in the Olympiad will encourage students already interested in this valuable, wide-ranging and rewarding subject to continue their study beyond A Levels.

CHEMISTRY PATHWAY

Why choose this academy?
The Chemistry Pathway supports students to explore their interest in chemistry further.

What can I expect?
Chemistry students can be entered for the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Lower Sixth competition at the end of their first year. The first round is a written exam that is sat in June, and those who perform best will win an invitation to a residential camp at the University of Cambridge at the end of August.

Second year student's work towards competing in the Royal Society of Chemistry: UK Chemistry Olympiad. Round one consists of a challenging written test of chemical knowledge, which is sat in January. The top-performing students from participating UK schools are chosen by the Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad Selection Committee to progress to Round two. Questions are based on real-world chemistry problems that often stimulate much debate, raising awareness of what chemistry is all about. They are also an opportunity to develop and showcase some of the skills required for studying chemistry at university and beyond.

MATHEMATICS PATHWAY

Why choose this academy?
Mathematics students have the opportunity to enter for the UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge and those who achieve very high scores may progress to the Senior Maths Kangaroo or British Mathematics Olympiad. Each year, four students represent Truro and Penwith College in the UKMT Senior Team Challenge, success in which leads to representing Cornwall at the National finals in London.

What can I expect?
In maths, the STEM Academy also stretches and challenges students by working on problem-solving activities, which take them beyond the scope of that covered during class lectures.

This is then extended towards preparation for university admissions tests in mathematics (TMUA, AEA and STEP papers). These are nationally recognised additional qualifications, which are essential for applications for an increasing number of Maths degrees.

PHYSICS PATHWAY

Why choose this academy?
In Physics, students have the opportunity to enter a number of competitions each year.

What can I expect?
The competitions include:
the British Physics Olympiad Competition, which rewards excellence in physics through solving complex physics problems. The British Physics Olympiad Experimental Project, where students work either in groups or individually on an open experimental brief set by the British Physics Olympiad. Projects are written up and the best one in the College is submitted for the national competition. The Competitive Physics Project, a physics-based project that involves researching and developing investigative and theoretical skills and presenting ideas. Projects can be presented at the Big Bang Fair (South West), and entered into the National Science and Engineering competition.

Finally, the British Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad is a new project that has formed within the BPhO trust. Students are invited to take part in this competition if they have performed highly in the British Physics Olympiad.

WHY CHOOSE APPRENTICESHIPS AT TRURO & PENWITH COLLEGE?

1 Start your career and EARN with Cornwall's top employers.

2 LEARN from the best. We're in the UK's top ten for Apprenticeship achievement.

3 TRAIN at our Ofsted Outstanding College.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMMES

APPRENTICESHIPS RUN AT EITHER TRURO COLLEGE OR PENWITH COLLEGE SITES. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT MORE OR TALK TO THE TEAM AT ONE OF OUR OPEN EVENTS. SEE PAGE 151 FOR DATES.

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An Apprenticeship - Is it right for you?

Apprenticeships are for anyone over the age of 16. Entry requirements vary by programme and take into account practical experience as well as academic qualifications. Apprenticeships are the ideal option for someone looking to earn while they learn as a full-time employee at a local business. You can do an Apprenticeship with a current employer, or use them to find a new job and take your first steps on the career ladder. Training is available from Level 2 to degree level - Levels 2 and 3 are covered in this prospectus:

- Level 2 - foundation training needed to start a career in your chosen sector (equivalent to five GCSEs at 9-4)
- Level 3 - equivalent to two A Levels

Contact the College's Apprenticeship team or come to a College Open Event to find out more, discuss your options and identify the best Apprenticeship for you. Please note, some Apprenticeship programmes are only delivered at the Truro or Penwith campus. Contact us to check where your preferred programme is delivered.

"We can't speak any more highly of the Apprenticeship scheme. It's great to see the development of these young workers."

Mark Holden
Victoria Inn

CHOOSE APPRENTICESHIPS FOR CAREERS IN:

- Administration
- Accountancy
- Automotive Engineering
- Engineering
- Business
- Catering
- Childcare
- Construction
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality
- Information Technology
- Teaching
- Management

HOW TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE

Contact the Apprenticeship team or attend an Open Event to find out more. Discuss your options and identify the best Apprenticeship for you. See page 151 for Open Event dates or contact the team on 01872 305500.

I DON'T HAVE AN EMPLOYER AND WANT TO START AN APPRENTICESHIP

If you are not employed you will need to find an Apprenticeship job before you start your training.

ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW WITH THE COLLEGE

Meet the tutor from the department where you will be trained, discuss the programme and make sure it's right for you.

APPLY FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP JOB

We advertise all of our Apprenticeship jobs online at truro-penwith.ac.uk/apprenticeshipvacancies and our team will support you with your application. If we don't have a vacancy in your chosen sector we will look to create one at a local business.

ATTEND AN EMPLOYER INTERVIEW

As with any job application, if you are shortlisted you will be invited to an interview with the employer. This is often an informal chat to ensure the employer is right for you and, in turn, you are right for the employer.

I WISH TO START AN APPRENTICESHIP WITH MY CURRENT EMPLOYER

Your employer will need to contact us to discuss the Apprenticeship programmes available for you so we can work together to prepare for you to start your Apprenticeship.

START YOUR APPRENTICESHIP

You will start work and your new employer will introduce you to the business and allocate a mentor or line manager to support you. A training advisor from the College will also support you and your employer and will arrange regular meetings in the workplace.

LEARN AND DEVELOP

You will learn while working for your employer, your training advisor will support you to ensure your role is relevant to your qualification. You will also have 'off the job' training sessions with the College.

COMPLETE YOUR APPRENTICESHIP

Achieve your qualification and complete your Apprenticeship training.

PROGRESS IN YOUR CAREER

Continue your career with the same employer and/or progress to the next level of the Apprenticeship.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP ENGINEERING OPERATIVE

- **How long is it?** 24 months.

- **Why choose this course?** Engineering operatives play an important part in manufacturing and are involved in the production of a huge variety of products and services. They work in all branches of engineering including mechanical, electrical, transport, marine and aviation, and are exposed to a diverse range of engineering activities in the workplace at an intermediate level.

- **What will I learn?** Learn, develop and practice the skills required for continued employment and progression. Meet the occupational requirements to be recognised as a highly skilled individual. Gain a qualification that is valued by employers across the engineering sector and is in demand in Cornwall, across the South West and worldwide. Develop an understanding of technical systems, equipment and machinery. Gain an excellent understanding of faults and fault rectification within an engineering or manufacturing environment.

- **Where will it take me?** Engineering Operatives who undergo an Apprenticeship gain craft-level qualifications and can, with experience, move into supervisory positions that can lead to a range of qualifications at various levels.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN - MACHINIST / TOOLMAKER

- **How long is it?** 42 months

- **Why choose this course?** This course is suitable for Apprentice machinists working in the advanced manufacturing sector.

- **What will I learn?** You will learn how to produce highly skilled, complex and precise work from specialist materials using conventional and/or CNC machine tools. You will be aware of the typical problems that can occur during the machining process and how they can be resolved. Apprentices will learn to use mathematical techniques to interpret technical drawings, documents and data. You will learn to comply with statutory, quality, organisational and health and safety regulations, ensuring the appropriate materials, tools and equipment are being used. You will understand devices, cutting tools, and setting up procedures, as well as the practical and theoretical uses of the machines used and the efficient and effective approaches to machining processes. You will also learn about business improvement techniques.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you will be able to continue your career as a machinist manufacturing engineer and progress within your organisation.

SEE ALL OUR APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES ONLINE.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP
ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN - MECHATRONICS MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

- **How long is it?** 42 months

- **Why choose this course?** Mechatronics maintenance technicians ensure that plant and equipment perform to the required standard to facilitate production targets regarding safety, quality, delivery and cost within high value manufacturing environments. Typically the work would cover a broad range of activities including installation, testing, fault finding and the on-going planned maintenance of complex automated equipment. This requires the application of a complex blend of skills, knowledge and occupational behaviours across the electrical, electronic, mechanical, fluid power and control systems disciplines.

- **What will I learn?** Develop in-depth understanding of complex technical systems and gain an excellent understanding of faults and fault rectification within an engineering or manufacturing environment.

- **Where will it take me?** Gain a qualification that is valued by employers across the engineering sector and is in demand in Cornwall, SW and worldwide. Learn, develop and practice the skills required for continued employment and progression.

