



UNIVERSITY OF  
PLYMOUTH



**2023**

**EDUCATION SUMMER SCHOOL**  
**10 - 23 JULY**

# WELCOME TO EDUCATION SUMMER SCHOOL

We are delighted that you are thinking of joining us this summer for two 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 within a friendly and supportive environment.

Discover more about your studies through group work and lectures. Experience education in England, find out what it is like to be a student in Plymouth and explore our culture and heritage.

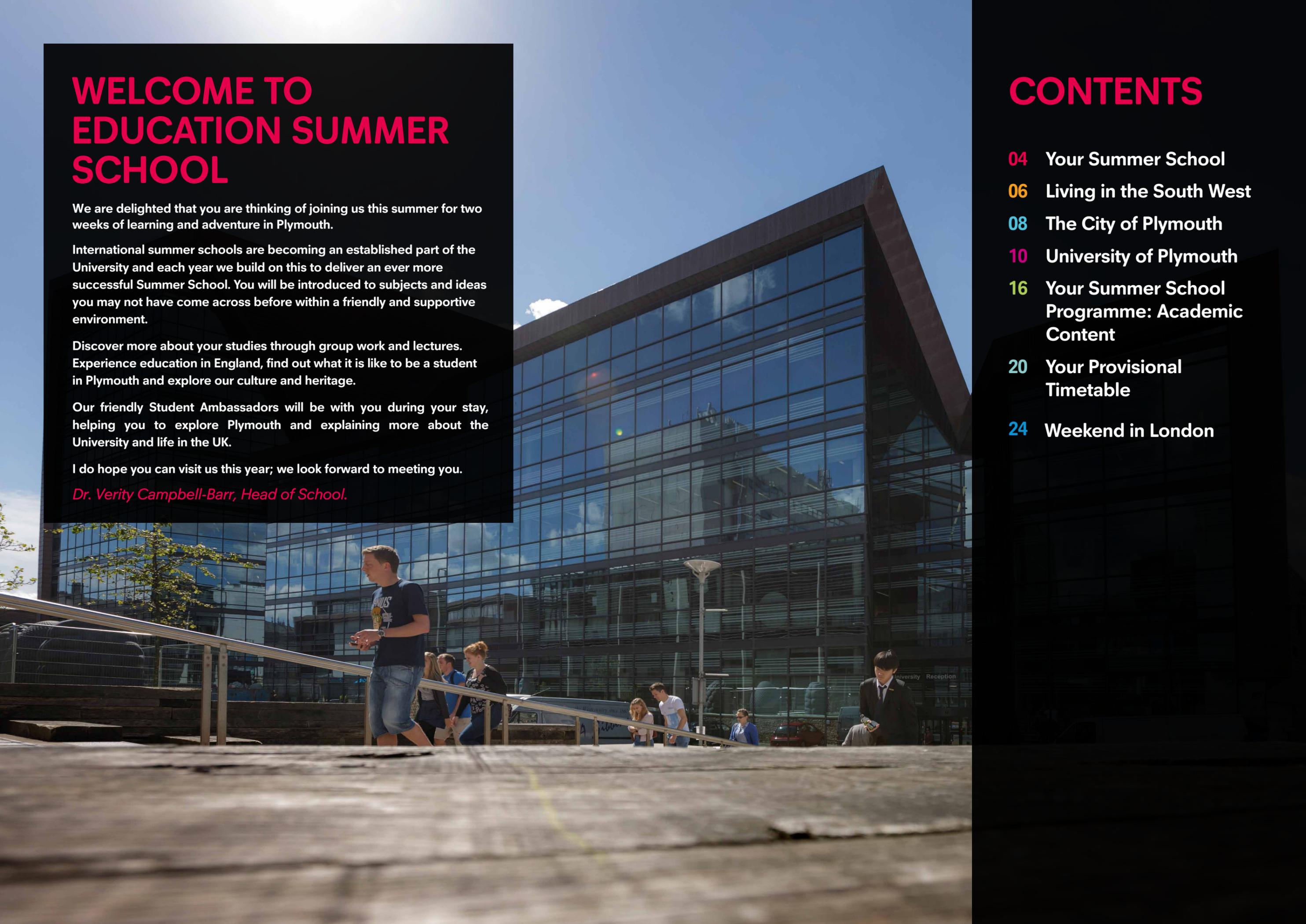
Our friendly Student Ambassadors will be with you during your stay, helping you to explore Plymouth and explaining more about the University and life in the UK.

