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**PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY
SUMMER SCHOOL 2012**

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Welcome



Welcome to the Plymouth University Summer School 2012. We are delighted that you are thinking of joining us this summer for four weeks of learning and adventure at Plymouth. Last year we held our first summer school and following the great success of it we are offering what we hope is an even better one this year. Classes are designed to introduce you to subjects and ideas which you may not have come across before in a friendly supportive environment. There will be English language classes as well as academic lectures and group work to help you discover more about your studies.

There will be trips away from the city as well as a number of optional days or weekends away. The Plymouth Student Ambassadors will be with you during your stay helping you navigate the city and explain more about the university and living in the UK.

Plymouth University is this celebrating our 150th anniversary, and we are now in the top 45 of UK universities according to the THE international league table. As the Enterprise University we focus on helping students progress from university to the world of work.

I do hope you can come this year, we look forward to meeting you.



Bill Rammell

Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic: Student Experience and Internationalisation)

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Your Summer School

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“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, 21
Shanghai Maritime
University



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 as well as lectures and practical sessions which include:

- Business simulation sessions
- Robotics demonstrations
- Marine pollution lectures with hands-on floating classroom in the historic Plymouth Sound
- An exciting explosions session
- The ‘whodunit?’ criminal investigation simulation

Social Activities

Here are just some of the many trips, visits and excursions, available to students on the Plymouth University Summer School, designed to help you settle in, meet new people and maximise your free time in Plymouth:

- Group BBQ
- Weekly Movie Night
- Visit the historic Stonehenge
- Weekend in London
- Paignton Zoo trip
- Visit the Eden Project
- Watch the British Fireworks Championships

Programme

A provisional programme is included in this handbook (pages 17-26). The latest summer school programme will be given to you on arrival. It will contain details of all the lectures and social programme.

Why choose the Plymouth University Summer School?

- **Improve your English**
Focusing on conversational English in real-world situations.
- **Meet people**
Our summer school is a great way to meet people from all around the World.
- **Enjoy Plymouth**
A weekly programme of events which give you an opportunity to enjoy Plymouth and the UK over the summer.





Plymouth - A beautiful city

Plymouth is a safe and vibrant waterfront city. It has fantastic leisure facilities, easy access to beaches and a natural landscape of moors and beautiful countryside.

Plymouth is the largest city in the South West, with a population of over 250,000, and offers everything you would expect from a thriving and energetic community.

Plymouth has some of Europe's most spectacular countryside and beaches and Plymouth's enviable location between Dartmoor National Park and the sea makes it the ideal place to study, visit and live.

Location

Plymouth is located on the coast in the beautiful South West of England – an ideal location for both learning and leisure, with plenty of quiet study spaces and recreational opportunities. Plymouth enjoys a combination of rural charm and modern city living, and is about 3 hours by train from London and with ferry links to France and Spain.

The University is set in the heart of the city with shops, facilities and attractions nearby.

Plymouth is a vibrant waterfront city packed full of attractions. Come rain or shine you'll find something for everyone among the city streets, surrounding countryside and marine environment beyond. There are well-known landmarks, historical sites and natural assets to explore across Plymouth's many unique areas and districts.

Some highlights in and around Plymouth

- National Marine Aquarium
www.national-aquarium.co.uk
- Dartmoor National Park
www.dartmoor.co.uk
- Plymouth's Historic Barbican
www.plymouthbarbican.com
- Plymouth Gin Distillery
www.plymouthgin.com
- Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park
www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk

Watch a day in the life of our city
www.plymouth.ac.uk/thesouthwest

Find out more about the University, Plymouth and the surrounding areas
www.plymouth.ac.uk/location or
www.visitplymouth.co.uk



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Plymouth – there's nowhere quite like it

Tom Daley

Olympian and World
Champion diver



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Campus facilities

Following a massive investment in facilities, our campus has been transformed to include striking buildings and state-of-the-art learning and research facilities.

Our Campus

Unlike most universities, our campus is based right in the heart of a thriving and vibrant waterfront city ensuring that most amenities are within easy reach.

The university has recently undertaken a programme of major investment in facilities and the campus has been transformed including many striking new buildings and state-of-the-art teaching, learning and research facilities.



Study Facilities

EFL (English as a Foreign Language) sessions will be held in the Rolle building which offers purpose-built teaching facilities, access to computing and media equipment, a range of study areas and a modern lecture theatre.

Academic sessions will take place in the university's modern lecture theatres, computer suits, refitted science and engineering laboratories, the Charles Seale-Hayne Library, an Immersive Vision Theatre and the new Marine building which houses a wave tank and ship simulator.

Leisure Facilities

The Nancy Astor Building houses a 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 to monitor your progress.

There is also dedicated support to help you get the most out of your time at Plymouth University including Student Ambassadors, academic lecturers, our International Office and the Conferences & Events Team.