See page 22 for entry requirements

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP
MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE & REPAIR MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

- **How long is it?** 36 months

- **Why choose this course?** This course is suitable for Apprentices working as motor vehicle technicians, who service and repair light vehicles such as cars and vans, and work in either dealerships that focus on one manufacturer, or for an independent garage that deals with many different types of vehicle.

- **What will I learn?** You will further your skills with the aim of becoming a qualified diagnostic technician. Areas covered by this course include, advanced engine technology, lubrication systems, cooling systems and engine management systems. You will also develop in-depth knowledge of electric systems, including CAN Bus, flex ray and fibre optics systems. Chassis units will also be studied including elements of ABS, ESP, advanced suspension and steering systems as well as transmission systems including clutches, manual and automatic gearboxes, final drive units and differentials. You will learn to diagnose and rectify vehicle engine units and component, auxiliary equipment and electrical faults.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship you can continue in your career as a motor vehicle technician.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP METAL FABRICATOR

- **How long is it?** 38 months

- **Why choose this course?** This course is suited for general welders who have completed their intermediate training and are looking to progress to a multi-position welder role.

- **What will I learn?** You will learn how to produce high quality welds that meet international standards using multiple welding processes and material combinations in all welding positions. You will be able to position, prepare and check welding equipment and materials while receive, handle and maintain consumables. You will ensure that health and safety requirements and potential hazards are fully accounted for in everything you do while minimising welding defects. You will understand the major components of welding equipment including physical and mechanical properties of materials, common arc welding processes, joint types and positions and know the basics of welding quality documents, reporting systems and procedure specification. You will also be able to address the different types of welding consumables, including the correct storage, handling and recycling of them.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you could look to progress into other roles such as high integrity welder, welding instruction and teaching, welding inspection and management or supervisory roles.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP ACCOUNTS/FINANCE ASSISTANT

- **How long is it?** 15 months

- **Why choose this course?** The course provides an ideal starting point for anyone wishing to pursue a career in accountancy or finance by giving you a thorough grounding in the core accounting knowledge and skills needed in the workplace.

- **What will I learn?** Throughout your studies you will learn about key principles behind double entry bookkeeping and the associated documentation. You will be taken through the reconciliation processes and the use of journals in drafting a trial balance for a business. Also students will explore management accounting concepts including budgetary control systems and their importance in helping organisations achieve their financial goals. Accounting software is also an important component of your learning as you get to grips with industry standard packages in carrying out typical bookkeeping transactions and tasks. Students are taught the practical steps for processing accounting information electronically.

- **Where will it take me?** The accounts / finance assistant plays a major role as a member of a team responsible for maintaining an efficient finance function within an organisation. Students can progress onto the Assistant Accountant Level 3 programme.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **How long is it?** 15 months

- **Why choose this course?** This course focuses on effectively managing and meeting the needs of internal and external customers. It is suitable for roles that provide customer service face to face, digitally or over the phone. The skills, confidence and interpersonal skills you will develop will support progression into various roles.

- **What will I learn?** You will be taught how to understand your customers and their expectations. A key focus will be learning how to build trust, establish facts and information and influence others. You will build in-depth knowledge of your organisation's products and services and understand their brand promise and values so that you can reflect these in your practices. You will learn about regulatory requirements, how to measure and evaluate the quality of the service you provide and how to confidently and effectively deal with conflict and complaints.

- **Where will it take me?** Depending on how your job role develops you could progress onto the Business Administrator Level 3.

SEE MORE PROGRAMME DETAILS ONLINE.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT

- **How long is it?** 18 months

- **Why choose this course?** This course is ideal for Apprentices working as an assistant accountant or within the finance department of an organisation.

- **What will I learn?** In the first year you will study the AAT Certificate in Accounting, which will enable you to work effectively in finance and covers bookkeeping transactions and controls, a basic introduction to costing and using accounting software. In the second year, Apprentices study the AAT Advanced Diploma in Accounting, which covers bookkeeping at an advanced level and spreadsheets for accounting. You will also work on preparing final accounts for sole traders and partnerships, as well as developing your skills in costing. This will include how to analyse and report cost and revenue information to support managerial planning, control and decision making. Ethics for accountants will also be covered, highlighting why accountants need to act ethically, including the main principles, what is meant by ethical behaviour at work and when/how to take action when unethical behaviour or illegal acts are encountered.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you will be able to progress onto a Professional Accounting/Taxation Technician Level 4 Apprenticeship.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

- **How long is it?** 15 months

- **Why choose this course?** For anyone with administration experience and in a role with responsibility for specific admin processes or areas. You will be required to work independently, suggest improvements and make decisions. Your role should involve communication with a range of colleagues, customers or suppliers. This course supports you to become confident, effective and efficient and have a positive impact on your business and colleagues; building the foundations for future promotion.

- **What will I learn?** There is a strong focus on self-awareness and enhancing your interpersonal skills and workplace relationships. The course teaches you how to identify business and process improvements, how to solve problems and make decisions. You will learn about continuous improvement, change management and project management. You will be expected to manage an improvement project within your team. The course will also increase your financial and commercial awareness, enhance your IT skills and ensure you are able to prioritise and manage your workload.

- **Where will it take me?** You could progress onto various Apprenticeships including; Assistant Accountant, Team Leader/ Supervisor, Learning Mentor or Improvement Technician.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP MARKETING ASSISTANT

How long is it? 18 months

Why choose this course? This course is suitable for Apprentices who wish to enter the marketing profession before progressing to more senior positions. Apprentices will be responsible for coordinating and delivering specific marketing activities which may include content creation, copywriting and proofreading, marketing administration, posting social media and website content and attending events.

What will I learn? You will learn about marketing theory, concepts and basic principles such as the marketing mix, the promotional mix and marketing plans, as well as current technologies, systems and software that can help deliver effective marketing. Legislation will also be covered including General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), trading law, copyright lawn, advertising standards and ethics. You will develop your skills and understanding of copywriting and proofreading techniques, search engine optimisation (SEO), effective video production, social media platforms and brand theory.

Where will it take me? After your Apprenticeship, you can continue your career in marketing. The College offers a number of accredited and non-accredited management and marketing courses to help you progress in your career.

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LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP TEAM LEADER SUPERVISOR

How long is it? 12 months

Why choose this course? This course is suitable for staff in their first line management role, those with operational or project management responsibilities and existing managers wishing to hone their knowledge and skills ahead of promotion. Key responsibilities are likely to include supporting, managing and developing team members, managing projects, planning and monitoring workloads and resources, delivering operational plans, resolving problems, and building relationships internally and externally.

What will I learn?

- Develop core management skills that will act as a solid foundation for future management progression
- Meet managers from other organisations and share best practice
- Gain confidence in yourself as a manager and the approaches you take

Where will it take me? Upon completion, Apprentices may choose to register as Associate Members of the Institute of Leadership & Management and/or the Chartered Management Institute to support their career progression.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP BRICKLAYER

- **How long is it?** 30 months

- **Why choose this course?** This Apprenticeship is for Bricklaying Apprentices to gain a formal qualification and training at the College while working. This level of Apprenticeship will suit individuals who are starting a role within a construction environment, offering a practical approach and a solid platform for anyone wishing to develop in this career path.

- **What will I learn?** Achieving the Level 2 Apprenticeship in Bricklaying will enable you to:
  - Learn, develop and practice the skills required for employment and/or career progression within this construction sector
  - Meet the occupational requirements to pursue a career within the construction sector as a whole
  - Gain a qualification that is valued by employers across the whole construction sector
  - Gain a more in-depth understanding of bricklaying as part of the Apprenticeship

- **Where will it take me?** This qualification has been designed to enable students to progress directly into employment in the construction sector as a bricklayer or onto higher levels of study at Level 3. This course will also suit existing bricklayers or craft masons, assisting them to gain a qualification that will enhance their career prospects or progress onto further study at advanced level.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP CARPENTRY & JOINERY - ARCHITECTURAL JOINERY

- **How long is it?** 18 months

- **Why choose this course?** This Level 2 Apprenticeship will suit individuals who are starting a role as an architectural joiner within a construction environment, offering a practical approach and a solid platform for anyone wishing to develop in this career path.

- **What will I learn?** During this Apprenticeship, you will have the opportunity to; conform to general health, safety and welfare; conform to productive working practices; move, handle and store resources; set up and use transportable cutting and shaping machines; manufacture routine architectural joinery products; mark out from setting out details for routine architectural joinery products; produce setting out details for routine architectural joinery products.

