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PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY
SUMMER SCHOOL

WELCOME TO PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL.

We are delighted that you are thinking of joining us this summer for four weeks of learning and adventure in Plymouth.

International summer schools are becoming an established part of the University and each year we build on this to deliver an ever more successful Summer School. You will be introduced to subjects and ideas you may not have come across before in a friendly and supportive environment.

Discover more about your studies through group work and lectures. Explore Plymouth and the South West and spend your final weekend discovering London with us.

Our friendly Student Ambassadors will be with you during your stay, helping you to explore Plymouth and explaining more about the University and life in the UK.

I do hope you can visit us this year; we look forward to meeting you.

Peter Ingram

Head of International Academic Partnerships,
Academic Partnerships

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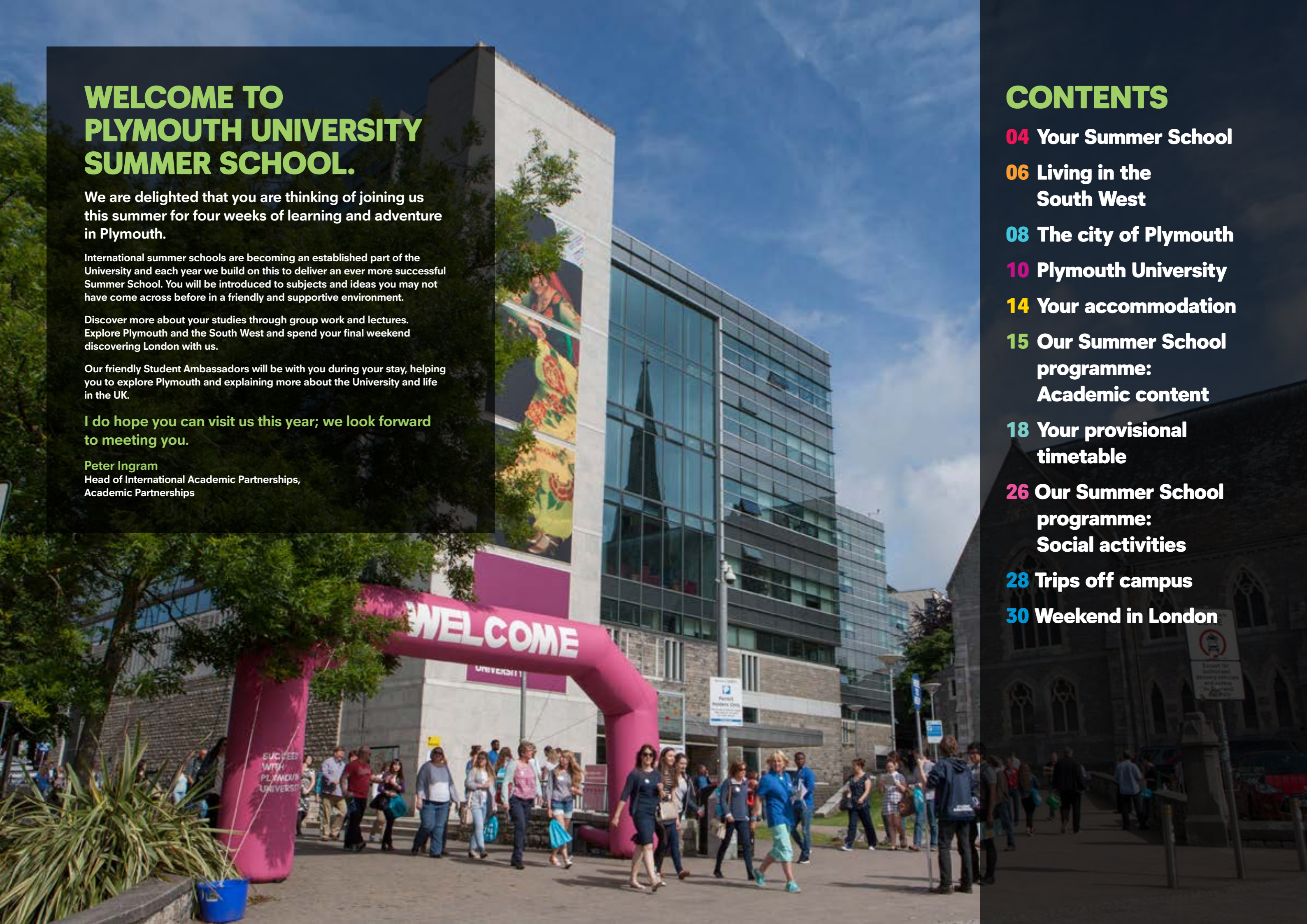
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YOUR SUMMER SCHOOL

Create new memories in a city that offers a vibrant urban culture blended with the best of the countryside, from moor to sea. Experience the dramatic landscape of the South West, where some of Britain's most beautiful beaches, with excellent sailing, surfing and diving opportunities are on your doorstep.

You will be most welcome.



This is a fantastic experience, because not only do I get to sample British culture, and see the beautiful landscape here, but I can also learn something to take home to my country.

Li Gongyuan,
Shanghai Maritime University.



2015 Summer School students

ACADEMIC CONTENT

The Plymouth University Summer School contains a wide and varied range of academic content including daily EFL (English as a Foreign Language) lessons alongside lectures and practical sessions.

