



Hello,

I am writing to let you know more about our plans for the Autumn when term commences on the 20th September 2021. Freshers' week begins on the 13th September and Induction week on the 20th September; we're looking forward to welcoming our students and can't wait to see you on campus.

Key information around our proposed timetable and on-campus COVID-19 safety measures procedures are included at the end of this letter. Although changing Government guidelines may mean that we have to alter our plans before you arrive, I want to reassure you that whatever happens in the autumn, we're ready. We are currently **planning a full face-to-face timetable** that delivers an art-school experience that builds technical skills, nurtures ideas and develops the conceptual and critical voices of our students, connecting you with real-world projects nationally, internationally and in our local community. **We are also planning a hybrid timetable** (a blend of online and on-campus art-school activities) in case the Government requires the continuation of social distancing.

Earlier in the year, we worked closely with our Students' Union, DfE, UKADIA and GuildHE alongside other arts universities lobbying for the importance of practice-based art, design and media courses having priority access to facilities and workshops on campus. We were delighted to begin welcoming our students back on campus before Easter as a result of this lobbying.

We are now also able to welcome you back onto campus for bespoke campus tours and on-site events to help you prepare for your studies and connect to other staff and students. Email us at hello@pca.ac.uk to book a visit.

Currently, as per Government guidelines, we are operating using social distancing. With a wide range of safety measures in place, alongside the success of the Government's national vaccination programme, our students have returned to a hybrid learning model (onsite and online) that maximises time spent in workshops/studios and engaging in one-to-one contact with academics and technical support staff, whilst maintaining social distancing. Alongside this, we have updated our support and training materials, moving academic, pastoral, careers, library and other professional support services online as well as bookable for face-to-face support. You can be reassured that the College is doing everything possible to maintain the same level of teaching and support we have always offered, whilst following COVID-19 safety guidelines and offering flexibility for the future.

We look forward to welcoming you on campus to meet staff and your fellow students in September, and will be in touch throughout the summer with further updates. We'll be sending you through a link to our **Welcome Site** soon, so look out for this in your emails.

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The Welcome site will contain up-to-date information on everything you need to know to start studying here and we'll be updating it regularly with information on accommodation, finance and bursaries, key term dates, discovering Plymouth, online resources and links to our Students' Union. We'll also be providing **early access to your college email account and our college systems.**

If you have any questions at all over the summer please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing **hello@pca.ac.uk**, calling **01752 203434** or messaging us on **WhatsApp 07722 744184.**

Sincerely,

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Dean of Learning and Teaching



UG Extended BA Year 1 study timetable

Extended BA	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Online	On campus	Extended studio practice*	On campus	Extended studio practice*
Types of activities	Interactive lectures, seminars, small group tutorials, 1:1 tutorials and crits	Practice-based teaching, making & experimentation	Directed & self-initiated practice	Practice-based teaching, making & experimentation	Directed & self-initiated practice

*For full time students, extended studio practice may take place in studios and workspaces on campus

Our anticipated timetable includes a combination of on-campus studio practice, practical projects, experimentation and development of production work, technical workshops and online interactive lectures, seminars, small group tutorials, 1:1 tutorials, online crits, studio briefs and much more. In a typical week you can expect to spend one and a half days on campus for practice-based teaching, seminars, technical delivery, making and experimentation. The remainder of the week is allocated to self-initiated and self directed practice as part of our extended studio model. You will be able to book into our workshops, IT Suites and baserooms to make work, as well as engage in our Workshop Wednesday programme and book technical support from our technical demonstrators.

If you have any concerns over participating in any on-campus activity from September, please get in touch by emailing hello@pca.ac.uk and we can discuss how best to support you with your studies.

Access to our world-class spaces to make

Plymouth College of Art is internationally renowned for being home to **physical and digital working environments** that encompass some of the richest and most diverse ecosystems of materials, technologies, processes and practices available in an art school. Access to the right working spaces and facilities can be vital for artists, designers and makers, which is why we are planning to allow you as much space to make within the college campus as possible, subject to Government guidelines.

When you start in September, you will have access to group teaching with academics and highly-skilled technical demonstrators within industry-standard workshop and studio spaces, alongside live video-based lectures, tutorials, one-to-one activities and integrated offline learning. **Our main Tavistock Place campus is open six days a week, with late-night access Monday to Thursday.**

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Creating safe and secure spaces to learn

We have undertaken a series of COVID-19 measures to support the health and safety of our staff and students. These are kept under constant review and we will keep you updated on measures that will be in place in September.

We continue to work with the Local Authority and Public Health England to support and promote the Track and Trace initiative, helping you to join us with confidence in September. **To prepare for your arrival, our Students' Union is organising a Freshers' Week of safe social events to ensure that you have plenty of opportunities to develop new connections and friendships that can continue in person and online throughout your time with us and beyond.**

A close-knit community of creatives

Unlike many larger universities, where the arts faculty often competes with other unrelated courses, Plymouth College of Art offers a close-knit, specialised community where subject leaders and technicians know every student by name and can offer a personalised learning experience that works efficiently on campus and online. Each subject at the college has responded to the challenge of lockdown in different ways, creating new ongoing projects through video teaching and briefings that have taken advantage of the opportunities of live online learning by connecting students with practising artists and designers locally, nationally and from around the world.

Moving to Plymouth - Britain's Ocean City

Over the summer, look out for email updates and news from our community as well as checking our regularly updated Welcome Site to get you ready for starting your degree.

If you have an enquiry about your application, any concerns over what next year may be like, no matter how small or large, or need support with arranging student finance or accommodation this autumn, please email hello@pca.ac.uk or message us on WhatsApp 07722 744184.