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

*Dr. Verity Campbell-Barr, Head of School.*

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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, excellent sailing, surfing and diving opportunities, are on your doorstep.

You will be most welcome.



Summer School students

## ACADEMIC CONTENT

The Education Summer School students will experience a range of seminars, workshops and setting visits all designed to give you insight into education in England.

These may include:

- making and doing 3D art in education
- learning outside the classroom
- vulnerability and kindness as a teaching method
- 21st century skills
- early reading and phonics in the primary curriculum

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Our activities will help you to settle in, meet new people and maximise your free time with us. You have the opportunity to spend your final weekend in London before your flight home

## PROGRAMME

A provisional programme is included on pages 20–23. The final programme will be given to you on arrival and will contain details of all the academic and social activities you'll be taking part in.

## 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

*When I first agreed to work the summer school I had no idea what to expect, it ended up being the most rewarding job I have ever had. I was amazed by how quickly the students settled in, making friends across cultures and throwing themselves into all the activities that the summer school had to offer.*

**Ed Badham-Thornhill,  
University of Plymouth,  
Student Ambassador.**



*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**





The Tamar Bridge: Devon's gateway into Cornwall



View over Dartmoor National Park

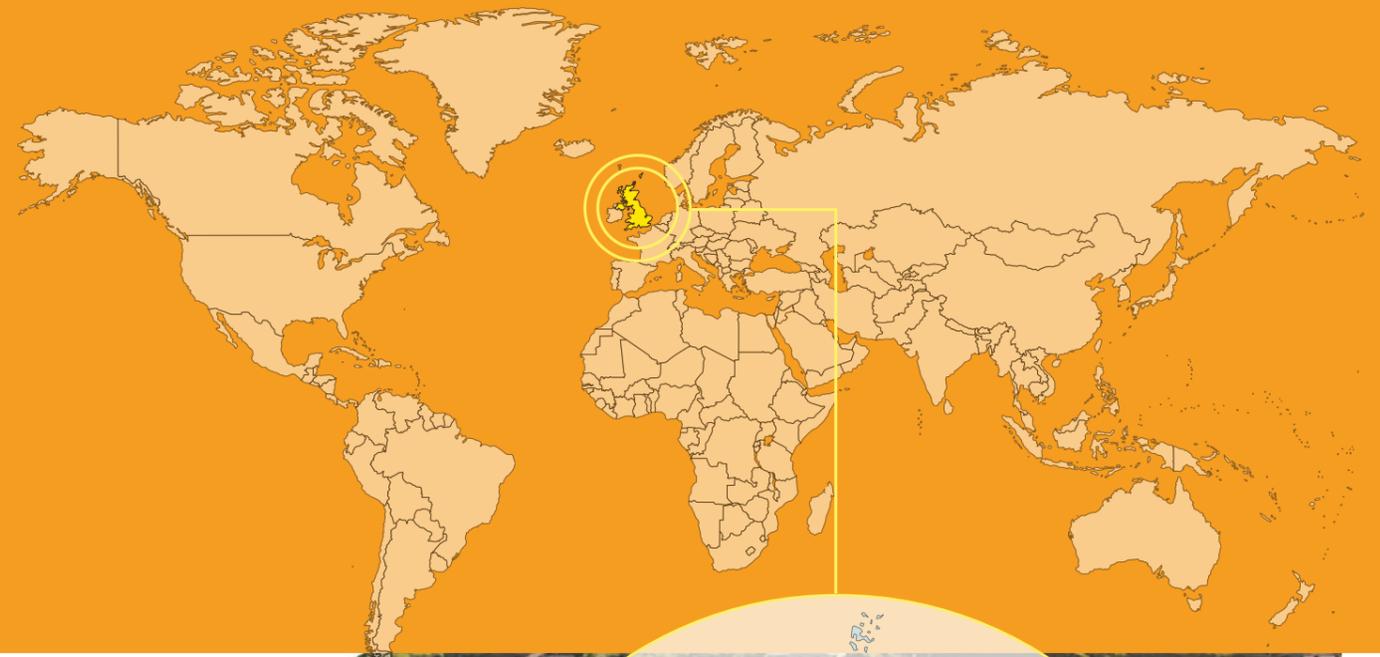


Sutton Harbour, Plymouth

## 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.



Bigbury, Devon

Plymouth

London



# 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.**

Located in Devon on the boarder with 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.

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, belived to be near where the Pilgrim Fathers finally set sail for the New World in 1620.