These include:

- robotics demonstrations
- hands-on leadership and management workshops
- media arts and product design classes
- an exciting chemistry explosions session
- the 'whodunit?' criminal investigation simulation

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Our activities will help you to settle in, meet new people and maximise your free time with us. You will take part in a group BBQ, spend a weekend in London, watch the British Firework Championships, and enjoy fun trips to Paignton Zoo, the Eden Project and the historic city of Bath.

PROGRAMME

A provisional programme is included on pages 18–25. The final programme will be given to you on arrival and this will contain details of all the academic and social activities you'll be doing.

WHY CHOOSE OUR SUMMER SCHOOL?

- Improve your English: focus on conversational English in real-world situations.
- Meet new people: a great way to meet people from all around the world.
- Enjoy Plymouth and the UK: our programme allows you to explore and enjoy the country during your time with us.

One of my favourite moments was taking a group of around 30 students to Cardiff for the weekend, with a short stopover in Bristol on the way. Being a proud Welshman, it was amazing to see just how much our guests loved my capital city and the atmosphere at an international rugby weekend.

Sam Evans,
Plymouth University Student Ambassador.



English as a Foreign Language class



Building an eco home



The Tamar Bridge: Devon's gateway into Cornwall



View over Dartmoor National Park

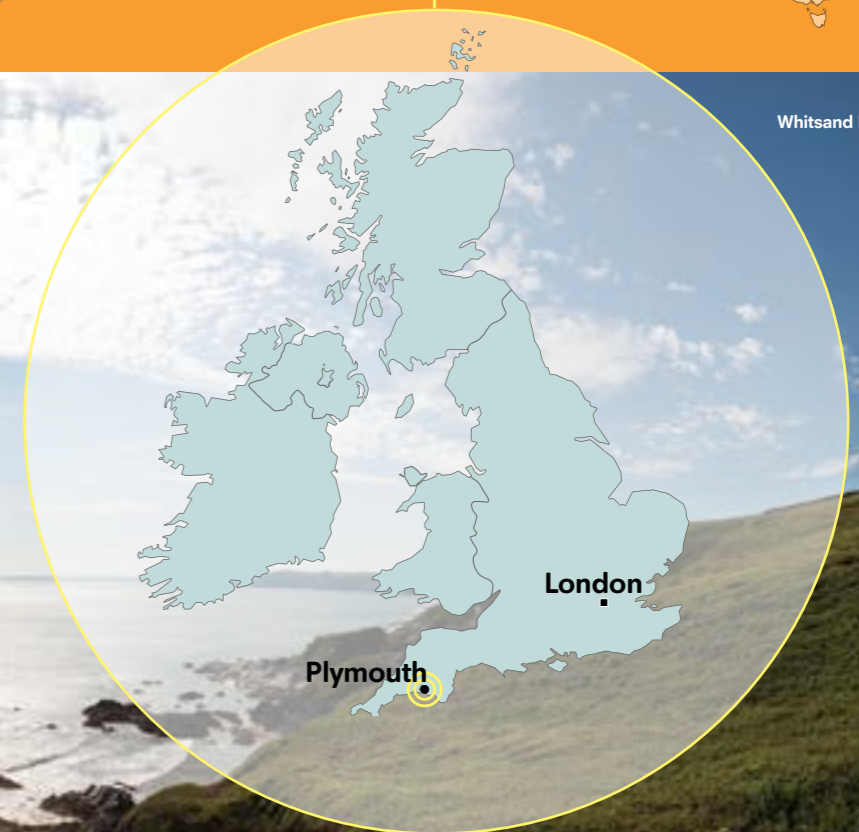
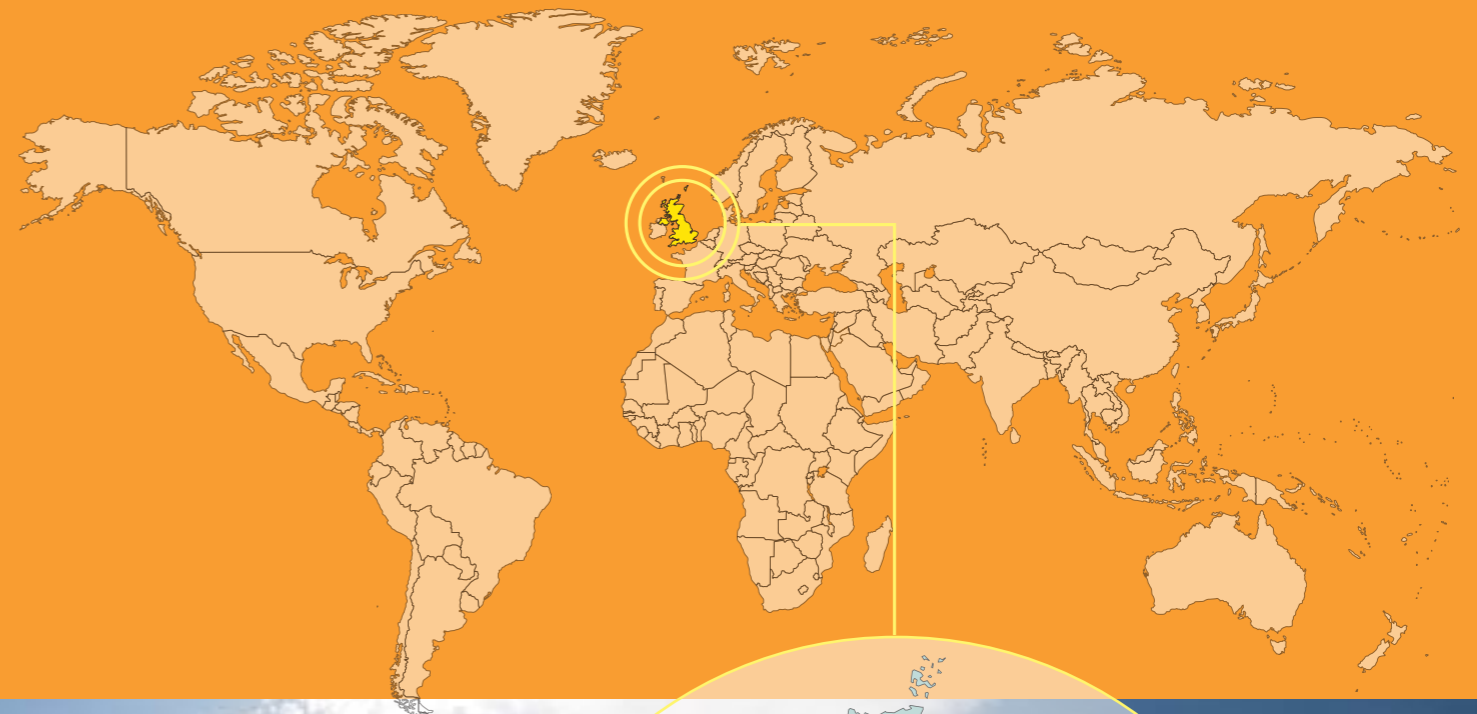