Relax

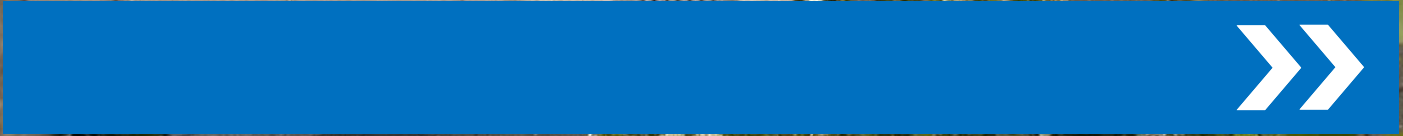
There are also plenty of places for you to relax and take a break in cafés and food outlets where you can meet up with friends, have fun and socialise. The university campus is home to the Students' Union, banking facilities and a bookshop.

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.



Plymouth's investment programme means that all of its students can reap the benefits of modern facilities and eye-catching architecture.

**The Sunday Times (newspaper)
University Guide 2011**



Where you will live

Your accommodation is within 5 minutes' walk of the campus and city centre.

Halls of Residence

During your stay in Plymouth, you will be living in our Radnor halls of residence accommodation. The hall is near to the main campus and the city centre. A large communal courtyard with seating is located at the heart of the halls complex.

All students will be accommodated in single study bedrooms in flats shared by six residents. Each flat has a communal kitchen with all the modern facilities you would expect.

Bedding and towels are provided with laundry facilities available on site at additional cost.

Internet Access

All summer school students have free internet access, although, there is no wireless network in halls, so you will need an Ethernet cable, which you can purchase from the university campus.

Sports Centre

During your stay, you can make use of our gym situated in the Nancy Astor Building. Please note that you will need to attend a short induction before using the gym equipment.

Meals

Breakfast and dinner are provided. Lunches can be bought at one of the campus shops, refectories or at the shops in town. Information on these will be provided in your welcome packs. There will be a varied menu on offer and we can cater for special dietary requirements if you notify us in advance.

You will be responsible for purchasing additional items such as drinks and snacks between meals.

Safety

We have appointed Student Wardens to ensure your well-being and provide you with an alternative source of support.

What you get

- Individual single bedroom in a six bedroom flat.
- Modern kitchen and bathroom facilities.
- Bedding and towels provided with access to laundry facilities.
- Free internet access (Ethernet cable required).
- Breakfast and lunch each day.



Preparing for your visit

Things to consider before you travel to the UK and Plymouth University

Culture Shock

Many international students experience culture shock when they arrive in the UK. The language, clothes, food and behaviour may seem strange compared to what you are used to at home. This is a very normal experience and most international students find that they soon become accustomed to their surroundings and enjoy their time in Plymouth.

During your stay in Plymouth, the support team, Student Ambassadors and academics are always willing to listen and help in any way we can.

Clothing

Like the rest of the UK, Plymouth's climate is largely unpredictable! However, it tends to be milder than other parts of the UK and, generally, the summer (June to early September) is warm, though rarely very hot.

Dress for the Plymouth University Summer School is informal.

It does rain a lot in Britain so make sure you pack your waterproof coat!

Electrical Equipment

The electricity supply in the UK is 230 volts with a frequency of 50 Hertz. If you buy or bring electrical appliances (laptop etc) with you, make sure that they are connected to a plug fitted with a fuse of the correct rating.

Alternatively, make sure you bring an adaptor with you that will work in the UK. You can buy these once you arrive in the UK too.

If you are ill

If illness or personal problems are affecting your time with us, you should contact one of our Student Ambassadors or a member of staff who will provide assistance.

If you are taking medicines, please make sure you bring adequate medication for the duration of the summer school.

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, students can be contacted through the International Office during office hours Monday to Friday 09:00 – 16:30. The number is +44 (0)1752 588 025.

British Culture

Queuing – Some say that standing in queues is a favourite British past-time! Queue etiquette can be complicated so try to observe what others are doing and follow them.

Punctuality – Timetables for lectures, social trips and EFL sessions are very tightly scheduled and it is important not to arrive late.

Pub – British pubs are not only a place for drinking but for meeting friends and eating out too. However, some people can be surprised at how much alcohol British people drink. Pubs are nearly always self-service; you must order your own drinks at the bar.

Weather Talk – British people like to talk about the weather. It is usually a way to start a brief conversation between strangers but you will find that many meetings start with a chat about the weather (especially if the weather is bad!).



Money and budgeting

Start preparing for your journey well in advance by asking advice from your bank at home

Cash

There is no limit on the amount of money you can bring with you into Britain, but you may need the approval of exchange control in your own country.

If you are carrying €10,000 (or equivalent currency) in cash to the UK and you are travelling from outside the European Union (EU) you must complete a cash declaration form. More information is available from HM Revenue and Customs form C9011 at www.hmrc.gov.uk.



Travellers' Cheques

It is safer to bring large sums of money in travellers' cheques, which can be cashed in banks, post offices and airports but be aware that there is often a minimum commission charge.

Cards

Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in the UK, Mastercard (Access) and Visa credit cards being the most common. Diners Club and American Express are less common. You can withdraw cash from a cashpoint machine (also known as an 'ATM') if you have a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for that card.

You may want to inform your current bank that you are going to the UK and ask if you can use your card here.

Banking

There are HSBC cash machines (also known as an 'ATM') on campus where you can withdraw money and many banks in Plymouth City Centre where you can exchange travellers cheques.

You will need to check with your own bank whether your credit card or cash card is valid for use in the UK and what bank charges may apply.

Start preparing well in advance by asking advice from your bank at home.