## EXPLORE OUR CAMPUS

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

Why not explore our campus before you even step foot in the United Kingdom by viewing our virtual tour? Our virtual tour allows you to experience first-hand what it is like to be on our campus and explore the environments and facilities that inspire and shape our learning every day.

Step into one of our campus buildings and picture yourself spending your summer with us.

Click on the 'VIRTUAL TOUR' below to begin your experience.



Wave tank

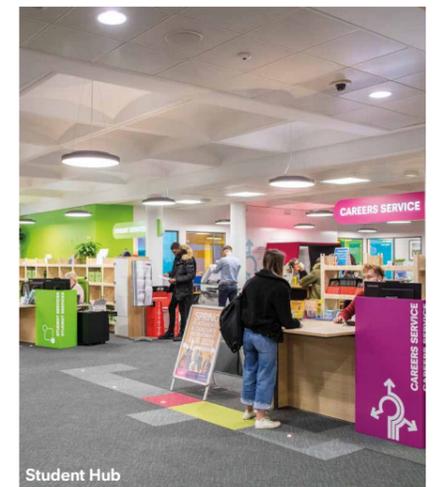


Ship simulator

## [VIRTUAL TOUR](#)



Our Marine Station near the Barbican



Student Hub

# THE UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH

University of Plymouth 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 one of the UK's leading modern universities, ranked 5th place in the UK in the *Times Higher Education (THE)* Young University rankings 2022. Three times awarded The Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher Education, we were also the first university in the world to receive the Social Enterprise Mark. The University of Plymouth has 150 partnerships from 26 countries for collaboration in teaching and research and more than three quarters of our research was ranked either World-Leading or Internationally Excellent in the 2021 Research Excellence Framework (REF).



Marine Building

## 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.

- Education Summer School sessions will be held principally in our purpose built Rolle Building equipped with interactive screens, art and science rooms designed to support students starting a career in education.
- Explore our Charle Seale Hayne library with access to approximately 350,000 books, 500,000 eBooks and 80,000 current journal titles. The Charles Seale-Hayne main library has a variety of different study environments and the Level 0 Learning Space is open 24/7 all year round
- 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. There is also dedicated support to help you get the most out of your time with us including our Student Ambassadors, Academic Lecturers, Plymouth Global and the Events 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 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.