Sutton Harbour, Plymouth

LIVING IN THE SOUTH WEST

People always say there's something special about the way of life in the South West. And it's true. From secluded sandy coves and wide open seas to tranquil rivers and wild rugged moors, the South West offers more scope for sport and leisure than almost anywhere else in Britain.

When you join our Summer School, you will get a glimpse of life in Plymouth and beyond.



Whitsand Bay, Cornwall





THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Plymouth is located in the beautiful south west of England – an idyllic location for leisure and learning, with plenty of quiet spaces and recreational opportunities.

Perched between the two counties of Devon and Cornwall, Plymouth is graced with a setting among the finest in Europe. Its enviable location makes it the ideal place to study, visit and live.



As the largest city in the South West with a population of over 250,000 people, Plymouth enjoys a combination of modern city living and rural charm. With excellent national transport links, great shopping and culture, top sporting opportunities, pristine seas and south coast sunshine, studying with us lets you live the lifestyle that only the South West peninsula can offer. It is about three-and-a-half hours by train to London, with ferry links to France and Spain.

Video: Plymouth – city of opportunity (a day in the life of the city) [watch here](#)

Plymouth's historical heart is the Barbican area with its narrow Elizabethan cobbled streets. Here you will find the Plymouth Gin Distillery, home to Plymouth Gin since 1793 and England's oldest working gin distillery. Also on the Barbican is one of its most popular tourist attractions, the National Marine Aquarium which boasts Europe's deepest tank. Close by are the Mayflower Steps, reputed to be near where the Pilgrim Fathers are believed to have finally set sail for the New World in 1620.



Roland Levinsky Building and The House performing arts building

[Discover our University](#)

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENTS

We have invested more than £150 million in our campus and we're proud of these key developments that build on our standing as a first choice university.

- £5 million Marine Station supporting teaching and research across the full breadth of marine and environmental science and engineering
- £7 million performing arts building 'The House' with world class facilities offering cutting-edge theatre in the heart of Plymouth
- £19 million Marine Building with unrivalled wave tank testing facilities and a ship simulator, this is the home of our multidisciplinary Marine Institute

Our buildings have benefits that reach far beyond the University.

[Keep up with the progress via our website](#)



Wave tank



Ship simulator

PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Plymouth University is one of the largest universities in the region with a growing international reputation. When you join our Summer School, you will study and spend time at a world class UK university.

The University's mission is to advance knowledge and transform lives through education and research. We are the 15th largest university in the UK and one of the leading modern universities, ranked in the top four institutions in the country and 37th internationally under the age of 50 by *Times Higher Education*. Twice awarded The Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher Education, we were also the first university in the world to receive the Social Enterprise Mark.

We play a key role within the South West region's economy and through our £100 million network of support and facilities, are growing and supporting hundreds of businesses across the region and beyond.



Marine Building



Our Marine Station near the Barbican



Wellbeing Centre

CAMPUS FACILITIES

There is plenty to see and do when you join our Summer School. Explore different areas of our campus during your time here.

- EFL (English as a Foreign Language) sessions will be held in the award winning Roland Levinsky Building housing purpose-built teaching facilities, access to computing and media equipment, a range of study areas, modern lecture theatres and a cinema.
- Academic sessions will take place in our modern lecture theatres, computer suites, refitted science and engineering laboratories, the Charles Seale-Hayne Library, Immersive Vision Theatre and the new Marine Building which houses a wave tank and ship simulator.
- Experience the facilities of the Nancy Astor Building with its four-court sports hall, a health and fitness centre, café and energy centre.