- **Where will it take me?** The Level 2 Apprenticeship in Carpentry and Joinery - Architectural Joinery has been designed to enable students to progress directly into employment in the construction sector as an architectural joiner or advance to further studies at Level 3.

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LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP CARPENTRY & JOINERY - SITE CARPENTER

- **How long is it?** 18 months

- **Why choose this course?** This Level 2 Apprenticeship will suit individuals who are starting a role as a site carpenter within a construction environment, offering a practical approach and a solid platform for anyone wishing to develop in this career path.

- **What will I learn?** During this Apprenticeship you will learn to; conform to general health, safety and welfare; conform to productive working practices; move, handle and store resources; erect structural carcassing components; install first fixing components; install second fixing components; maintain non-structural carpentry work; set up and use transportable cutting and shaping machines; all while in the workplace.

- **Where will it take me?** The Level 2 Apprenticeship in Carpentry and Joinery - Site Carpenter has been designed to enable students to progress directly into employment in the construction sector as a site carpenter or advance to further studies at Level 3.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP PAINTER & DECORATOR

- **How long is it?** 36 months

- **Why choose this course?** This course is designed for individuals working in painting and decorating and provides a practical approach and a solid platform for anyone wishing to develop in this career path.

- **What will I learn?** You will understand and conform to general health, safety and welfare involved in the industry. You will work on moving, handling and storing resources. You will learn how to effectively apply paint systems by brush and roller and will understand how to prepare surfaces for painting and decorating. As part of general health and safety, you will learn how to correctly erect and dismantle access/working platforms.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you can progress onto the Decorative Finishing Level 3 Apprenticeship or a range of specialist construction or business skills programmes.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP PLASTERER

- **How long is it?** 36 months

- **Why choose this course?** The programme is for individuals working in the construction industry and wanting to progress further and go onto become a professional plasterer. This course helps you learn, develop and practice the skills required for employment and career progression.

- **What will I learn?** In your Apprenticeship, you will learn about the principles of building construction while developing your knowledge of plastering and how to communicate effectively within the industry. You will learn how to apply plastering material, dry lining and plasterboards to interiors. Laying sand and cement screeds and applying plastering materials to external backgrounds will also be covered.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you will be able to progress onto a range of specialist construction programmes in your area of interest.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP
CARPENTRY & JOINERY - ARCHITECTURAL JOINERY

- **How long is it?** 12 months

- **Why choose this course?** This Level 3 Apprenticeship will suit individuals who are continuing a role as an architectural joiner within a construction environment, offering a practical approach and a solid platform for anyone wishing to develop in this career path.

- **What will I learn?** During this Apprenticeship you will learn how to; conform to general health, safety and welfare; conform to productive working practices; move, handle and store resources; set up and use transportable cutting and shaping machines; manufacture routine architectural joinery products; mark out from setting out details for routine architectural joinery products; produce setting out details for routine architectural joinery products; all while in the workplace.

- **Where will it take me?** The Level 3 Apprenticeship in Carpentry and Joinery - Architectural Joinery has been designed to enable students to progress directly into employment in the construction sector as an architectural joiner. This course will also suit existing bench joiners, assisting them to gain a qualification that will enhance their career prospects or allow them to progress onto further study.

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LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP
CARPENTRY & JOINERY - SITE CARPENTER

- **How long is it?** 12 months

- **Why choose this course?** This Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship will suit individuals who are continuing a role as a site carpenter within a construction environment, offering a practical approach and a solid platform for anyone wishing to develop in this career path.

- **What will I learn?** On this course you will learn how to; conform to general health, safety and welfare; conform to productive working practices; move, handle and store the resources; erect structural carcassing components; install first fixing components; install second fixing components; maintain non-structural carpentry work; set up and use transportable cutting and shaping machines, all while in the workplace.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you will be able to progress directly into employment in the construction sector as a site carpenter. This course will also suit existing site carpenters, assisting them to gain a qualification that will enhance their career prospects or enable them to progress onto further study.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP COMMIS CHEF

How long is it? 12 months

Why choose this course? This programme is designed for staff to train as commis chefs in fine/casual dining settings in restaurants, hotels and gastro pubs. There are no formal entry requirements but employers are looking for those who are keen to work as part of a team and have a 'can do' attitude.

What will I learn? The primary objective of the commis chef is to learn and understand how to carry out the key functions in every section of the kitchen. Therefore, having the opportunity to experience, consider and value each section with a view to choosing an area where they feel most inspired. Achieving the Level 2 Apprenticeship will enable you to:

- Learn and develop the skills required for work and career progression in the hospitality and catering sector
- Develop a good understanding of professional cookery in the hospitality environment.

Where will it take me? This Apprenticeship has been designed to enable you to progress in the industry as a sous chef, commis chef or trainee chef de partie. This course will also suit existing chefs wishing to enhance their career prospects or to progress onto further study.

SEE MORE PROGRAMME DETAILS ONLINE.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP HOSPITALITY TEAM MEMBER

How long is it? 12 months

Why choose this course? This course is ideal for Apprentices who are new to, or already work in, situations including front of house, food preparation, barista services and guest services within restaurants, bars, hotels and pubs.

What will I learn? The programme involves working independently and as part of a team, developing effective knowledge, behaviours and skills in meeting and exceeding customer expectations including dealing with customer feedback. You will communicate clearly, engaging customers to build strong relationships and customer loyalty by promoting the organisation in a positive way.

You will learn to prepare and serve wines, cocktails and hot drinks together with providing counter, buffet, take-away and carvery service. You will develop your skills in housekeeping and providing quality guest services. All will be done while maintaining health, safety and security of the working environment including food safety and hygiene practices.

Where will it take me? This Apprenticeship has been designed to enable students to progress within their hospitality career or progress onto further study at Level 3.

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LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP CHEF DE PARTIE

- **How long is it?** 18 months

- **Why choose this course?** This programme is for staff training as senior chefs working in fine/casual dining settings in restaurants, hotels and gastro pubs.

- **What will I learn?** A chef de partie is responsible for running a specific section of the kitchen. This type of chef usually manages a small team of workers, which they must keep organised so that dishes go out on time and the work area remains clean and orderly. However, in smaller kitchens, a chef de partie may work independently as the only person in their section. Also known as a station or section chef, the chef de partie reports to the senior chef and has a very important role in any kitchen. The Apprenticeship develops skills in four main areas: culinary, food safety, people and business.

- **Where will it take me?** This Apprenticeship has been designed to enable learners to progress directly into employment in the industry as a chef de partie and eventually as a senior culinary chef. This course will also suit existing chefs wishing to enhance their career prospects or to progress onto further study.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP HOSPITALITY SUPERVISOR

- **How long is it?** 12 months

- **Why choose this course?** This programme is designed for new or existing front of house managers, head housekeepers or those supervising reception, concierge, guest, barista, reservations, conference and banqueting services. It is suitable for virtually any duty supervisors and managers working in a variety of hospitality establishments.

- **What will I learn?** You will learn understanding of the financial operations of the hospitality business; understanding of how your own business area interacts with others and the business as a whole; operating with a quality focus to achieve the best for the business; developing effective working relationships with colleagues; training and developing the team; improving customer relationships and building repeat business. You will gain experience in supervising operations such as food and drink services, portering and concierge operations, housekeeping, functions and events, reservations and bookings; supervising and leading the team; leading and managing meetings; health, safety and security of the working environment including hygiene practices; managing the environmental impact of work activities.

- **Where will it take me?** This has been designed to enable learners to progress directly into employment in the hospitality industry as a supervisor/manager.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP
BEAUTY THERAPY

- **How long is it?** 15 months

- **Why choose this course?** The Apprenticeship will suit an individual who wants to start a career within the beauty industry.

- **What will I learn?** On completion, you will be able to perform beauty therapy treatments and implement safe working practices that meet legal, industry and organisational requirements. You will maintain the standards of professional appearance and the salon/spa image, etiquette and required hygiene. You will be able to provide advice and recommendations on beauty treatments, appointments and service timings. You will also be able to facilitate the client journey, from appointments through to completion of the services to handling payments while portraying the professionalism and values expected by the beauty therapy industry. You will be able to select, use and apply a range of beauty therapy techniques, products, tools and equipment to provide: waxing services, hand and nail treatments, foot treatments, facial skin care treatments, eyelash and eyebrow treatments, make-up application and basic massage treatments.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you can progress towards Level 3 Advanced courses in general or specialised areas such as Level 3 Beauty Therapy General, Level 3 Nail Services and Level 3 Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Make Up.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP
HAIR PROFESSIONAL - BARBERING

- **How long is it?** 24 months

- **Why choose this course?** This course is designed for staff working within hairdressing/ barbering including cutting, styling, male colouring techniques and creating pattern work in the hair. You will learn the basic barbering techniques that are the foundation of becoming a successful barber.