Personal Spending

You should make sure you bring enough money to cover your personal expenses for the duration of the Plymouth University Summer School. You might consider bringing cash, travellers cheques, a cash card or credit card with you.

Please do not carry large amounts of cash with you or keep large amounts of cash in your room.

You will need some money for personal purchases including drinks, snacks, phone calls and other personal items. You may find that the cost of living in the UK is much higher than in your own country.

Here is an idea of how much various items cost in the UK (although, prices can be much higher in London):

Daily newspaper	£0.50 – £1.20
Paperback book	£6.00+
Magazines	£2.00 – £5.00
Cup of tea	£0.80+
Cup of coffee	£1.00 – £3.00
Non-alcoholic drink	£1.00+
Glass of wine	£3.00+
Pack of cigarettes	£6.50+

In the heart of Plymouth...

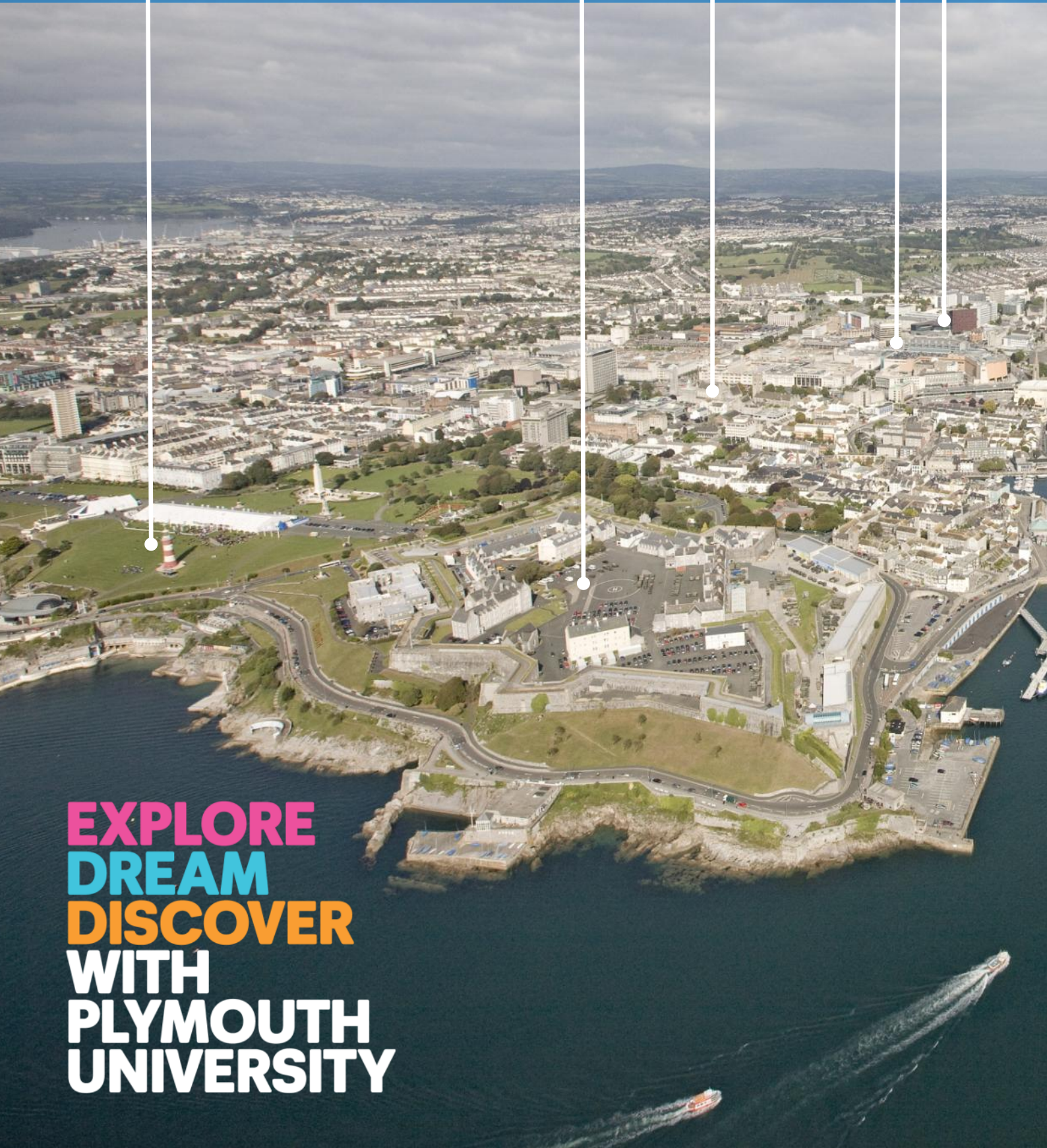
Plymouth Hoe

Plymouth Citadel

Plymouth
City Centre

Drake Circus
Shopping Mall

Plymouth
University
Campus



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Historic Barbican
and Mayflower
Steps

National Marine
Aquarium

Dartmoor

Cinema
Complex



The Programme

A wide and varied range of academic content including daily EFL lessons, lectures and practical sessions as well as many social trips, visits and excursions.

Induction programme

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 programme will include:

- welcome talks
- an English language placement test
- fun social activities
- a city orientation tour of Plymouth
- a Plymouth University campus tour
- a group BBQ that evening

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.