SUPPORT

Throughout your studies there will always be plenty of help available. You will be allocated a member of the EFL teaching staff to support you and help monitor your progress. There is also dedicated support to help you get the most out of your time with us including our Student Ambassadors, academic lecturers, International Office and the Stakeholder Engagement Team.

TAKE A BREAK

There are plenty of places for you to relax and take a break where you can meet up with friends, have fun and socialise. We have a number of cafés and food outlets and the campus is home to the Students' Union, banking facilities, the Wellbeing Centre (with its own Boots pharmacy) and recreation facilities in the Nancy Astor Sports Centre.

While on campus, why not also spend some time in the historic Drake's Place Gardens and Reservoir? This award-winning community space is a calm and relaxing oasis providing a safe diverse habitat for wildlife amid the whirl of urban living. The gardens and reservoir are open daily from 7am until dusk. Sit back and enjoy a coffee or a bite to eat in our award-winning Reservoir Café.

Plymouth city centre is only a few minutes' walk from the University campus. Here, you'll find many of the UK's top brand names and the biggest stores in the region as well as many places to eat and socialise.



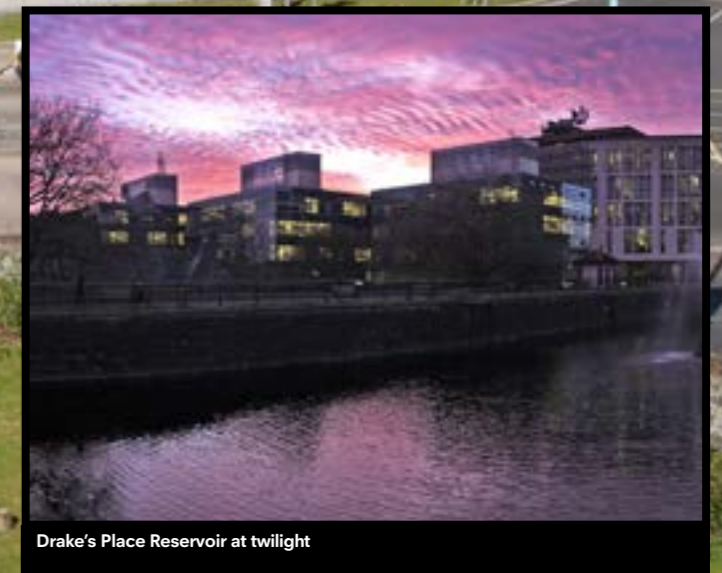
Relaxing on campus



Take a journey through the universe in our Immersive Vision Theatre



Reservoir Café



Drake's Place Reservoir at twilight



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

During your stay in Plymouth, you will be living in our Francis Drake Hall of Residence situated at the heart of the campus. The hall is only five minutes away from the city centre and the rooms on the upper floors have the added benefit of wonderful views over Plymouth. It also has the very popular campus restaurant Drake's Café opposite, offering student prices, so if you fancy a break from cooking it's the ideal place to stay.

Our appointed Student Wardens will ensure your safety and wellbeing and provide you with an alternative source of support if needed.

ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

- Laundry facilities on site
- Broadband available in every room and a Wi-Fi service throughout the building
- Flats in this hall have three to ten bedrooms and a shared kitchen area
- Modern kitchen and bathroom facilities
- Bedding and towels provided
- Meal package included (this includes breakfast and lunch during weekdays. A varied menu is on offer and we can cater for special dietary requirements if you notify us in advance.)

You can buy food from our shops and cafés or from local off campus shops. Information on these will be provided in your welcome pack. You will be responsible for purchasing additional items such as drinks and snacks between meals.



OUR SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME: ACADEMIC CONTENT

Our Summer School programme offers a wide and varied range of academic content including daily EFL lessons, lectures and practical sessions.

INDUCTION

At the start of your course you will receive a full induction. This is a great opportunity to meet staff and students and find out more about the University and the local area.

The induction includes welcome talks, an English language placement test, fun social activities, a city orientation tour of Plymouth, a University campus tour, and a group BBQ on your first evening.

WEEKLY INFORMATION SESSION

Each week you will attend a group information session and be given your programme. Academic content for the week will be explained in more detail and this is also a chance for you to ask any questions you may have about the content of the Summer School.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SESSIONS

Your English language lessons are for three hours each day, four days a week and are taught by qualified and experienced English language tutors.

A topic-based approach helps you improve the four main skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. We will also help develop your fluency and accuracy: pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary and idioms. Some lessons will be themed to help you understand the content of your lectures. Other lessons may be focused on cultural content to help you to get the most out of your trips and excursions.

You will engage in activities such as role plays, simulations, discussions and presentations, working in pairs and small groups to optimise the time you have to practise your English. Your teacher will guide you in your studies and answer any questions you may have.

We use an innovative and communicative approach to teaching. Lessons are fun and interactive with a high level of student involvement focusing on the ability to communicate successfully in English.

As well as using stimulating and contemporary materials we employ a variety of different methodologies and technologies. We make the most of being in an English environment using class trips and external resources to provide a personalised and authentic language learning experience.

You will be individually assessed on the first day of your study with a short written test and interview and then placed into class.

CLASSES

Classes are small with an average of 10–15 students. This enables our teachers to focus on your individual aims and interests to help you improve your English in a way that is relevant to you.

You will have three hour lessons for four days a week that are taught by qualified University academics.

