

Community

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Visit our award-winning campus

Penryn Campus has been awarded Green Flag Status for a sixth consecutive year. The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark for standards across the UK.

On Penryn Campus, you'll find a blend of historic subtropical planting with newly created biodiverse landscapes that are a haven for a wide range of plant and animal species. The gardens are open to everyone, 365 days a year; you're welcome to explore the fruit orchard, the walled and Italian gardens and our drive with Pinetum woodlands and rare rhododendrons cultivated on the site in the Victorian era.

Thanks go to our hard-working Grounds team members, who also manage the beautiful Falmouth Campus.



Fantastic Foodbank donation

A massive 423kg of food has been donated to Penryn & Falmouth Foodbank by students as they moved out of accommodation. The Halls team took 16 60-litre boxes full of tins, packets and jars to the Foodbank, which is part of The Trussell Trust Network.

John Lees, Halls Manager, said: "For a few years now we've been encouraging our students to bring all their spare, unopened food to Glasney Lodge as they leave, because it cuts waste and helps the wider community."

In addition, unwanted household items and clothes were diverted from landfill by being donated to the British Heart Foundation, as part of its Pack for Good campaign.



University experiences for local Year 12 students



Year 12 students living and studying in the South West can now apply to our free Exeter Scholars programme. Successful applicants will:

- Get an understanding of university life from current University of Exeter students and world-class academics
- Explore a subject of their choice, with activities on campus and online
- Build skills to help with their current and future studies
- Gain the experience and knowledge to help them decide whether university is right for them, and, if so, boost their university application
- Access a pathway to studying at the University of Exeter, that includes reduced entry grades, and other financial and pastoral support

Applications are open from 12 September to 6 November. For more info, details of eligibility criteria and to apply, visit exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/

Renowned Polar scientist appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor

An award-winning scientist and revered authority on the evolving climate of Antarctica has been appointed by the University of Exeter to strategically lead its operations in Cornwall.

Professor Martin Siegert FRSE will become Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Cornwall) when he joins the University from Imperial College London, where he is Co-Director of the Grantham Institute – Climate Change and Environment.

In his new role, Professor Siegert will oversee our diverse academic community on Penryn Campus, which is home to science, engineering, arts, humanities and business students, as well as the renowned Environment and Sustainability Institute (ESI).



He will also have oversight of our Truro campus, at the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust, the location for our European Centre for Environment and Human Health (ECEHH).

Together, the ESI and ECEHH bring more than £16m of research income into Cornwall every year, which has been evaluated to create three additional jobs for every academic member of staff.

The University of Exeter supports net zero ambition

One of the key objectives of the University of Exeter signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Cornwall Council is to establish Spaceport Cornwall's reputation as the most responsible satellite launch site in the UK, with the ambition of being the first "net-zero" launch site.

Further to the University's initial carbon impact assessment, and as part of its Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE), Spaceport Cornwall commissioned the institution to undertake a Carbon Life Cycle Report which included a Life Cycle Analysis considering the impact of wider activity around launch and onsite at Spaceport Cornwall.

The University and Council will also work together to develop space and satellite skills and education programmes, for people in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to participate in.



They're up in space, man...



Students from Falmouth's Creative Virtual Reality and Immersive Computing courses have collaborated with peers from Truro and Penwith College to create a bespoke educational tool for Spaceport Cornwall – who will make history when they launch the UK's first rocket into orbit from British soil later this year.

The virtual reality (VR) experience will allow young people to witness a launch in its entirety, becoming a part of the scene and enabling them to wander around the 'Arthur 6' satellite and through control room areas before meeting holograms of scientists on their travels.