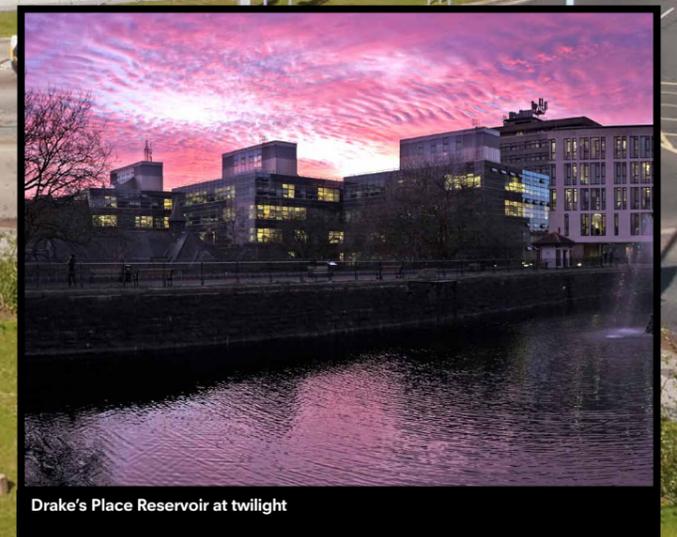
Relaxing on campus



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 Halls 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.

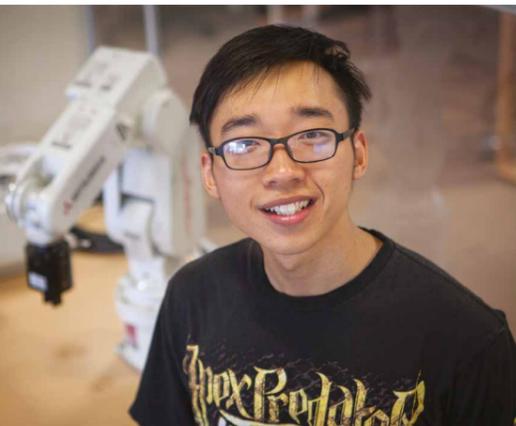
Our appointed Student Ambassadors will ensure your safety and wellbeing and provide you with an alternative source of support if needed.

## 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.





*"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.

## ACADEMIC SESSION EXAMPLES

### HISTORY OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE UK

*Dr Nick Pratt*

In this session we will briefly look at the complex history of education in the UK; how schools came about in different forms at different times and the role of religious organisations, the state and industrial organisations in creating our education system. In addition to the structure of the system, we will consider how the physical buildings and systems of organisation interrelate with different views on what education is for, arriving at the present day and the global education market. By considering the UK system, I hope that participants will be able to make connections with their own systems elsewhere in the world and use this to better understand the relationship between their own schools and the international context they are in.

### VULNERABILITY AND KINDNESS AS A TEACHING METHOD

*Dr Emma Macleod-Johnstone*

In this short workshop, we will be exploring the impact of 'vulnerability' in student-teacher relationships and the connections formed through 'acts of kindness'. These moments have the potential for mutually transformative learning as we consider: What is it to be vulnerable? Why can showing 'vulnerability as an act of kind-ness', through the power of example, be such a potent strength in teaching and learning?

### CAN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES HELP PAINT A DIFFERENT PICTURE FOR THE FUTURE OF ENGLAND'S EDUCATION SYSTEM?

*Dr Naomi Sani*

From 'mathematics mastery' to 'the purpose of problem solving' to 'concentrating on cognitive challenge' to 'post-pandemic pupil well-being' - what can international comparisons teach us? This is a pivotal moment in educational history. The Covid-19 pandemic has 'forced' innovation and galvanised the education community to be strong and adaptive - and to focus on equity in society. There could be no better time to consider the quality and efficacy of our education systems. Dialogue, collaboration, conversation - on a global scale - could deliver considerable rewards from learning from others.

### MULTICULTURAL CURRICULUM TO FACILITATE INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN MAINSTREAM PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

*Suparna Bagchi*

This session will explore insights into how a multicultural curriculum might facilitate the inclusion of children from diverse communities in the mainstream education system. The workshop will evoke an interactive discussion on how the issues of community cohesion, cultural diversity, and race equality can be addressed through a curriculum by incorporating multiculturalism both in theory and practice.