Our programme also contains sessions where you can choose to follow specific academic themes such as:

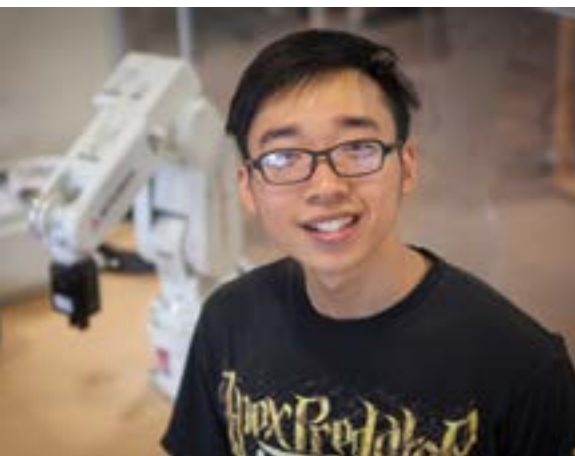
- design, digital animation and photography
- leadership styles, coaching and mentoring
- the history of Great Britain
- popular culture and media
- emergency management including first aid and criminology.



Robotics sessions



Art and design activity



"We had an impressive chemical class. In the explosions lecture, the teacher was just like a mad scientist playing with fire. The effect was great and it's totally safe. I'll definitely introduce my friends to this Summer School."

Zhou Yicheng,
Shanghai Maritime University.



Team building activity

ACADEMIC SESSIONS

Piracy and Maritime Terrorism

Over the past decades, there have been an increasing number of piracy incidents in some parts of the world. This session provides some insight into the phenomenon of modern piracy, its differences from maritime terrorism, and considerations in designing control policies.

International Maritime Organization (IMO) and Maritime Policy

Shipping plays an important role in the global economy with more than 90% of the world trade being carried by sea each year. Laws and policies developed by the IMO deal with the safety, security and marine environmental protection issues relating to shipping. This session provides a brief introduction to the IMO and some of their major policies.

Leading Innovation across Cultures

This is a series of four active workshops where you work in teams on real business, team and personal challenges. The programme addresses the following: What do we mean by culture, innovation and knowledge? What kind of changes works best in your organisation? Getting the best when East meets West. Should we conquer markets or adapt to changing customer trends?

Illustration – The Big I Am

Exploring black and white media and drawing from observation, combined with text and secondary imagery you will be illustrating facets of what makes you unique in a playful form.

Marine Microbiology

You are introduced to four species/ types of bacteria and the Gram Staining protocol. You will assess the water quality of your filtered seawater samples and compare the results to World Health Organization and Environmental Health figures. Do a trout dissection and discover appropriate organs to sample for histology and microbiology.

Exploring Sport, Play and Games

Discuss the concept and characteristics of sport and other related terms. Work in groups to design your own sport within the parameters of the definitions and characteristics of sport. Present your sport to the rest of the group, demonstrating the key rules and concepts.

Digital Art and Technology (DAT)

This is a broad overview of the topics within DAT including Photoshop image manipulation, audio effects creation, plug-and-play electronics, web-based media and mobile applications.

Opportunity Creation

Think entrepreneurially as you explore the concept of opportunity creation. In teams, you will be given an existing product and have to 'think outside the box' to develop several innovative and alternative uses for them. You will then develop a particular idea further and pitch it to the rest of the group. The most innovative and profitable idea voted for will be showcased during the session.

'Whodunnit?'

Criminal Investigation Simulation

Solve a 'crime' on campus – be a detective at Plymouth University! A police lecturer and serving police officer (Paul and Hitch) have prepared an interactive exercise based on a realistic crime scenario. Practise your English while speaking to 'witnesses', record the events and discuss your findings (in English) of your investigation. There is a prize for the first team to catch the culprit!

Build an Eco Home

A hands-on, creative and fun workshop session introduces you to the concepts of sustainability in the built environment. Working in small teams, you will design and construct a model eco house and create a poster to explain your ideas.

Environmental Biology

Meet some creepy crawlies! Learn how to use freshwater invertebrates as biological indicators of water quality. Identify common woodland invertebrates and learn about their ecosystem function. Learn about insect mechanisms of resistance to radiation. This session includes a natural history quiz.

FLUX Challenge

FLUX aids ideas generation and business planning around a given theme. In teams, you will brainstorm to produce ideas for innovative products or services and then play the game *Xing!* to build a business plan and strategy for your idea. You will present this and your strategy to the group who will vote on an overall winner.

Media Arts

Make a film reflecting on your experiences in Plymouth (What did you like? What was your favourite moment? What did you miss about home?). You will work in groups of three to write, shoot and edit short films, and then make a collective film. Your films will be screened at the end of the session and uploaded online (privately) for you to download and share with family and friends back home.

Antony Jinman – Plymouth University Explorer in Residence

Learn about polar exploration in the Arctic and Antarctic. Antony successfully completed a 730 mile solo expedition in 46 days to the South Pole involving 63 schools following his progress online and in workshops prior to the event. Antony has now completed 16 expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctica enabling him to build his knowledge on polar related topics including wildlife, Inuit culture, climate change, geography, and expedition skills.