We work with a course book for part of this time, enabling you to improve the four main skills - speaking, listening, reading and writing.

As well as these four main skills, we will also work on other areas to 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 enable you to get the most out of your trips and excursions.

You will be engaged in a variety of activity types such as role play, simulations, discussions and presentations, working in pairs and small groups to optimise the time you have to practice your English. Your teacher will be there to guide you in your studies and to 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 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.



Academic Content

Academic content will follow two distinct themes that students can choose between:

- Business and Management
- Science and Technology

Students will have three hour lessons, four days a week and all are taught by qualified and exciting Plymouth University academics.

Each week will also contain two sessions where students can choose to follow other academic themes such as:

- design, digital animation and photography
- leadership styles, coaching and mentoring
- history
- popular culture and media
- emergency management including first-aid and Criminology

There will also be large group lectures where exciting visual and interactive topics will be explored such as the impressive explosions session, marine floating classroom and whodunnit? criminal investigation Simulation.

Social Activities

As well as your EFL lessons and academic content, each week is also filled with fun, interesting and exciting social activities.

These trips, visits, excursions and group activities are designed to help you settle in, meet new people and maximise your free time in Plymouth.

These include:

- Group BBQ on your first day.
- Weekly movie night
- Local events such as Plymouth Bike Night, Plymouth Classic Boat Rally and Regatta, surf competitions the British Fireworks Championships.

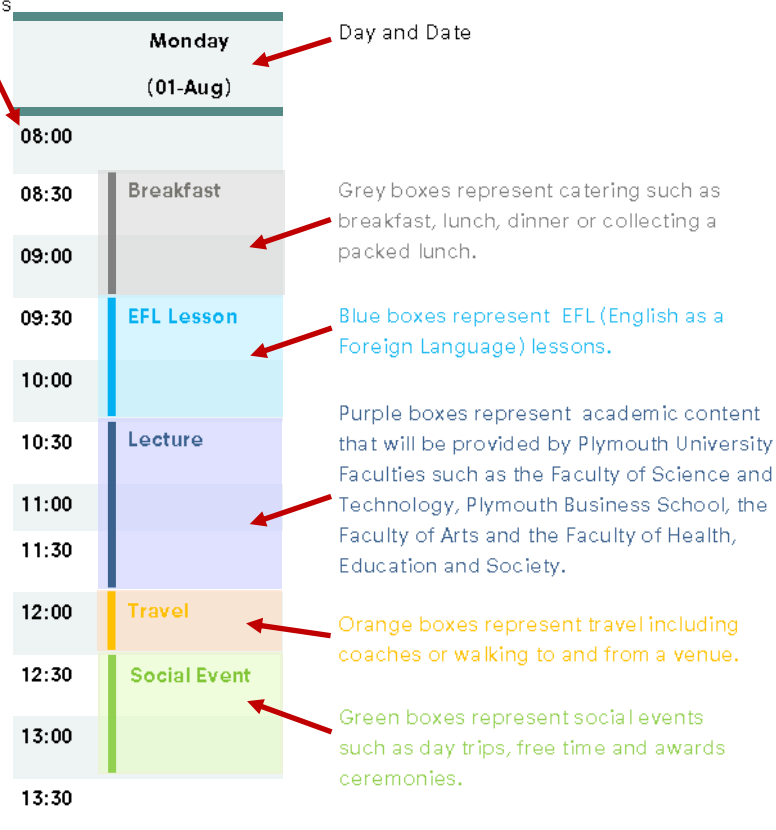
You will also have access to the universities recreational facilities and the new Life Centre which means you can use our gym and sports halls, take part in water sports and outdoor activities such as swimming and use the largest climbing wall in Europe.

Every Friday, all students take part in a group day trip and there are optional trips that students can sign-up to each weekend as well. These are very varied and include:

- watching a show at the famous Minack Theatre
- visit the awe-inspiring Stonehenge
- looking round the Eden Project
- explore Paignton Zoo
- walking round the spectacular Tintagel Castle

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

Time – shown in 30 minute blocks



Timetable

The next few pages of this handbook show a provisional timetable for the 2012 Plymouth University Summer School.

A final and confirmed timetable will be given to all students when they arrive in Plymouth.

This diagram explains how the timetable is colour coded to make it easier to show how your week is split into academic content, EFL lessons, social trips as well as meals and free time.

Week 1

EFL Lessons	Lectures	Breaks
Social	Travel	

	Monday (23-July)	Tuesday (24-July)	Wednesday (25-July)	Thursday (26-July)	Friday (27-July)	Saturday (28-July)	Sunday (29-July)
07:30		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
08:00							
08:30							
09:00		EFL Lesson	EFL Lesson	EFL Lesson	Travel	Travel	
09:30							
10:00					St Michael's Mount and the Minack Theatre	Optional Social Trip (Exeter City Centre)	
10:30							
11:00							
11:30							
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
12:30							
13:00	Welcome and Introduction	Academic Content	Academic Content	Academic Content			
13:30							
14:00							
14:30							
15:00							
15:30							
16:00		Break	Break	Break			
16:30		Academic Content (Optional Streams)	Group Lecture	Academic Content (Optional Streams)			
17:00	Group BBQ				Travel	Travel	
17:30							
18:00							
18:30							
19:00							
19:30	Movie Night	Social Activities	Social Activities	Social Activities			
20:00							
20:30							
21:00							
21:30							
22:00							

Welcome and Introduction

After you arrive in Plymouth and settle into your rooms, you'll receive a welcome and introduction session. You will each be individually assessed to find your English language level and then placed into an appropriate EFL class.