### EARLY READING AND PHONICS IN THE PRIMARY ENGLISH CURRICULUM

*Jo Hawkes*

With around 44 different sounds in the English language but only 26 letters to represent these, how do we teach children to read in English primary schools? This workshop will look at how we use Phonics as a key to unlocking the written code of English and give plenty of opportunity for practising games and activities that help. Come along with your fingers ready to tap out and your tongues ready to get in a twist!



Team building activity



# EDUCATION SUMMER SCHOOL ACADEMIC CONTENT

Our summer school programme offers a wide and varied range of academic content including lectures, workshops and practical sessions.

## INDUCTION

At the start of your course you will receive an 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, fun social activities, a city orientation tour of Plymouth and a University campus tour.

## ACADEMIC SESSIONS

On the previous and following page you will find examples of academic sessions that you will undertake as part of your summer school programme.

# ACADEMIC SESSION EXAMPLES

## BOAT TO MOUNT BATTEN AND WALK TO TURNCHAPEL HISTORY WALK

Dr Harriet Dismore

Enjoy the short ferry ride from the Barbican to Mount Batten before a little walk along the marina to the waterside village of Turnchapel. Here you will learn about shipbuilders, sea pilots and smugglers, as well as the remains of 17th century workers discovered just a few years ago in an old allotment! We will finish our walk with a drink at one of the local pubs, taking in some of the best views of Plymouth across the Cattewater.

## PRIMARY SCIENCE PRACTICAL IDEAS AND LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Kelly Davis

During this workshop you will have the opportunity to take part in and learn some exciting and wow factor science experiments aimed at children between the ages of 3-11. We will also go outside and think about how we can integrate learning outside into our practical teaching of science.

## 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

Dr Janet Georgeson

Schoolchildren today growing up to face complex, changing environments 'where creativity, innovation, initiative, entrepreneurship and commitment to continuous learning are as important as knowledge' (Caena, 2011: 2). For children and young people to acquire the complex and analytical skills and dispositions needed to adapt to such environments, schools should provide appropriate teaching to develop students' '21st century skills' - collaboration, creativity, ICT (information and communication technology), communication and criticality/problem-solving. However we must be careful that we do not introduce barriers to the development of 21st century skills by limited access to - and overreliance on - technology. We will explore how educators across the age range introduce 21st skills into their teaching to help towards SDG 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

## HOW DOES SATELLITE NAVIGATION WORK?

Professor David Burghes

Sat Nav technology depends on using Satellites to monitor traffic but how many satellites are needed and how do they stay stationary about the earth? We will also explore how the satellites decide on the best route for you to take from position A to position B and the assumptions made to give you the optimum route.

“  
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.



# PROGRAMME WEEK 1

Day/Time	09:00 - 10:45		11:15 - 13:00		14:00 - 16:00	16:00- 17:00	Evening
<b>Monday 10 July</b>	<b>Welcome to Plymouth Orientation of Campus and campus hunt quiz</b> <i>Victoria Bamsey</i> Rolle 018/Campus	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>History of the education system in the UK</b> <i>Nick Pratt</i>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>Art Making and Doing 3D Art in Education - Clay</b> <i>Caroline Flage</i> Rolle 311-312	Free	<b>Welcome Drinks and Dinner at the Barbican</b> Rock Fish Fish and Chips
<b>Tuesday 11 July</b>	<b>Child-Centredness</b> <i>Verity Campbell -Barr</i>		<b>21st Century Skills</b> <i>Janet Georgeson</i>		<b>Boat to Mount Batten and walk to Turnchapel</b> History walk <i>Hariet Dismore</i>	Free	Dinner/Free time
<b>Wednesday 12 July</b>	<b>Learning outside the classroom</b> <i>Kelly Davis</i>		<b>Primary Geography Safeguarding in preparation for school visits.</b> <i>Miles Opie</i>		<b>Setting Visits EY/Primary/Secondary</b> 13.30-15.30	Free	Dinner/Free time
<b>Thursday 13 July</b>	<b>How does Satellite Navigation Work?</b> <i>David Burghes</i>		<b>Visit to Plymouth Marine Laboratory</b> <i>Tom Stamp (TBC)</i> Lunch at Royal William Yard		<b>Setting Visits EY/Primary/Secondary</b> 13.30-15.30	Free	Dinner/Free time
<b>Friday 14 July</b>	<b>Donkey Sanctuary Visit</b> Brief and meet for coach/minibus to Sidmouth 09.30 (1 hour 15 mins Travel)		11:00 arrival at Donkey Sanctuary <i>Educational input from centre lead</i>		<b>Learning about the charity/ meet the Donkeys</b> Understand how this setting can support children's learning in a cross curricular context. Packed lunch and walk.	<b>Beach Visit</b> Mini bus to the beach (15 mins)	Dinner/Free time
<b>Saturday 15 July</b> (optional activities)	Optional <a href="#">Plymouth Sea life Centre</a>		<a href="#">Plymouth Sea life Centre</a>		Optional <a href="#">Mount Batten Water Sports</a> Paddle Boarding or Kayaking session	Free	Dinner/Free time
<b>Sunday 16 July</b> (optional activities)	Optional Visit <a href="#">Brixham Golden Hind</a> Spanish Armada – KS2 History Sir Francis Drake/Tudor Britain		Train from Plymouth – Paignton (1 hour 6 mins)		Ferry from Paignton to Brixham <a href="#">Western Lady Ferries</a>	Free	Dinner/Free time