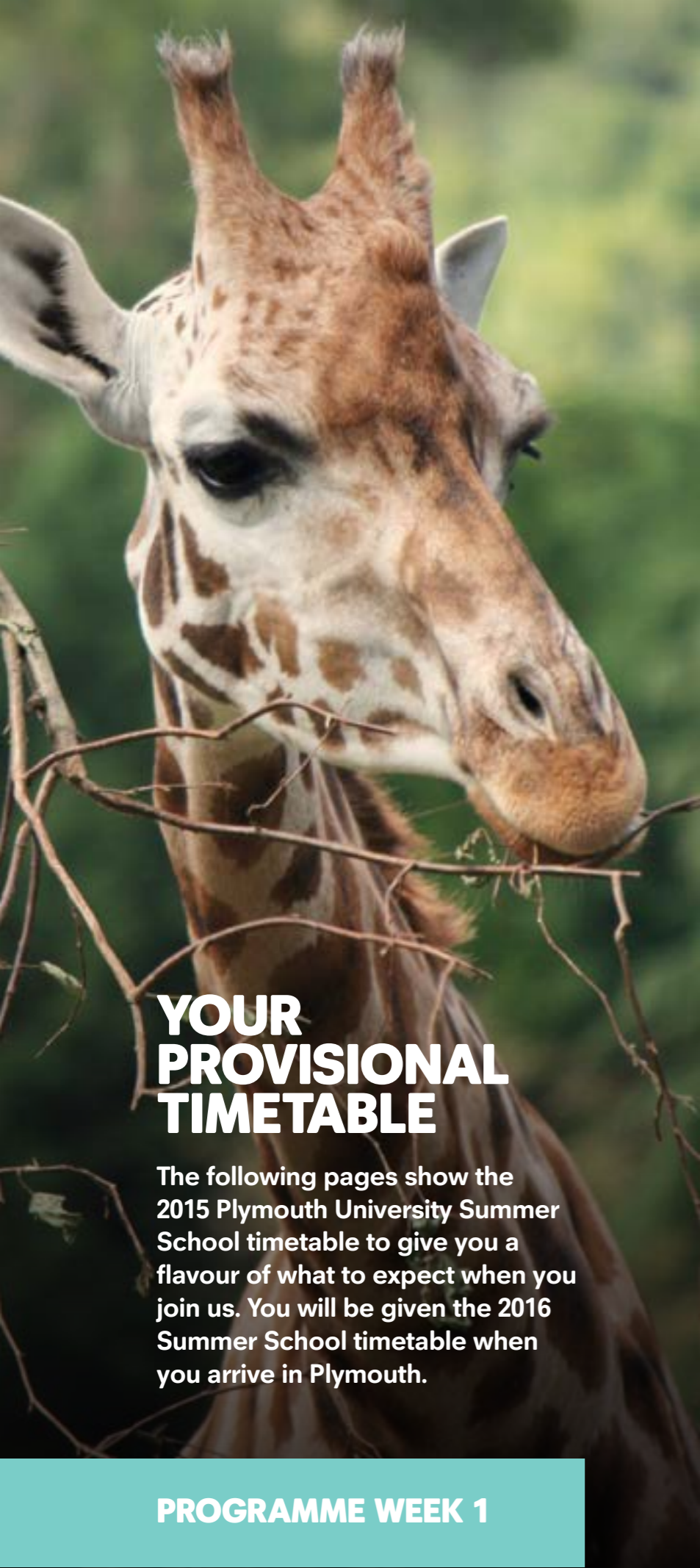
LIQUID NITROGEN AND PING-PONG BALLS COLLIDE

What happens when you place liquid nitrogen in a container filled with 1,650 ping-pong balls?

Watch the video here:
[YOUTUBE](#) [YouKu](#)



Exploding ping-pong balls chemistry experiment



YOUR PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

The following pages show the 2015 Plymouth University Summer School timetable to give you a flavour of what to expect when you join us. You will be given the 2016 Summer School timetable when you arrive in Plymouth.

PROGRAMME WEEK 1

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
AM		BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)		
	BREAKFAST 10:00-11:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)			
PM	WELCOME & INTRO 11:30-14:00 (RLB LT2)	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	PAIGNTON ZOO & BUCKFAST ABBEY 09:00-17:00	FREE TIME	FREE TIME
	LUNCH 14:00-15:00 (RLB CAFÉ)		IMO & POLICY, PIRACY & MARITIME TERRORISM 13:30-16:00 (RLB LT2)				
	EFL TESTING 15:30-18:00 (RLB LT2)	FREE TIME	LEADING INNOVATION 13:30-17:00 (ROLLE 002/003)	CSI FORENSICS 13:30-17:00 (DVIY 707)	DIGITAL ART & TECHNOLOGY 13:30-17:00 (BGB 213)		
	GROUP BBQ 18:00-20:00 (RESERVOIR CAFÉ)		MOVIE NIGHT 19:30-21:30 (RLB, JILL CRAIGIE CINEMA)				