Student ambassadors will then show you around the University campus and Plymouth City so that you are familiar with the local area.

The day will finish with a group BBQ which is a great opportunity to meet everyone on the summer school, your student ambassadors, EFL teachers, academics and support team.



Movie Night

Every Monday night is movie night and this week we will be showing a film that expresses British culture in our own Jill Craigie Cinema.



Academic Content

You'll either attend lectures in Business and Management or Science and Technology during your academic session in week 1.

You'll also have the opportunity to attend two optional sessions where you can pick from several different and varied academic themes.

Finally, you'll have one large group lecture where all summer school students will take part in an exciting session. This week is the explosions session!

Day Trip – Minack Theatre & Tintagel Castle

The Minack Theatre is the most famous open-air theatre in Britain, possibly in the world; from above it looks as though some wandering Greeks, two thousand years ago, had carved a theatre into the granite cliffs of Porthcurno, Cornwall.



You will watch The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged) by the Reduced Shakespeare Company and presented by Questors Theatre Company.

All 37 Shakespeare plays performed in 97 minutes! You'll join the famous Reduced Shakespeare Company as

they weave their way through all of Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories and Tragedies in one wild ride that will leave you breathless and helpless with laughter.

You'll then visit the magical and mythical Tintagel Castle (Castle Dyntagell) where you'll see its spectacular location on Cornwall's dramatic and windswept coastline and hear about how the legend of King Arthur was born here.



Optional Trip – Exeter City Centre

The optional trip for week 1 is a trip to Exeter City Centre. Exeter is an historic Cathedral and University city and has a rich and varied heritage of buildings and townscape. As well as a rich and varied history, which dates back over 2000 years ago, this city has a modern and vibrant city centre.



Week 2

EFL Lessons	Lectures	Breaks
Social	Travel	

	Monday (30-July)	Tuesday (31-July)	Wednesday (01-August)	Thursday (02-August)	Friday (03-August)	Saturday (04-August)	Sunday (05-August)
07:30	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
08:00							
08:30							
09:00	EFL Lesson	EFL Lesson	EFL Lesson	EFL Lesson	Travel	Travel	
09:30							
10:00					Paignton Zoo	Optional Social Trip (visit Looe)	
10:30							
11:00							
11:30							
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
12:30							
13:00	Academic Content	Academic Content	Academic Content	Academic Content			
13:30							
14:00							
14:30							
15:00							
15:30							
16:00		Break	Break	Break			
16:30		Academic Content (Optional Streams)	Group Lecture	Academic Content (Optional Streams)			
17:00					Travel	Travel	
17:30							
18:00							
18:30							
19:00							
19:30	Movie Night	Social Activities	Social Activities	Social Activities			
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22:00							

Movie Night

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This week is the robotics session!



Day Trip – Paignton Zoo

With over three thousand animals, five different habitats and acres of activities you're in for a great day at Paignton Zoo! What do you tackle first? Do you cross hair-raising Crocodile Swamp, home to the world's largest croc species? Get close to our cousins at Monkey Heights or mix with the kangaroos hopping around the hills?



Optional Trip – Visit to Looe

The optional trip for week 2 is a day trip to Looe in East Cornwall.

Life slows down in South East Cornwall, but not to the point where you won't find anything to do. The historic twin towns of East and West Looe provide all you could ask of a holiday in Cornwall. Safe beaches, a wide choice of restaurants, excellent walking routes, fishing trips, diving...the list goes on!

During the day East Looe beach offers safe swimming, sun bathing or perfect sand for budding castle builders. With all the facilities of the town just behind the beach it makes for an easy relaxing day out with no need to carry tons of supplies miles along paths. Just beyond the main beach, and also at West Looe, the golden sand gives way to rocks and rock pools.

On the water, many of the boatmen offer trips around the bay or up the river. Whilst it may not be common, there is always the chance of seeing a seal or a dolphin playing amongst the waves and if you take a trip on a glass bottom boat, who knows what you might see?

Other boats offer fishing trips, be it just to catch a few mackerel or to become a big game hunter and go in search of a mighty shark.



Week 3

EFL Lessons	Lectures	Breaks
Social	Travel	

	Monday (06-August)	Tuesday (07-August)	Wednesday (08-August)	Thursday (09-August)	Friday (10-August)	Saturday (11-August)	Sunday (12-August)
07:30	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
08:00							
08:30							
09:00	EFL Lesson	EFL Lesson	EFL Lesson	EFL Lesson	Travel	Travel	
09:30							
10:00					Eden Project	Optional Social Trip (Eco-Adventure Boat Tour)	
10:30							
11:00							
11:30							
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
12:30							
13:00	Academic Content	Academic Content	Academic Content	Academic Content			
13:30							
14:00							
14:30							
15:00							
15:30							
16:00		Break	Break	Break			
16:30		Academic Content (Optional Streams)	Group Lecture	Academic Content (Optional Streams)			
17:00					Travel	Travel	
17:30							
18:00							
18:30							
19:00							
19:30	Movie Night	Social Activities	Social Activities	Social Activities			
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20:30							
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21:30							
22:00							

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Finally, you'll have one large group lecture where all summer school students will take part in an exciting session. This week is the 'whodunnit?' criminal investigation simulation!



