

Hello!

Hello {{first name}}

Welcome to Plymouth College of Art! I hope you are having a great summer and are looking forward to joining us in September at our Pre Degree Centre at Palace Court. My name is Matias Shortcook. I am the Associate Dean for Pre Degree, which means I coordinate the department that you will be part of for the next year.

News

I am pleased to say that our completing Foundation Diploma students have just received the results of their qualifications and **39% of Plymouth College of Art UAL Foundation Diploma students obtained a Distinction, which is equivalent to 112 UCAS points.** This is an achievement significantly higher than the national average of 23% of students who receive a Distinction.

These results reflect the hard work and innovative creative practice of the students, which was on show to the public in the recent 'Re-Written' show, the external graduating Foundation Diploma show organised and curated by our students at Ocean Studios. Over **50%** of our students have completed **work experience placements** this academic year working with such partners as Plymouth Art Weekender, Karst and Plymouth Arts Centre. These experiences will help propel them into the exciting world of the creative industries.

I can't wait to meet you at the beginning of term and this letter gives you some important information about your start date and updates at the college. If you foresee any difficulty attending any of these key events please contact the college via admissions@pca.ac.uk

Registration

Your registration date is **Friday 31st August** You will need to come to the Palace Court campus at 9am. On this day you officially become part of Plymouth College of Art!

The registration process will take approximately half a day and you will register, undertake initial assessments and have a briefing from your Subject Leader.

Your qualifications

We need to see your results before registration, so please attend our A Levels drop in day on Thursday 16 August or Friday 17 August between 10.00 am - 3.00 pm and bring in your results. If you cannot come in then please email admissions@pca.ac.uk with a scan or photocopy of your results and we will call you back. If you do not get the results expected we will talk to you about your options.

Your first day is

Your first taught day is **Tuesday 4th September** and we start at **8.45 am at Tavistock Place Campus for inductions.** **Your first week will be from Tuesday to Thursday, finishing at 3.30pm each day.**

Your timetable for the rest of the year will be **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9.30am - 3.30pm.**

If you have to study additional qualifications, such as Maths, these sessions will be in addition to the above.

Pre enrolment information

You will shortly receive an email from the college asking you to complete some important pre-enrolment information. We will be contacting you on {{insert email}}; if this is not the correct email please contact us on admissions@pca.ac.uk quoting this number **{{stu code}}** with the correct email. This must be done prior to you starting the course and will then enable you to complete the registration process.

Trips

Each year we embark on a range of trips with our students. In 2018/2019 **we are planning trips to London, Barcelona, Iceland, New York and Tokyo!** Our trips are planned to give our students the best mix of museums, history, culture and experience.

These are open to all students but are **popular trips and there are limited places**. Places on the trips are open from 3rd September 2018. If you wish to secure a place you can by contacting the Info Point at 01752 203434 and paying a deposit **which is non refundable if you change your mind or can't go**. You are also invited to register your interest for individual trips to receive reminders for deposits, further information on the itinerary and contact details for the trip organiser. Please visit our blog, pcapalace.com, for a link to our trip interest registration form.

Details of trip costs are:

| | Deposit | By when | Total cost* | Trip month | Duration |
|------------------|---------|----------|-------------|------------|----------|
| London | £50 | 19/09/18 | £150 | October | 2 days |
| Barcelona | £150 | 30/09/18 | £350 | TBC | 4 days |
| Iceland | £150 | 30/10/18 | £780 | March | 3 days |
| New York | £150 | 30/09/18 | £1000 | February | 4 days |
| Tokyo | £200 | 30/10/18 | £1200 | March | 5 days |

**This price includes deposit but is subject to final booking and may vary.*

pcapalace.com

On our campus blog, pcapalace.com, you will be able to find information on payment timetables and typical itineraries for our trips as well as further helpful information for your course if required, such as suggested equipment, resources, social media links and a downloadable version of this letter.

We can't wait to see you at the beginning of term when we will begin what will be a thrilling two year experience. Until then have an amazing summer and should you have any questions, please contact admissions@pca.ac.uk or call on 01752 203400.

All the best,



Matias Shortcook
Associate Dean Pre Degree