- **What will I learn?** You will learn to advise and consult clients through effective communication while considering the customers' needs and latest trends. While considering health and safety in your working environment, you will be able to develop and maintain your effectiveness at work - taking responsibility for improving your performance at work and working well with your colleagues. You will be taught the basics of barbering including shampooing, conditioning, treating and styling men's hair and the different techniques involved for different cuts. You will understand how to cut facial hair. Detailing in hair will be taught through clipping and cutting techniques. You will also be taught to colour and lighten men's hair - using semi-permanent, permanent and lightening products.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you can continue your career as a barber, or further develop your skills with the Hairdressing Level 3 Apprenticeship.

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LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP
HAIR PROFESSIONAL - HAIRDRESSING

- **How long is it?** 24 months

- **Why choose this course?** This course is suited for Apprentices employed within a hairdressing setting. The Apprenticeship gives you the knowledge, skills and techniques to start your hairdressing career.

- **What will I learn?** The course will allow you to advise and consult with clients - to determine their ideas and requirements while fulfilling salon reception duties and providing excellent customer service. You will learn how to shampoo, condition and treat hair and the scalp. You will develop your skills in styling and finishing hair to achieve different looks. The course will enable you to learn how to cut, colour and perm hair. All will be done while developing and maintaining your effectiveness at work both independently and in a team.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you could decide to move onto the Hairdressing Level 3 Apprenticeship.

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LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP
NAIL SERVICES TECHNICIAN

- **How long is it?** 12 months

- **Why choose this course?** On the Level 2 Apprenticeship, you will provide a limited range of services to clients as well as assisting and supporting more senior nail technicians in more advanced nail services. You will carry out a range of tasks. A nail services technician works independently or as part of a team, supported by a salon/nail bar manager. You should demonstrate a willingness to learn, have an enquiring and curious mind and be enthusiastic to learn about your chosen career.

- **What will I learn?** You will learn manicure services, pedicure services, Advice to customers/ clients on nail products and services, gel polish services for nails, basic nail art services and nail enhancement services.

- **Where will it take me?** Upon successful completion of this course, you could have the opportunity to progress onto the Level 3 Nail Services Apprenticeship.

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LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP ADVANCED BEAUTY THERAPIST

- **How long is it?** 21 months

- **Why choose this course?** The Apprenticeship will suit an individual who wants to further their career in beauty therapy, learning advanced beauty treatments for the industry. This will enable them to become more employable in this skills sector.

- **What will I learn?** On completion, you will be able to perform advanced beauty therapy treatments and implement safe working practices that meet legal, industry and organisational requirements. You will maintain the standards of professional appearance and the salon/spa image, etiquette and required hygiene. You will be able to select, use and apply a range of advanced beauty therapy techniques, products, tools and equipment to provide, design and implement bespoke treatment plans. You will learn advanced massage techniques, face and body electrical treatments and will also learn how to contribute to the financial effectiveness of the business.

- **Where will it take me?** An advanced beauty therapist can be employed within the beauty industry, travel, leisure and health sectors, in a variety of salons, spas and aesthetic environments.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP ADVANCED & CREATIVE HAIR PROFESSIONAL

- **How long is it?** 18 months

- **Why choose this course?** This course is suited for Apprentices working in hairdressing who have completed their Intermediate Apprenticeship or Level 2 and want to develop their skills to a more advanced level in all aspects of hairdressing.

- **What will I learn?** You will learn how to creatively style, dress, cut and colour hair - using a variety of methods and techniques, enhancing and evaluating your creative hairdressing skills. You will also be able to deliver hair colour correction services. The course will also enable you to style men's hair. You will provide client consultation - showing a comprehensive consultation and advisory service to clients while fulfilling salon reception duties and providing excellent customer service.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you can develop managerial skills on the Salon Management qualification, further business skills or specific specialist training programmes.

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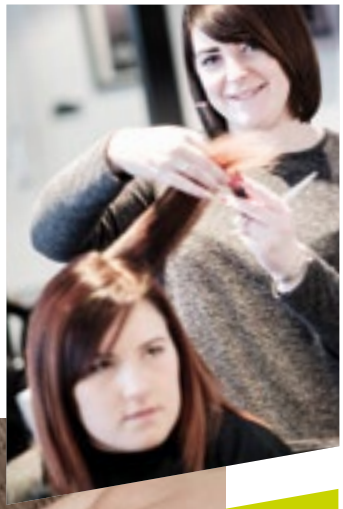

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP
WELLBEING & HOLISTIC THERAPIST

- **How long is it?** 20 months plus 3 months End Point Assessment

- **Why choose this course?** Wellbeing and Holistic therapists complete treatments and wellbeing experiences via holistic therapy principles, theories and applications to calm or stimulate the sensory perceptions of the body and mind in the pursuit of optimal functioning and balance of the physical, emotional and mental aspects of daily life. The course is for those who have progressed from Level 2 Beauty Therapy.

- **What will I learn?** You will learn to complete an in-depth dynamic client profile consultation, manage client records and apply safe and effective methods of working. You will perform and adapt advanced manual therapy techniques to meet client's physical and psychological characteristics, treatment objectives, needs and expectations and perform wellness and holistic therapy treatments, adapting these according to client needs. Additionally you will learn how to complete an in-depth client lifestyle profile, body and skin analysis, learn strategies to aid relaxation and manage stress levels and learn how to select the most suitable wellbeing and holistic principle to apply.

- **Where will it take me?** Successful completion of this Apprenticeship could lead to employment in wellbeing environments such as Spas, Leisure, Holistic or Wellness Therapy centres, Medi-spas and Beauty salons.

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LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP
EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER

- **How long is it?** 12 months plus 3 months End Point Assessment

- **Why choose this course?** The Apprenticeship was created to allow learners to gain an in-depth understanding of the childcare sector. Designed for Apprentices who are new to the sector or for those who have limited responsibilities and are working under close supervision as either a nursery assistant, pre-school assistant, early years practitioner or assistant child minder.

- **What will I learn?** You will learn and demonstrate skills for supporting children and young people's learning and development. You will gain a broad understanding of the sector and an introduction to the practical skills and knowledge required. You will gain a qualification that is valued by employers across the early years workforce. You will gain a more complex understanding of your role and responsibilities from a nationally recognised qualification that provides a broad and thorough programme for all childcare professionals. Subjects taught include Child Development, Safeguarding, Equality and Inclusion, Supporting Relationships with Children and Young People and Understanding Partnership Working.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you can progress onto an Early Years Educator Level 3 Apprenticeship if the necessary requirements are met.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP
EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR

- **How long is it?** 18 months plus 3 months End Point Assessment

- **Why choose this course?** This course is designed for Apprentices working in a childcare setting e.g. nurseries, pre-school and childminders with an area of responsibility.

- **What will I learn?** In this course you will learn about health and wellbeing and will be able to support healthy lifestyles through exercise, food and nutrition. This includes promoting children's emotional wellbeing. You will understand legislation and cover safeguarding, health and safety, equality and inclusion. You will understand the value of play, how to support children's transition to school, develop children's emergent literacy and numeracy skills and use longitudinal studies to observe, assess and plan for children's needs. You will work on your professional development - the options and values of continued professional development.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you can continue in your role as an early years educator or seek further training at university level (4 and 5) with courses such as FdA Childhood Education (3 - 8 years) or FdA Children and Young People's Workforce (0 - 19 years).

SEE MORE PROGRAMME DETAILS ONLINE.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP
TEACHING ASSISTANT

- **How long is it?** 18 months plus 3 months End Point Assessment

- **Why choose this course?** This qualification is suitable for experienced teaching assistants who support teaching and learning in a primary, secondary or specialist school. You will be working under the direction of a teacher but will also be able to use your own initiative. You will need to be contributing to planning and assessment.

- **What will I learn?** You will learn, develop and practice the skills required to support and assess learning. You will study 15 mandatory units including: Understanding how pupils learn and develop, keeping children safe in education, developing strategies for support, problem solving/ ability to motivate pupils, building relationships/ embracing change, promoting equality, diversity and inclusion and professional standards and personal accountability.