Day Trip –

Eden Project

The Eden Project is an exciting attraction where you can explore your relationship with nature, learn new things and get inspiration about the world around you.

With loads to do, here's the top 10 reasons to visit the Eden Project:

- 1) the world's largest rainforest in captivity with steamy jungles and waterfalls.
- 2) cutting edge architecture and buildings
- 3) stunning garden displays all year round
- 4) world-class sculpture and art
- 5) evening gigs and concerts
- 6) educational centre and demonstrations to inspire all ages
- 7) brilliant local, fairly traded food in the restaurants and cafes
- 8) a rainforest lookout that takes you above the treetops
- 9) living example of regeneration and sustainable living
- 10) free land train pulled by a tractor.

Optional Trip –

Eco-Adventure Boat Tour

We will take a short walk from the university campus to the historic Barbican where the boat will collect us from the famous Mayflower Steps.

Once on board, we will sail between Looe and Salcombe for that special time on the water. You can view the spectacular views of the Devon and Cornish Coast, visit the River Yealm and Whitsand Bay. See the sights that this wonderful harbour and coastline can offer and view the Devonport Dockyards from the sea.

Academics from the Faculty of Science and Technology will be on hand to point out local wildlife and explain conservation work that is taking place in the region as well as discuss the innovative renewable energy projects that Plymouth University are involved in.



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Week 4

EFL Lessons	Lectures	Breaks
Social	Travel	

	Monday (13-August)	Tuesday (14-August)	Wednesday (15-August)	Thursday (16-August)	Friday (17-August)	Saturday (18-August)	Sunday (19-August)
07:30	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	London Trip	London Trip
08:00							
08:30							
09:00	EFL Lesson	EFL Lesson	EFL Lesson	EFL Lesson	Travel		
09:30							
10:00							
10:30							
11:00							
11:30							
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
12:30							
13:00	Academic Content	Academic Content	Academic Content	Academic Content	London Trip (via Stonehenge)		
13:30							
14:00							
14:30							
15:00							
15:30							
16:00		Break	Break	Break			
16:30		Academic Content (Optional Streams)	Group Lecture	Academic Content (Optional Streams)			
17:00							
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18:30							
19:00							
19:30	Movie Night	The British Fireworks Championships (Plymouth Hoe)	The British Fireworks Championships (Plymouth Hoe)	Awards Ceremony (National Marine Aquarium)			
20:00							
20:30							
21:00							
21:30							
22:00							

Movie Night

Every Monday night is movie night and this week we will be showing a film that embodies London and what it means to the people of Britain.



British Fireworks Championships

On Tuesday and Wednesday of week 4, the annual British Fireworks Championships take place. This event is absolutely free and open to anyone in Plymouth to attend.

As well as two nights of exhilarating fireworks, there will also be a funfair on Plymouth Hoe and live music on the historic Barbican.

This annual event always attracts tens of thousands of people and is great fun for everyone.

Awards Ceremony

All summer school students are invited to an awards ceremony at the National Marine Aquarium on Thursday night.

All EFL teachers, academic staff, student ambassadors and support team members will be there and it's a great chance to have fun and say goodbye to the friends you've made during your stay in Plymouth.

You will have full access to the National Marine Aquarium after it has closed and staff will be on hand to tell you all about the creatures that live there.



Day Trip

There is no day trip during week 4. Instead, all summer school students will be taken to London for the weekend.

Full details of this London weekend can be found in this handbook (page 28).

London (via Stonehenge)

The last weekend of the Plymouth University Summer School will be spent in London. Whilst travelling to London, you will stop at the historic Stonehenge.

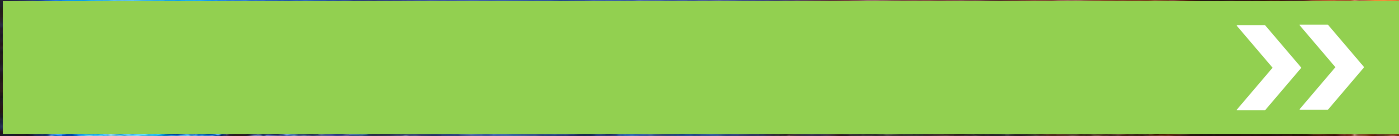


Begun around 3000 BC in the late Stone Age, this unique monument evolved until about 1600 BC in the mid-Bronze Age.

It is aligned with the rising and setting of the sun at the solstices: but was it a sun-temple, a healing sanctuary, a memorial to the dead, or something altogether different? Stonehenge remains a source of fascination and, for some, a focus of worship and celebration.

An awe-inspiring place enshrining an enduring mystery, Stonehenge powerfully evokes long-vanished civilisations.





London Trip

With so many attractions, both historical and contemporary, London is one of the world's most exciting cities to explore.

