



Dear student,

I am writing to let you know more about our plans for the Autumn when term commences on the **27th September 2021**. We're looking forward to welcoming students to join our postgraduate community and can't wait to see you on campus.

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. In the event that Government guidelines change, we may have to alter our plans before you arrive, but I want to reassure you that **whatever happens in the autumn, we're ready**.

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. 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**. We would also like to invite you to visit the MA Summer Show, open from September 10th - 17th on campus at Studio 11, 10 - 5pm. The work on show will be this year's graduating Masters students alongside the 2019/20 cohort.

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,

Dr Stephen Felmingham
Head of School for Critical and Cultural Studies



MA Year 1 study timetable

We have a dynamic cohort of over 100 Postgraduate Students across 17 programmes and we have evolved the timetable this year for Postgraduate delivery which will take place on a Tuesday to make the most of the excellent teaching and learning and the potential this can offer in terms of interdisciplinary and specialist research.

PG	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1000-1100	Directed study	Delivery	Workshop	Directed study	Directed study
1100-1200					
1200-1300					
Lunch					
1400-1500	Directed study	Delivery	Workshop	Directed study	Directed study
1500-1600					
1600-1700					

Our timetable includes a combination of on-campus studio practice, practical projects, experimentation and development of production work, technical workshops, interactive lectures, seminars, small group tutorials, 1:1 tutorials, crits, studio briefs and much more. In a typical week you can expect to spend one day on campus for practice-based teaching, seminars and crits, and another for 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.

The Induction week for new Postgraduate students will commence from September 27th 2021, with specific time and dates to follow shortly.

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.

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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.**

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 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.

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.**

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.