

Dear Ext.BA Student,

Welcome to Plymouth College of Art and a very special welcome to your **Extended BA course**. The academic year is made up of numbered weeks. Week 9 (*Mon 24th Sept 2018*) is your first week and gives you the opportunity to meet each other and settle in. Your studio is called **T0.45** (*T stands for Tavistock Place*)

Week 10 Onwards

After the first week, your college days will be:

- Monday 10am - 1pm (2pm - 5pm is directed study)
- Tuesday, 10am - 5pm
- Wednesday is a non-teaching day
- Thursday 10am - 5pm
- Friday 10am - 12pm (1pm - 5pm is directed study)

PCA opening times are Mon to Thurs 8am - 9pm / Fri 8am - 6pm / Sat 8am - 2pm

It is vitally important that you attend all timetabled sessions, including in the first few weeks when you will be participating in “**exploratory sessions**” designed to get you to think flexibly and creatively about the coming year. The first few weeks will be made up of workshops, an IT induction, acclimatising & familiarisation sessions, a college tour, assignment briefing, bingo, Looe beach trip and much more!! It will be a busy, but hopefully a stimulating time!

On your first day bring a pen and paper or phone to make notes.

Please note - Workshops and sessions in the first module may include inductions into a variety of techniques & thinking processes, facilities and resources. (*Including Camera induction, Photography, Photoshop, 3D workshop induction, thinking books and reflective writing etc.*) This is a hugely important time, as you may want to/need to use and revisit these techniques and areas throughout your time at Plymouth College of Art.

The Ext.BA course will provide you with the materials and tools you will need to complete your initial workshop inductions and advise you on which materials and tools you could purchase in order to develop your skills in your own time.

Course trips (all trips are subject to change)

Looe - Friday 28th September 2018 (weather permitting)

You have a trip booked to Looe beach for a exciting relief sculpture session, the coach will be provided and all students are expected to attend. More info at the start of the course

St Ives - Thursday 29th November 2018

We have a day trip to St. Ives to visit the Tate and the Barbara Hepworth museum - there will be a guided tour. The coach and entry fee to the Tate and BH museum will cost approx. £20 per student - this is subsidised by the college. More info at the start of the course

London - Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 4th April 2019 inclusive We are travelling up and back by train, staying in Royal National Hotel. We will be visiting a number of galleries and exhibitions. This trip is subsidised by the college, the cost is approx. £170 per student (*includes train, hotel stay, breakfast, first day tube ticket*)

Preparation - Between now and the start of your course.

- Please continue to develop your interest and passion for art and design in all forms.
- Visit the Tate website <http://www.tate.org.uk/> and familiarise yourself with its content.
- Read broadsheet papers, reading art and design related articles and information.
- Use your local library to broaden your cultural knowledge.
- Visit local and National exhibitions and galleries.
- Attend the theatre to see a quality production.
- Buy an art related journal/magazine.... Find out which are the quality publications.

Start a collection of materials and art and design paraphernalia... Although you will be provided with the materials needed for all your inductions and workshops, you will nevertheless want to have a personal supply of individual paraphernalia.

Be resourceful, look at what you already have, buy a few things and pull together a personal collection of art & design materials, you can always top it up and add to it during your time at PCA, a list is included for you to get an idea of what may be needed at the start of your course - gather together what you can from the list.

We hope this letter gives you the information you need for now. If you have any problems that need an urgent response prior to the start of term, please feel free to contact the college on 01752 203400 or email admissions@pca.ac.uk

We are looking forward to meeting you at 8.45am on **Tuesday 25th September 2018**.

Helen Markes

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