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

Accommodation

During your time in London, you will be staying in University College London (UCL) halls of residence.

These converted grade II Victorian Houses are arranged in a mixture of twin and single rooms. There are kitchens and communal bathrooms throughout the buildings and the kitchens are equipped with basic essentials for guests who wish to cater for themselves. Bed linen and a towel are provided and a launderette is also available on site.

The British Museum is only a 5 minute walk away as is busy

Tottenham Court Road providing its many shops, bars and restaurants to suit all tastes and budgets. Oxford Street, Soho, Theatreland and China Town are also within walking distance.

Meals

Breakfast is provided in the course fee but you will need to buy your own lunch and evening meal whilst in London.

We will be able to advise you on places to do this.

Top 10 attractions

These are the top 10 attractions (according to visitor numbers in 2011) that you won't want to miss.

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

Further information about things to do in London including theatre, sightseeing, events and restaurants can be found at www.visitlondon.com



Maps

Beautiful Cornish beaches, gently rolling Devonshire hills and miles of lush English countryside along with exciting cities that mix fascinating history with vibrant culture.

United Kingdom

Plymouth is located in the South West of the UK between Dartmoor National Park and the sea and is the largest city in the region.

It is serviced by all major transport services with its own railway station and bus station close to the city centre and University campus.

Plymouth is easily accessible by road following the M5 motorway and continuing on the A38 Expressway at Exeter.

Plymouth is well connected to the rest of the United Kingdom and is only around 3 hours train journey from London.

By coach, it is a 4-5 hour journey to London and the Plymouth bus station is very close to campus and the city centre



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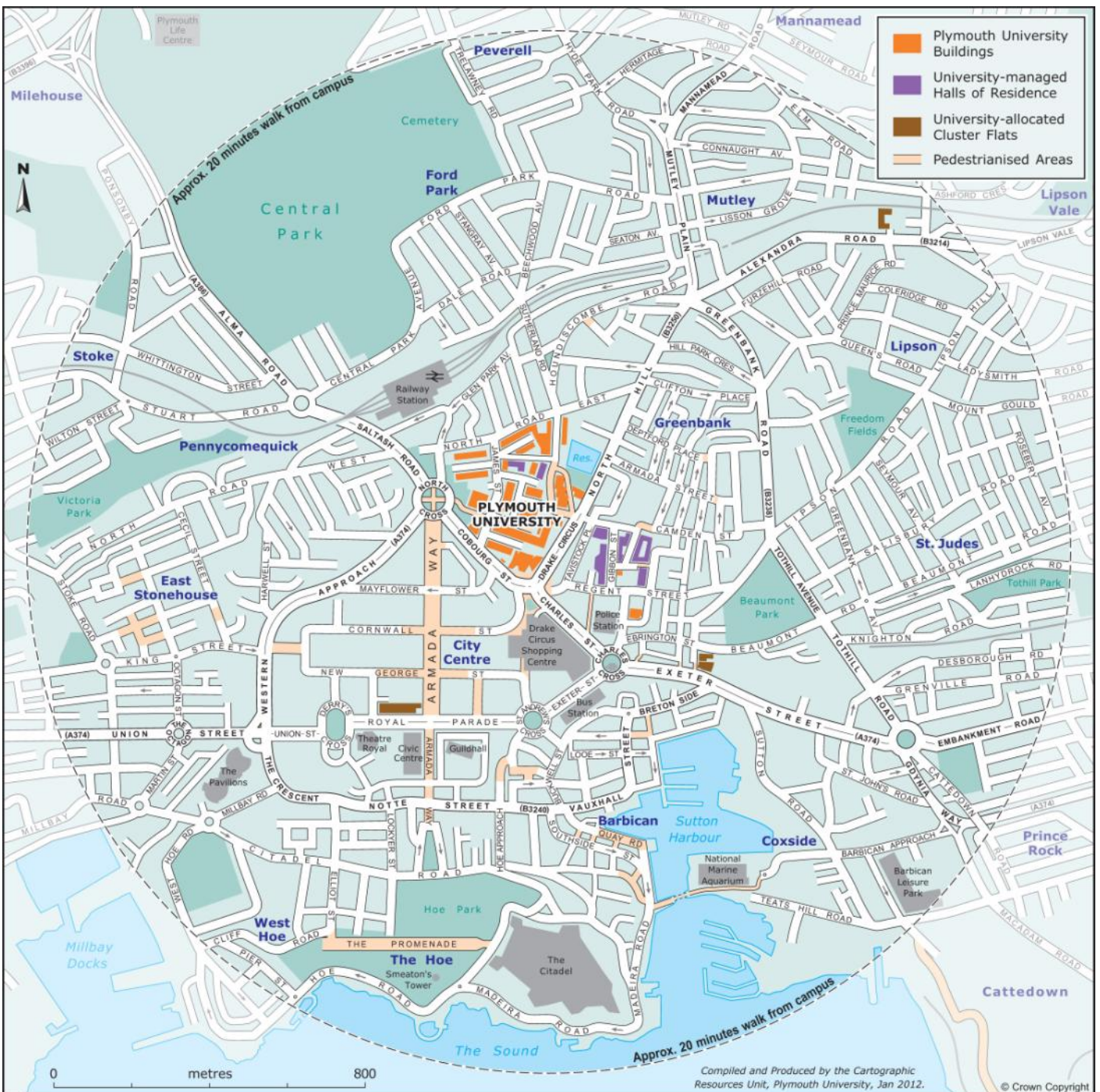
Plymouth is the city that shaped the lives of Drake, Darwin and many more who set sail from her harbour with a burning spirit of discovery. Today, her maritime heritage has blended with contemporary culture to create a city with a strong international tradition offering the best in entertainment, nightlife and shopping.