PROGRAMME WEEK 2

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
AM	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)		
	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)			
PM	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	EDEN PROJECT & LOOE 09:00-17:00	FREE TIME	FREE TIME
	INFO SESSION 14:00-15:00 (RLB LT2)		EXPLOSIONS LECTURE 13:30-14:30 (DAVY LT)	PING-PONG BANG! 13:30-14:30 (RLB CROSSPOINT)			
	CREATIVE WRITING 14:00-17:00 (BGB 403)	FREE TIME	ROBOTICS 14:30-17:00 (SMB 303)	LEADING INNOVATION 14:30-17:00 (ROLLE 002/003)	CREEPLY CRAWLIES 14:30-17:00 (DVIY 707)	DIGITAL ART & TECHNOLOGY 14:30-17:00 (BGB 213)	
	ILLUSTRATION 14:00-17:00 (BGB 402)						
	GROUP MEAL 18:00-20:00 (VIEW PAN ASIA)		SPORTS ACTIVITIES 19:00-21:00 (NANCY ASTOR BUILDING)				



PROGRAMME WEEK 3

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
AM	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-08:00 (RLB CAFÉ)		
PM	FREE TIME	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)	CITY OF BATH 08:00-17:00	FREE TIME	FREE TIME
		LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)			
		INFO SESSION 13:30-14:00 (RLB LT2)	SHOWCASE LECTURE 13:30-14:30 (RLB LT2)	WHODUNNIT? CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION 13:30-16:00 (RLB LT2)			
		OPPORTUNITY CREATION 14:00-17:00 (SMB 211) BUILD AN ECO HOME 14:00-17:00 (SMB 212)	LEADING INNOVATION 14:30-17:00 (ROLLE 002/003) MARINE MICROBIOLOGY 14:30-17:00 (DVIY 301) ARTS 14:30-17:00 (TBC)				
			SPORTS ACTIVITIES 19:00-21:00 (NANCY ASTOR BUILDING)				



PROGRAMME WEEK 4

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN		
AM	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)	BREAKFAST 07:30-09:00 (RLB CAFÉ)				
	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB)	EFL CLASS 09:00-12:00 (RLB) LONDON BRIEFING 11:00-12:00 <small>(RLB, JILL CRAIGIE CINEMA)</small>					
PM	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	LUNCH 12:00-13:30 (RLB CAFÉ)	LONDON	LONDON	LONDON		
	INFO SESSION 13:30-14:00 (RLB LT2)	ROBOTICS 13:30-17:00 (SMB 303)	SHOWCASE LECTURE 13:30-14:30 (RLB LT2)	FREE TIME 13:30-15:30					
	EXPLORING THE POLES 14:00-15:00 <small>(RLB, JILL CRAIGIE CINEMA)</small>		LEADING INNOVATION 14:30-17:00 (ROLLE 002/003)	MARINE MICROBIOLOGY 14:30-17:00 (DVY 301)				ARTS 14:30-17:00 (TBC)	AWARDS CEREMONY 15:30-18:00 (RLB LT1)
	AMERICAN POPULAR CULTURE 16:00-17:00 <small>(RLB, JILL CRAIGIE CINEMA)</small>								
	BRITISH FIREWORK CHAMPIONSHIPS 20.00-21:30 (PLYMOUTH HOE)	BRITISH FIREWORK CHAMPIONSHIPS 20.00-21:30 (PLYMOUTH HOE)	PIZZA & KARAOKE 18:00+ (STUDENTS' UNION)						

OUR SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME: SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Alongside EFL lessons and lectures, your week is also filled with fun, interesting and exciting social activities. Trips, visits, excursions and group activities will help you to settle in, meet new people and maximise your free time in Plymouth.

These include:

- a group BBQ on your first evening
- a weekly movie night
- sports activities
- experiencing local events such as the Plymouth Classic Boat Rally, British Firework Championships and Flavour Fest (annual food festival).

RECREATION

You will have access to our recreational facilities on campus including our gym and sports hall. Outside the University, you can take part in water sports and outdoor activities at the Plymouth Life Centre and Mount Batten Centre.

A group day trip is organised once a week with optional trips you can sign up to each weekend.

These are varied and include:

- a fun trip to Paignton Zoo in South Devon
- a visit to the world's largest indoor rainforest at the Eden Project in Cornwall
- an opportunity to watch Shakespeare at the historic Minack Theatre in Cornwall.

The last weekend of the Plymouth University Summer School is spent in London giving you a chance to explore our capital city and to say goodbye to the friends you have made during your stay in the UK.

BRITISH FIREWORK CHAMPIONSHIPS

The annual British Firework Championships take place in Plymouth for two nights every August and is free for anyone to attend. One of Britain's most spectacular firework displays, the championships feature top pyrotechnics companies setting off tonnes of fireworks over the Plymouth Waterfront as they battle it out to become the British Firework Champion. The crowds are entertained before the fireworks start; in previous years, this has included a display by the RAF's world famous aerobatics team, the Red Arrows.



MOVIE NIGHT

There is a movie night on campus in our Jill Craigie Cinema each week where we will show a film that expresses British culture.

SPORTS NIGHTS

We hire the University sports halls for the Summer School so you can play group sports including badminton, basketball and football during your time with us.

Now, I am in Shanghai, all the things happened in UK is kind of a dream. However, now, it is the time to wake up, and to study harder for a better future. Thank you to everyone that I met here, I love you all.