- **Where will it take me?** After your Apprenticeship, you could move onto Higher Level Teaching Assistant or a Foundation Degree in Early Education or Children and Young People's Workforce.

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THE LOW DOWN

INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS AND PARENTS

STUDENT LIFE & OPPORTUNITIES

Study Plus
In addition to your course and as part of your timetable, you will choose from the wide range of activities that form our Study Plus programme. Study Plus activities are offered throughout the week. As well as adding to your CV or university application, these can give you a break from your studies and enable you to meet people from other courses.

You can follow an activity that complements your existing study or use it to discover something entirely new. There are many activities you can choose from, plus the opportunity to gain work experience. If we don't offer an activity that interests you, let us know and we'll see if we can add it to the Study Plus programme.

Health, Wellbeing & Sport Sessions (HWS)
Truro and Penwith College is committed to providing an environment where students can grow and develop by offering a wide range of wellbeing activities across the College through our national award-winning Health and Wellbeing programme.

The HWS Coordinator oversees the delivery of the health and wellbeing programme, with the support of the HWS Team. The HWS programme has been developed to help create a cross-college culture of health and wellbeing and is designed to offer opportunities that are fully inclusive and diverse to encourage all students to participate in regular social recreation and in turn help them achieve their academic goals.

The College recognises that different students will be motivated to participate in activity by different things. Whether it's about a healthier lifestyle, to develop friendships, or to help complete a challenge to raise money for charity, the HWS programme is for everyone. The menu of timetabled activities has something for everyone to enjoy and is totally free to access.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is universally recognised as one of, if not the best, programme for the personal development of young people. If you participate in the award, you will experience an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding programme of personal development. Taking part builds confidence and develops self-esteem. It requires persistence, commitment and will have a lasting impact on your attitudes and outlook.

On the DofE programme you will complete different types of activities to achieve an award e.g. volunteering, physical, skills, expedition and residentials.

Campus Life
As you can see, there are many chances for you to thrive, explore, develop and learn, but some days you may just like to enjoy campus life, meet your friends and relax in one of the cafés and outdoor areas on campus.

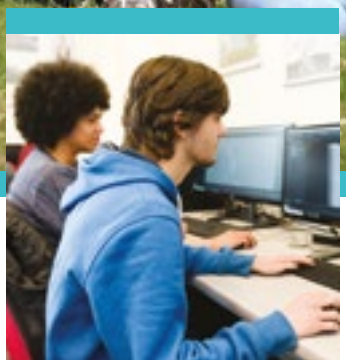
Academies
As a full-time student you could join one of our academies. These have been set up to encourage development and excellence in a wide range of sports as well as music, academic study and for those interested in the medical profession. Academy activities are included into your timetable enabling you to access as much as possible without interfering with your studies.

Creative Arts
If you have an interest in the creative arts you may be able to contribute to one of the many performances or exhibitions throughout the year, both at College and outside venues.

Annually, the College holds an Art and Design Exhibition in Penzance that is open to the public. This event attracts hundreds of people to view your work.

Fundraising
You may want to become part of the strong tradition of fundraising within the College. You and your friends can select charities to support, which in the past have included Shelterbox, CLIC, Lamin Appeal, Heart Foundation, Breast Cancer Care, Cancer Relief, Comic Relief and Children in Need. Fancy dress, hair dyeing and cake sales are just some of the antics you could be involved with in order to raise funds as well as the more formalised events such as Ten Tors, fun runs and marathons.

Travel Opportunities
Travel opportunities exist either as part of your studies or for enrichment. Previous destinations have included Iceland, Eswatini, Paris and Toronto. There are also language exchange opportunities, local field trips and activity trips such as skiing.



Student Ambassadors
You can help us spread the word about the amazing experience you have at Penwith College to future students. You can become a Student Ambassador and gain experience in PR work, visiting schools around the county, attending open events as well as helping new students at the start of term.

Student Council
The Student Council exists to represent all full-time students in advising the College Management of educational and recreational matters that are of interest to the students of the College. One member of the Council acts as Student Governor, representing student views at relevant Board of Governors' meetings. There are a number of events throughout the year organised by the Student Council and these are great opportunities for students to meet new friends.

THE COLLEGE CAMPUS & RESOURCES

Covid-19 Guidelines
The College has well established guidelines, support and safety procedures in place to ensure our students, staff and College community are kept safe. One-way systems, sanitisation stations, additional cleaning of communal areas, teaching staff training and improvements to room layouts are all successfully operated. The College is well placed to respond to eventualities and changes that may be required by the Government during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The College Campus
A games studio, construction workshops and a stunning central amphitheatre are just some of the facilities you will find around the campus to enhance your studies, as well as the subject-relevant labs, classrooms, studios, performance spaces and IT suites you would expect from one of the top colleges in the country.

If you are learning catering skills or enjoy excellent food, the Senara restaurant and catering kitchen is open for lunch. The food and services, all provided by our catering students, have already received accolades, impressing chefs and food writers alike. Open to the public, as well as the College community, the incredible value for money means reserving your table is a must.

There are multiple, well-equipped performance spaces for you to explore your talents. The fully equipped music recording studios are used for teaching and you can book them for your use.

You can use our theatre and studio spaces, inside and out, for drama performances. Due to our excellent facilities, there is a varied programme of performances, workshops and external classes across the College as a whole, which you will be able to access.

We have excellent sports facilities that you can access during the day. There is an indoor multi-use games area for a range of sports and a fully equipped fitness suite for strength, conditioning and aerobic activity.

There is also a third generation floodlit Astro turf pitch, providing such a high standard facility that it is used by the Cornish Pirates for training. Penzance Leisure Centre, including a swimming pool, is situated over the road from the College.

Hair and beauty students learn in our Inspiration salons, where you can enjoy a discounted hair cut or treatment. If you are looking to unwind from your studies with a relaxing massage, getting a quick trim before heading out with your friends or a quick splash of colour with a manicure, you can get it all right here at the College.

Through our Learning Centres, you will have access to a comprehensive range of contemporary books, journals, audiovisual and online materials that will provide inspiration for studying and to help improve your results.

Learning and leisure are blended successfully. There are cafés and social spaces across the campus to enable you to enjoy your time outside of taught classes, and of course, the breathtaking view across Mount's Bay and St Michael's Mount.

Access
The buildings at Penwith College are almost unique amongst colleges because the facilities are accessible to all students. All parts of the College may be accessed by people with limited mobility and within the College there are a number of lifts designated for their use.

Refreshments
Penwith College has several refectories across the campus. A wide variety of reasonably priced meals, sandwiches, drinks and snacks are all available on site. Details of opening times will be published in the Student Diary, available at the start of the academic year. The College operates a cashless catering system or students can use a debit/credit card.

Learning Centres/Libraries
The College has many Learning Centres & Libraries across the campus. Come to the Learning Centres & Libraries to find all of the resources you need for your studying. You will find textbooks necessary for your course, plus access to other physical resources such as books, journals and DVDs. We also have an Online Learning Centre where you will find access to our online resources such as eBooks, eJournals and suitable websites, most of which can be accessed both on and off campus.

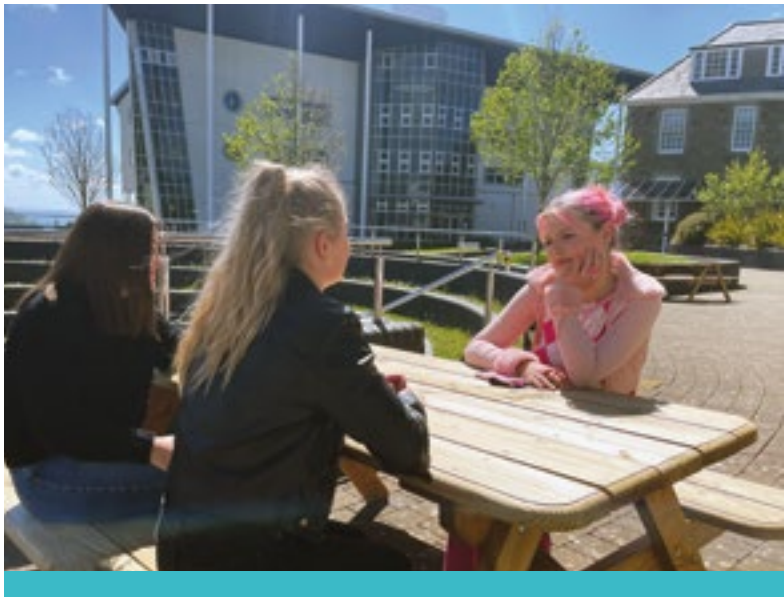
We have lots of resources which will support your studying and if you need help locating a resource or using the facilities in the Learning Centres & Libraries you can speak to one of the experienced team who are there to assist you.