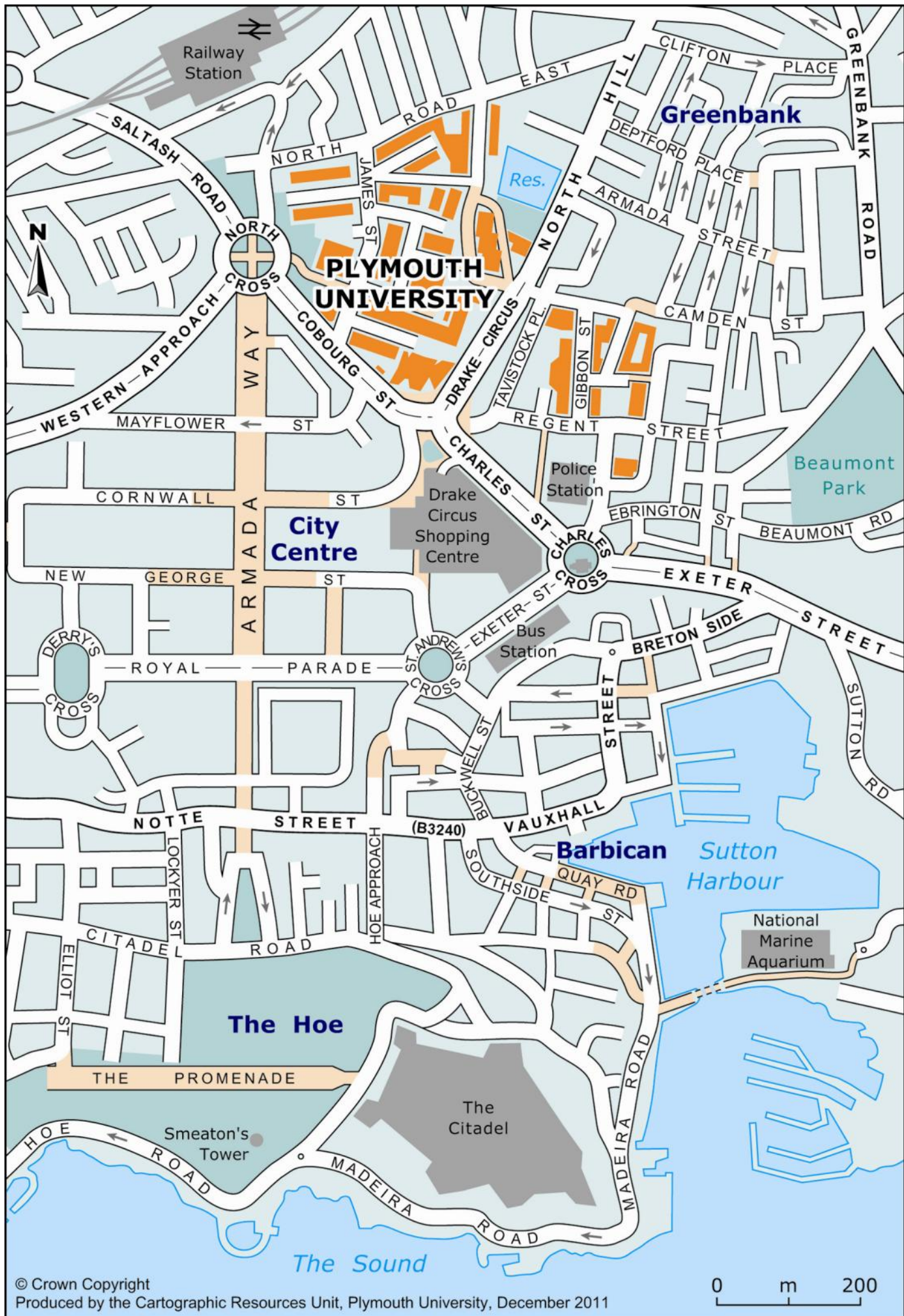
The city's modern pedestrianised centre—right next door to the

campus—has all the usual high street shops as well as bars, cafes, clubs and restaurants. In contrast, the Barbican area is one of the oldest parts of Plymouth, where narrow Elizabethan streets house small quirky shops, art galleries, bars and the Gin Distillery, world famous for its unique gin since 1793. Opposite the Barbican stands one of the best and most modern scientific exhibitions in Europe—the National Marine Aquarium.

Plymouth has a rapidly developing

music and comedy scene focused on the Plymouth Pavillions—a multi-million pound complex attracting many top productions and bands—the smaller venues hosting a wealth of up-and-coming local talent. Of the city's four theatres, the largest is the Theatre Royal, which attracts—and has produced—many West End successes. Cinema ranges from a 15-screen multiplex to an arts centre concentrating on less mainstream movies.





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