## YOUR PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

The following pages show the provisional timetable for 2023.

PROGRAMME WEEK 2

Day/Time	09:00 - 10:45	BREAK	11:15 - 13:00	LUNCH	14:00 - 16:00	16:00- 17:00	Evening
<b>Monday 17 July</b>	<b>Art Session Two Ceramics Glazes Post Firing</b> <i>Caroline Flage</i>		<b>Early Reading and Phonics in the Primary English curriculum</b> <i>Jo Hawkes</i>		<b>Vulnerability and kindness as a teaching method</b> <i>Emma Macleod-Johnston</i>	Free	<b>Quiz Evening run by student Ambassadors</b> Students' Union Bar
<b>Tuesday 18 July</b>	<b>School Visit</b> Widey Court Primary <i>Sam Townsend</i>		<b>School Visit and Reflection</b> Widey Court Primary <i>Sam Townsend</i>		<b>Transitions to school – a relational approach.</b> <i>Karen Wickett</i>	Free	Dinner/Free time
<b>Wednesday 19 July</b>	<b>Mathematics Education Lesson learned In the UK from South East Asia</b> <i>Naomi Sani/Sam Townsend</i>		<b>Multicultural curriculum to facilitate inclusive education in main-stream primary schools</b> <i>Suparna Bagchi</i>		<b>History and Dartmoor</b> How to use Dartmoor to engage pupils in History through OAA	Free	Dinner/Free time
<b>Thursday 20 July</b>	<b>Dartmoor Trip</b> Departure by coach/mini bus to Dartmoor (45 mins) 09:30-10:15		<a href="#">Visit Princetown Dartmoor Prison Museum</a>		<b>Walk to Grimspound.</b> Bronze age village Invaders and settlers. <a href="#">Widecombe in the Moor</a> <a href="#">Afternoon Tea Inn on the Green</a>	Free	<b>Celebratory BBQ</b> University of Plymouth Campus
<b>Friday 21 July</b>	<b>Leave for London</b>		<b>2 night London visit</b> <b>Independent activities planned by students</b>				
<b>Saturday 22 July</b>	<b>London</b>						
<b>Sunday 23 July</b>	<b>London for outbound flight</b>						



# WEEKEND IN LONDON

At the end of your final week with the education summer school you have the opportunity to spend time in London before you travel home.

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 some of the top attractions in London 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](http://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



Big Ben and Westminster Bridge at dusk

## ACCOMMODATION

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

The British Museum is a short 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 may be provided (subject to availability) 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.



Buckingham Palace



The National Gallery and Trafalgar Square



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