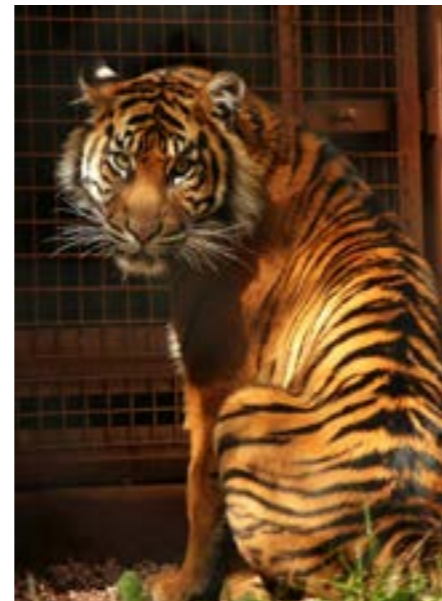
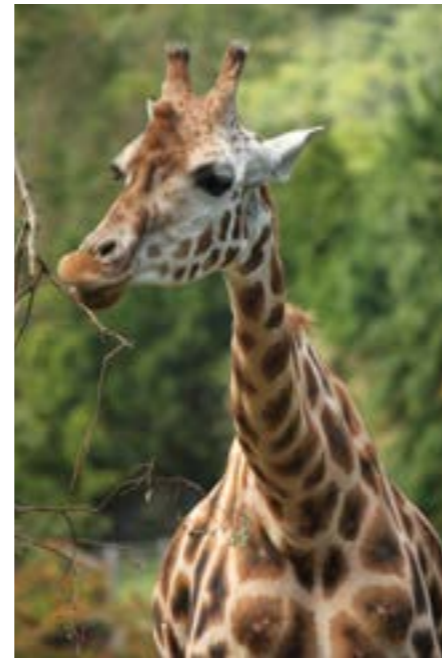
Lai Longyan,
Shanghai Maritime University.



Badminton in the Nancy Astor Sports Centre

TRIPS OFF CAMPUS

You have the opportunity to explore further afield with our Summer School. As well as exciting day trips in the South West, you will experience a weekend in London before we say goodbye to you.



DAY TRIP: PAIGNTON ZOO (SOUTH DEVON)

With over 2,000 animals, five different habitats and acres of space, you're in for a great day out at Paignton Zoo! What do you tackle first? Do you cross the hair-raising Crocodile Swamp, home to the world's largest crocodile species? Get close to our animal cousins at Monkey Heights or visit the Big Cats enclosures? The Jungle Express train is a perfect chance to rest your feet for a small charge. Get exclusive peeps into the tiger and lion enclosures and ride past Gorilla Island. See the gibbons swinging in the trees, the flamingos bathing in the pond and the beautiful birds of Brook Side Aviary.

Further information: www.paigntonzoo.org.uk



DAY TRIP: EDEN PROJECT (CORNWALL)

Explore your relationship with nature at the Eden Project. You will learn new things and get inspiration about the world around you. Nestled in a huge crater, here you will find massive biomes housing the largest rainforest in captivity. Stunning plants, exhibitions and stories serve as a backdrop to striking contemporary gardens, summer concerts and exciting year-round family events. Experience the Rainforest Canopy Walkway offering breathtaking views across the biome and take a ride on the free land trains from the entrance to the site down the steep slopes of the crater.

Further information: www.edenproject.com

DAY TRIP: CITY OF BATH

Designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, Bath is famous for its Roman Baths, natural hot springs and 18th century Georgian architecture. Discover how Jane Austen spent her time in Bath, walk along the Royal Crescent and enjoy a vibrant city with great shopping, spa, dining and plenty to see and do.

Further information: www.visitbath.co.uk



WEEKEND IN LONDON

There is no day trip during your final week with the Summer School. Instead, you will spend your last weekend with us in London, visiting one of the most exciting cities in the world.

This is your chance to explore our capital city and to say goodbye to the friends you have made during your stay in the UK.



Royal Albert Hall

Plymouth University had organised some trips for us. We have been to the Eden Project, Looe and the city of Bath. I enjoyed all these places very much. The UK is undoubtedly the icon of the West!

Angus Lee,
Hong Kong University School of Professional
and Continuing Education (HKU SPACE)



TOP 10 ATTRACTIONS

These are the top 10 attractions (according to Visit London 2015) that you won't want to miss.

1. British Museum
2. National Gallery
3. Natural History Museum
4. Tate Modern
5. London Eye
6. Science Museum
7. Victoria and Albert Museum
8. Tower of London
9. National Maritime Museum / Royal Observatory Greenwich
10. Madame Tussauds

Further information on things to do, and places to eat and visit: www.visitlondon.com



Tower of London

I became an older sister to some of the most fun and special people I've ever met, many of whom I know I've made lifelong friends with!

Leonie Cooper,
Plymouth University Student Ambassador



ACCOMMODATION

You will be staying in a University College London (UCL) hall of residence during your time in London.

Situated just opposite UCL's main site on Gower Street, John Tovell House offers accommodation in a mixture of twin and single rooms on a room only basis.

All bedrooms have wash hand basins, are fully carpeted and have bed linen supplied. There are kitchens and communal bathrooms throughout the building. The kitchens are equipped with basic essentials if you want to cater for yourself. A launderette is also available.

The British Museum is five minutes' walk away, as is the busy Tottenham Court Road, providing restaurants to suit all tastes and budgets. Oxford Street, Soho, London's Theatreland and Chinatown are also within walking distance.

MEALS

Breakfast is provided in the course fee but you will need to buy your own lunches and evening meals. We will be able to advise you on places to do this.



Big Ben and Westminster Bridge at dusk



Buckingham Palace



The National Gallery and Trafalgar Square

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