All of our resources are free to borrow, we just ask that they are returned in good condition to the Library by their due date and request that students pay a College deposit to enable the use of College resources. This is refunded at the end of your course when all College resources are returned. The Learning Centres and Libraries also provide quiet places for studying and have study tables and open access computers which offer a wide range of software to assist you.

Information Technology
The College has a large number of computers capable of using an extensive range of software available for students to use on a drop-in basis. Students are expected to improve their awareness of, and skills in, information technology (IT).

There are many IT workshops with staff who can support you in your use of IT. The College has Wi-Fi throughout the buildings, which enables students to access the internet and complete College work using their own devices.

College Shop
Almost all of the materials needed for your course should be available through the shop. Prices are very competitive compared to retail outlets. Products available include photographic, electronic and computer consumables. It also has a wide range of art and stationery materials. All money for trips and visits are collected here.



SUPPORT SERVICES

GCSEs & Functional Skills
Any student who is yet to achieve a Grade 4 in maths and/or English (either Language or Literature) will be required to retake these qualifications. For those students who achieve a Grade 3, this will be GCSE. For those who achieve a Grade 2 or below this will be either GCSE or Functional Skills and will be determined by previous qualifications and an initial assessment. For students who have already achieved a Grade 4, there are opportunities available to improve to a higher grade. Students can access this type of programme by speaking with their Programme Team Leader (PTL). In many cases, progression opportunities will be dependent on achievement of English and maths.

Learning Support
Many students discover during their course that they require some additional help with an aspect of their studies. The College will always endeavour to meet your needs and in the Study Centre in Treneere Manor you will find staff who can help with literacy, numeracy and general study skills.

Tutor Support
At Penwith College, you will get to know many members of staff and other students easily. You will be assigned a tutor who will usually be one of the people who teach you. Your tutor will get to know you well and will usually be the first person you go to if you need advice or help.

You will also join a tutor group of students for which a senior member of staff will be responsible.

Careers Guidance
The College has received the Investor in Careers Award in recognition of the comprehensive service that is provided and has fully met the Gatsby benchmarks for careers guidance. We have a commitment to offer impartial, supportive, timely and informal careers guidance to all students. Students have entitlement to careers education and guidance from tutors and course lecturers, PTLs and the careers adviser. We conduct individual careers interviews with students and offer workshops to tutor groups.

Students have the opportunity to discuss their personal progression routes and receive support in making decisions appropriate to their needs. You will find a range of careers literature and software available in Student Services and resources areas around the College. College careers staff are highly-qualified, receive regular training and participate in many initiatives in this fast-changing field.

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Truro and Penwith College has received matrix accreditation. This is the national quality standard for any organisation that delivers information, advice and guidance on learning and work.

Truro & Penwith College Bursary Fund
This fund is to assist students with travel and essential equipment. Applicants are means tested. Forms can be collected from Student Services.

Attendance Advice
Advice is given by Personal Tutors and the Attendance Officer on procedures to keep your attendance record accurate and up-to-date.

Childcare
It is important that you seek advice from Student Services regarding fees for childcare as some help may be available to you.

Student Services
If you are in need of advice, guidance and support, the Student Services team is dedicated to helping you. We want you to successfully complete your course and our professional team of staff will work with you to support you in progressing into your future career or into higher education.

Student Support
Support given is wide-ranging and any problems experienced by students during their course, either personal or academic, will be addressed as quickly as possible.

Mental Health, Welfare & Counselling Support
If there are any issues that a student feels they need advice and support with, such as anxiety, relationships or drugs and alcohol, they can see a member of the Student Services team. They can also advise on finance and help with housing matters. Additionally, students can also talk to a mental health adviser and safeguarding person within the team.

Some students, while studying, may experience emotional and personal issues that need to be shared with a qualified counsellor. Penwith College offers a professional counselling service to students to explore situations causing concern.

EQUALITY & SAFEGUARDING

Equality of Opportunity
Truro and Penwith College is committed to meeting its duties contained in the Equality Act 2010. We aim to create a culture of inclusiveness and to challenge discrimination, taking positive action in order to remove barriers to the educational and personal progression of individual learners. To achieve this aim, the College will not tolerate unfair or unlawful discrimination.

The College's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy and commitment to the Investors in Diversity standard demonstrates that the College will seek to remove any existing barriers to all staff, students, governors and visitors, irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

Truro and Penwith College endeavours to promote an inclusive working and learning environment, which supports the individuals within its community irrespective of their background. The College aims to promote equality of opportunity, by providing full and equal access to all students who can benefit from its provision and by encouraging and enabling all members of the College to build and contribute to a society that values cultural and social diversity. A focus on learner voice and involvement in instigating change reflects this commitment.

Learning Difficulties and Disabilities
The College welcomes applications from students with learning difficulties and disabilities. Students can access a wide range of externally accredited and College-certificated courses through programmes that are developed to meet individual needs. Learning support and specialist equipment are provided as required.

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults
Truro and Penwith College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and appropriate procedures in place. All staff, including volunteers and governors, must ensure that they are aware of these procedures and receive training.

Where the sharing of personal information with appropriate agencies is necessary for the vital interests of a student or other person (for safeguarding or life preserving measures), we will do this in accordance with our duties under the General Data Protection Regulation or other current legislation.

Sometimes, we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's, young person's or vulnerable adult's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our children, young people and vulnerable adults are discussed with their parents/carers first (as appropriate) unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's, young person's or vulnerable adult's welfare.

COLLEGE POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Student Life
Penwith College has very few rules, but both you as a student and all College staff work within the Charter to ensure everyone has the most positive and beneficial experience possible.

Before you become a student at Penwith College, we aim to provide you with information about the courses we offer and the practicalities of being a student here. We will let you know about transport, finance, equipment and progression. If you have any additional needs, we will give you details of the individually tailored support you can expect at Penwith College.

Once you apply, you can expect us to process your application fairly and efficiently and, normally within three weeks of receipt of your application form, provide you with a date and time for an interview. The interview is a good opportunity for both you and the College to ensure you are choosing a course that is right for you and that you have all the information you need. After your interview, a decision about a place at Penwith College can usually be made.

When you start as a Penwith College student, we will give you a thorough induction. You will receive a lot of new information including details on learning resources, dates, security, health and safety, safeguarding, attendance, assignments and College rules, procedures and policies. You will also be provided with this information by email, which will give you a record of all the information for you to refer back to.

As a student at Penwith College, you will accept more responsibility for your work and your progress than during your time at school. Many courses require you to work extensively on your own in College and at home. First class study facilities are available in the College and successful students use these effectively. We will help you to organise your work, but you will be responsible for ensuring that you meet deadlines. The College requires that you attend regularly and punctually and that you meet the demands of your course. We hope that you will enjoy your time at Penwith College and the staff at the College will work with you to help you achieve success.

College Day
The College day for full-time students will usually last from 9.15am to 4.15pm. Students will have some private study time within the College day.

The Truro & Penwith College Charter
Just as we expect our students to aim at achieving a high standard, so should students have expectations that the College will deliver high quality learning programmes and services. The College Charter, available from reception and online, sets out in more detail the standards we will achieve.

Drugs, Alcohol and Smoking Policy
This College does not condone the use of drugs or alcohol. We seek to educate students about drugs and alcohol-related issues and provide help to those who ask for it. All Truro and Penwith College sites have a no smoking policy except within the designated smoking areas.

Data Protection Act
Any information that you provide during the application process is protected under the 1984 Data Protection Act.

Fees
If you are aged 16 to 18 years and a student under the age of 19 on 31 August, you will not normally be charged fees for tuition. Overseas students or mature students will be liable for fees and details will be available from the College.

Examination Fees
Full-time students who do not pay tuition fees would not normally be asked to pay for examinations that are taken as part of the course with the College's approval. Students who pay tuition fees will need to pay their own examination fees.

Fees Waiver
Students who are in receipt of an income-related, tested state benefit may be eligible for a fee waiver in some circumstances. If you are concerned because you have to pay tuition fees, then please contact Student Services on 01736 809000.