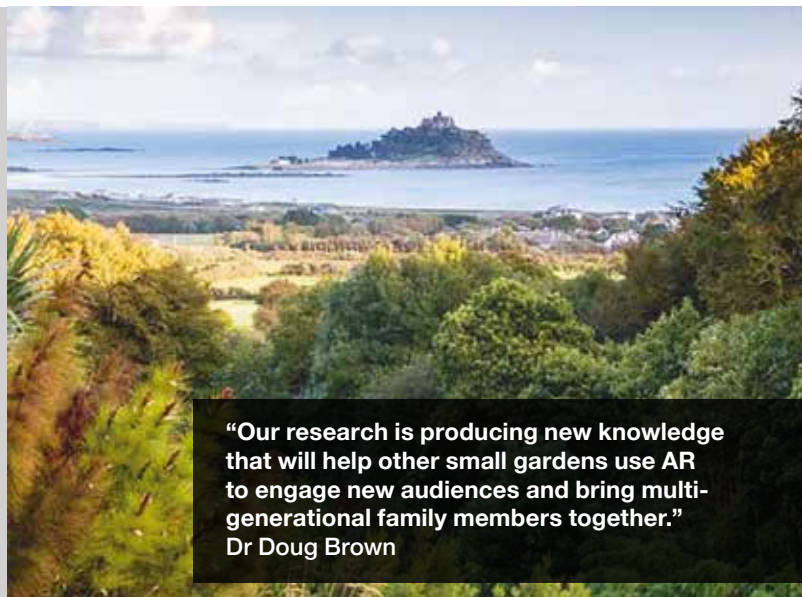
"The VR experience will be available on the Oculus store, where we hope a new generation will be inspired by the possibilities they see before them," said Brian Waterfield, Head of Immersive Production at the Immersive Business Lab. "We want Cornwall to be a place where young people's passions for science, creativity and technology can be nurtured and realised as a career path. Seeing the expertise on display when the students launched the project at Goonhilly Earth Station's 60th anniversary celebrations in July, it's clear that we're in good hands."

Growing garden visitor numbers

Falmouth University is working with Cornwall's Tremeneheere Gardens to identify and explore augmented reality (AR) and virtual tools that can attract new visitors to the site.

As part of a Chinese-Cornish collaboration, the University has been granted a £100k award by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), along with researchers at Tongji University, digital partners VisionStar and the administration of the city of Suzhou, Jiangsu Province.

"Being able to boost the engagement and enjoyment of our heritage sites here in Cornwall is a great opportunity," said Dr Doug Brown, Director of Falmouth's Games Academy.



"Our research is producing new knowledge that will help other small gardens use AR to engage new audiences and bring multi-generational family members together."
Dr Doug Brown

Boosting creative digital skills in Cornwall



Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Cornwall can upskill their workforce and build creative digital skills with a series of new online short courses at Falmouth University.

Part-funded by the European Social Fund (ESF) and developed by experienced subject specialists in consultation with businesses across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, the eight courses cover topics ranging from data analytics and digital marketing to managing search engine optimisation (SEO) on a shoestring.

Eligible SMEs will receive funded support for these six-week courses, which start this autumn.

Find out more at:

falmouth.ac.uk/study/business-focused-short-courses



Live performance on campus: dates for your diary

We're proud to present a dazzling line-up of events this autumn at AMATA, Falmouth University's public performance venue.

Take your pick from stand-up comedy, music, dance and theatre. Among the many highlights this season, check out *Spitting Image* star Luke Kempner in his comedy show *Macho Macho Man*, become a voting club-goer in *Shuffle*, an interactive dance show by acclaimed choreographer Lea Anderson, and tune in to N'famady Kouyaté (pictured left) – whose arrangements are a fusion of Mandingue African with western jazz, pop and funk influences.

More info and tickets at amata.org.uk

Speak out and help us support your community

Our Universities are inclusive communities, where everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

We won't tolerate any forms of harassment, bullying, intimidation or discrimination, including for example racism, sexism or homophobia. If you have witnessed or been affected by any of these on our campuses or within our University communities please report it to us so we can make positive changes.

You can report incidents online, anonymously if you prefer, at fxplus.ac.uk/speakout/

Join the gym



Kickstart your fitness routine at the Sports Centre. Easily accessible at Penryn Campus and open to all, this first-class facility features a 90-station gym with qualified Fitness Advisors and more than 40 weekly classes – including BODYPUMP and BODYCOMBAT, spinning, yoga and Pilates. You can hire the outdoor multi-use games area (MUGA) or the sports hall, which, with a bookable bouncy castle, is popular for children's parties.

Join as a member or pay as you go.

Opening hours for all facilities:

Monday to Friday 6:30am-10pm

Weekends and bank holidays 8:30am-6pm

E: sportscentre@fxplus.ac.uk T: 01326 370770

Interested in studying in Cornwall?

Falmouth University:

Take a virtual tour, book a virtual event or visit us in person for a taste of student life at Falmouth.

Campus Open Days:

Sat 1 Oct 10am-4pm

Sat 29 Oct 10am-4pm

falmouth.ac.uk/experience

University of Exeter:

We offer virtual and in-person opportunities to find out more about studying here and the subjects we offer.

Penryn Campus Open Day:

Sat 15 Oct 9am-3.30pm

Online Open Day: Fri 21 Oct

exeter.ac.uk/study/