YOUR JOURNEY TO COLLEGE

For the vast majority of students, travelling to College by bus is a great option. Public transport is an environmentally friendly and reliable way to get here. We understand that you may be anxious about travel, after all this might be a big change from your normal school journey, but rest assured that the bus service will get you to your lectures on time. Many of you will travel from all over Cornwall and so some journeys will take longer than you are used to. That's ok, you can use this time to study, relax and make friends. Wherever you are travelling from, your journey to Penwith College is the road to an inspiring future.

BUS PASSES

The most cost effective way of using buses is with a season bus pass. We have created a simple, CHOOSE - APPLY - BUY process to help you find the best service for your needs.

Bus provider details can be found online. Visit gocornwallbus.co.uk and firstbus.co.uk/cornwall/plan-journey/timetables for details of routes offered and bus pass prices. You can also get route information directly from local service providers.

01 CHOOSE

Visit the First Kernow and Transport for Cornwall websites, or contact bus providers, to view latest timetables, find journey planners and choose your most appropriate public bus route to and from College.

02 APPLY

Apply for your College bursary on our website: truro-penwith.ac.uk/buspass We will contact you once your bursary has been approved. This usually takes around 14 days.

03 BUY

Once your bursary has been approved, make your payment online and you will receive your code to access your virtual ticket from the app of your chosen transport provider.

GET ON BOARD

That's it! Once you have your virtual ticket you can access your bus service of choice and travel to the College. We look forward to seeing you here.

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

TRURO AND PENWITH COLLEGE IS WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CORNWALL COUNCIL AND SUSTRANS (THE UK'S SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT CHARITY - SUSTRANS.ORG.UK) **TO PROMOTE ACTIVE, SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL TO COLLEGE AND TO REDUCE CONGESTION.**

Choosing to travel on foot or by bicycle reduces air pollution and traffic congestion, while saving you money and keeping you fit. Using public transport also helps reduce your carbon footprint, so check out your travel options below and play your part in making Penzance a better place to study.

Walking to College
Walking is a simple way to fit physical activity into your day, it's cheap and helps keep you fit. Why not transform your trip to the gym into your commute to College? There are numerous quieter walking opportunities from the centre of Penzance to the College, which take approximately 15 minutes along residential streets.

There is an underpass linking Heamoor, to the north, with the College to avoid crossing the A30 trunk road.

Cycling to College
Cycling is a great option for travelling to College, especially if you live within five miles, where journeys by bike can take less than 25 minutes. There are so many benefits to travelling by bike - it's good for our health, the environment and saves money at the same time.

With the right clothing and equipment, weather and luggage need not be a barrier to travelling to College on two wheels. There is ample covered cycle storage around the campus and showers/ changing facilities are available (shown on the cycle facilities map available on the College website).

Penzance is only a short 10 minute cycle ride away and it is possible to access the campus via quieter residential streets. For cycle routes try: cyclestreets.net

Walking and Cycling Routes
Walking and cycling routes are shown on the Penzance active travel map. To download the map visit cornwall.gov.uk/activetravel. There are traffic-free routes from Marazion and Newlyn into College, which form part of the National Cycle Network. For further information on routes in the area, visit Sustrans mapping at sustrans.org.uk/national-cycle-network. Details of the cycle network that connects many of the major towns in the county and forms The Cornish Way are available at cornwall.gov.uk/cornishway.

Buses
Buses are a great way to get to College. Please refer to the previous pages for details of the bus passes and bursaries.

Trains
Frequent mainline trains serve Penzance station and regular buses connect to the College. Alternatively, Adelaide Street and Taroveor Road provide a walking route along quieter streets, from the station to the College. This takes approximately 15 minutes to walk. Why not opt for a multi-modal option? Bicycles can be transported by train - you'll need to make a booking for your bike if it's a high-speed train, non-bookable bike spaces are available on local trains.

Driving to College
Truro and Penwith College promotes the use of sustainable travel as the first option to get to your place of study. However, we recognise the fact that sometimes car travel is unavoidable. Carshare Cornwall provides a free service for passengers and drivers to link up and share car journeys. Click on the cost calculator on the www.carsharecornwall.com to work out how much you could save.

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LIFELONG LEARNING

We are committed to lifelong learning. From your Further Education studies, you can progress on to one of our many Higher Education qualifications or the Foundation Art & Design course. If you are an adult returning to education, the Access to Higher Education courses provide an ideal progression route. Truro and Penwith College also offers a range of Part-time Courses and Business Services.

FOUNDATION ART & DESIGN

The Foundation Diploma in Art and Design is an opportunity for individuals to develop their creative skills, explore a wide range of disciplines, learn new techniques and challenge their imagination. This course provides a year of practical study, enabling learners to make informed decisions about potential future prospects as an artist or designer, as well as possible applications to degree courses.

The course explores a broad range of creative ideas, starting with a series of workshops that include graphic design, illustration, painting, 3D, sculpture, photography, printmaking and textiles. As the year progresses, students will specialise in the area of their choice.

Entry Requirements
Students will normally be 18 years old when starting this course, having achieved A Level qualifications or an Extended Diploma within art-based subjects. Mature students with or without formal qualifications are welcomed. All applicants are interviewed with a supporting portfolio of creative work.

For more information and an application form, please contact Truro College on 01872 305000.

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

A great course for adults returning to education.

Penwith College
Creative Arts
Creative Media & Games
Humanities
Health & Social Care

Truro College
Art & Design
Computing & IT
Creative Media & Photography
Engineering
Humanities, Teaching & Law
Medicine
Nursing & Human Sciences
Psychology & Social Work
Science
Sports Science

In preparation for higher education, students complete core units, such as study skills, as well as subjects relating to their chosen pathway.

Access to Higher Education courses are designed to give students the necessary grounding to succeed in higher education. The majority of British universities will accept Access to Higher Education courses as an alternative to A Levels and other more traditional routes. Students are usually aged 19 or over at the beginning of the course and all applicants will be expected to attend an interview. Courses normally start mid-September and finish at the end of May. Taught hours will be approximately 15 hours per week depending on the pathway chosen. Courses usually run over three days per week (9.15am to 4.15pm) to offer flexibility.

For a leaflet, please contact Truro College on 01872 305000 or Penwith College on 01736 809000.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Local University Courses with both full-time and part-time routes are available at Truro and Penwith College.

Do you want to gain a full degree, a foundation degree or an HNC/D? If so, the College offers a wide range of University Courses delivered in a friendly environment with excellent teachers and modern facilities. You will be taught in small groups and receive significant personal support from our team of tutors and support staff.

Top-up degrees: BA (Hons) Applied Media, BA (Hons) Business, Enterprise and Leadership, BA (Hons) Education and Training, BA (Hons) Human Behavioural Studies, BA (Hons) Silversmithing and Jewellery, BSc (Hons) Applied Computing Technologies, BSc (Hons) Applied Social Science, BSc (Hons) Applied Sport and Health Science, BSc (Hons) Archaeology.

Foundation degrees & HND/C: Subject areas include: Art Practice, Business and Law, Computing and IT, Education, English, Humanities, Media and Photography, Science, Social Science, Sport and Health, Initial Teacher Training courses and university short courses.

For more information about the exciting range of Higher Education opportunities and a copy of the latest prospectus, just call us on 01872 305746 or email heenquiry@truro-penwith.ac.uk

Alternatively discover more online at truro-penwith.ac.uk/uni or attend one of our College Open Events. Details can be found on page 151.

PART-TIME COURSES

If you are looking to re-train, gain a new qualification, find a new hobby or learn a new skill, we have something for everyone. You can find more information about all of the part-time adult learning courses that we offer via our website: truro-penwith.ac.uk/part-time or you can contact the office and order a copy of our latest brochure.

If you would like to try something new, our extensive list of leisure courses could be a great way to learn a new skill and could help you to meet new people. Courses include art, craft, photography, fitness, DIY, dance and music, languages, computing and cookery. If you are looking to further your career or boost your current skills our wide range of qualification courses could help you change direction or gain the certificate you need to progress in your current role. With courses in administration, accounting, beauty, law, personnel, teaching, construction and catering as well as other areas, we have lots of opportunities for you to upskill and progress in future careers. If you are looking to improve your Maths and English qualifications we have a range of functional skills and GCSE courses to offer you.

Full and partial funding for part-time courses may be available to learners depending on your individual circumstances. Please contact one of our Part-time Courses advisors to discuss your eligibility.

To find out more information on our courses and to enrol please contact us on 01872 308000 / 01736 335149 or email ptinfo@truro-penwith.ac.uk

BUSINESS & APPRENTICESHIPS

The Truro and Penwith College Business team works with businesses across Cornwall to deliver high-quality learning solutions for their staff. We aim to improve business and individual performance through working in partnership with businesses to:

- Bring talent into businesses through traineeships, Apprenticeships and individual training programmes
- Provide professional qualifications and courses for individuals to progress their careers
- Design bespoke training delivered where and when a business needs it

Support for the business could include management training, business skills seminars, professional qualifications, tailored training, Apprenticeships, coaching and mentoring and development programmes incorporating groups of staff.

If you would like to find out more about Apprenticeships, our team of experienced advisors are available to help find the latest Apprenticeship jobs and support you with your application. If you are a parent or an employer, we can explain how Apprenticeships work and the benefits that businesses and Apprentices achieve through the programme.

For further information and advice, please contact:
t: 01872 305500
e: business@truro-penwith.ac.uk
w: truro-penwith.ac.uk/business

FAQ

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

- **My school has a sixth form, do I have to stay there?** Although you now have to stay in full-time education until the end of the academic year in which you turn 18, it's your choice where you want to study.

- **Why should I choose Penwith College?** There are many reasons why Penwith College is a great place to study after you have finished school. See the 'Why Choose Us?' section of this prospectus for information.

Can I have a look around the College? Penwith College run a number of Open Events throughout the year. Whether online or in person, you can hear from staff, view the fantastic facilities and find out about your life as a student. See page 151 for full details.

- **I can't decide what type of course to take; what might help me choose?** The 'What to Choose' section in this prospectus gives details about the types of courses we offer and what they entail. There is a huge choice at Penwith College, from A Levels to vocational courses and Apprenticeships, so there is bound to be something to suit you here. Attending an Open Event is highly recommended to help you make this decision.

- **Can I go to university if I don't take A Levels?** Vocational courses also provide a proven route to university providing the subjects are compatible. College Open Events are a great opportunity for you to find out whether the course you want to follow is suitable for applying to university, as is your interview.

- **Do courses have entry requirements?** Yes, most courses do, though we do offer courses for those with no prior qualifications and we always treat everyone as an individual. Please refer to the 'Options Explained' section for details of what grades you need to start your chosen course.

- **Can I just enrol in an academy?** No. Academies are offered only in conjunction with a full-time programme of study. They are intended as a supplement for, and not an alternative to, the qualifications the College runs.

- **How do I apply for a course?** The applications process is covered fully in the 'How to Apply' section of this prospectus. Firstly, complete an application. This can be done on-line at truro-penwith.ac.uk or completing a 16+ option form through your school.

- **When can I apply and when will my interview take place?** You can send in your application whenever you like, usually from January onwards. Interviews take place at different times for everyone; this is because each application is looked at and assessed individually. Don't panic if your friend has an interview date sent to them before you do – you haven't been forgotten!

- **What questions will I be asked at my interview?** Your interview is not a pass/fail test. It is a consultation where you discuss your plans for your future both in and beyond education. Your course choices are looked at relative to your own aspirations, to ensure that the two things match up reasonably well. Parents or carers can attend their child's interview if they wish. At the interview, once a suitable course has been agreed, you will be sent an offer email. You need to fill this out and return it to us as soon as possible.

- **What if I don't get the GCSE grades I was expecting?** Firstly, don't panic! There's a course for everyone available at the College - not attaining your expected GCSE grades does not mean your offer to study here has been withdrawn. You will be asked to attend an advice session, to discuss whether pursuing your selected course is the right choice for you, or if another course might suit you better in light of your recent results.

- **How will I get to College?** the College has excellent public transport links via bus. Subsidised travel is available to full-time students under the age of 19 who live further than three miles from the College. Please see the 'Your Journey to College' section for more details.

- **What is Study Plus?** Study Plus is an opportunity to further your current interests, or develop new ones. Courses on offer can assist you in gaining further qualifications such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, or they can simply be a way for you to enjoy your hobbies. Further information can be found in 'The Low-down' section.

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HOW TO APPLY

HAVE A THINK AND DO YOUR RESEARCH

What subjects are your favourites, which do you enjoy the most? What is your dream career and what subjects or courses will help you get there?

ATTEND AN OPEN EVENT

Our Open Events, whether online or in person, are a great way to hear from teaching staff, see our fantastic facilities, find out about the subjects you are interested in and discover new options.

MAKE AN APPLICATION

Please use the online application system, available through our website truro-penwith.ac.uk to apply for your place. You can also complete a 16+ option form through your school.

ATTEND A SHORT INTERVIEW

After sending in your application, you will be invited to attend a short interview. This is a chance for you to discuss your options and narrow down your course choices. At the interview you will receive useful information and contacts.

ACCEPT YOUR COURSE OFFER

You will be offered a conditional place at the College. You can accept this at your interview or let us know your decision by returning your offer email.

WE'LL BE KEEPING IN TOUCH

An email in May is filled with information including bus pass details. You can also sign up for activities such as academies and study plus options. An email in July contains the information for your induction before the start of term.

LET US KNOW YOUR GCSE RESULTS

Contact the College to let us know your results and confirm your course choices. Don't worry if you haven't got the grades you were expecting - talk to our friendly advisors who are here to help.

ATTEND YOUR INDUCTION AND START COLLEGE

You will have been given a date and time to attend an induction event, which is normally a few days before the official start of term. We look forward to welcoming you.

OPEN EVENTS

DISCOVER WHY WE ARE OUTSTANDING AT ONE OF OUR MANY OPEN EVENTS.

SAT 27 NOV 2021 **OPEN DAY** 10AM - 3PM
THU 20 JAN 2022 **OPEN EVENING** 5PM - 8PM
SAT 19 MAR 2022 **OPEN MORNING** 10AM - 1PM
THU 12 MAY 2022 **OPEN EVENING** 5PM - 8PM

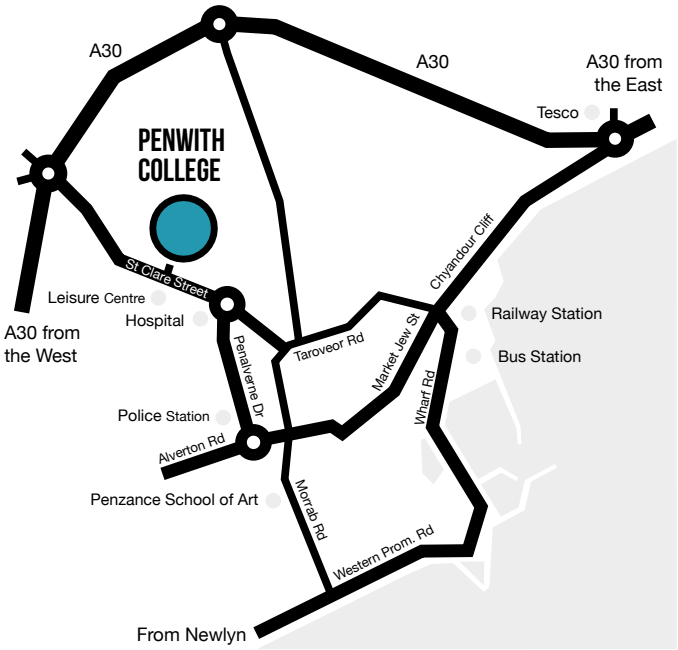
All dates and times correct at the time of publication. Please note that due to continually updated Government coronavirus advice, events are subject to change. Confirmed dates and times will be communicated closer to each event.

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

Whether online or in person we look forward to sharing our College with you. Find out more online: truro-penwith.ac.uk/openevents

HOW TO GET TO PENWITH COLLEGE

Penwith College, St Clare Street, Penzance, Cornwall TR18 2SA



COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Penwith College holds Open Events throughout the year. Whether online or in person we look forward to sharing our College with you. See our fantastic facilities, learn more about our courses from tutors and discover what life is like as a student at one of the best colleges in the country.

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Find us on social

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Correct at time of print. Prospective students should check with the College for up-to-date information. This document is a guide for students and parents. It is not intended to create any contractual relationship. Courses and other details may be modified if necessary. Programmes of study leading to a qualification are subject to the approval and regulations of awarding bodies. Many thanks to all our students, past and present, who appear in this prospectus.

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