

Community

Autumn
2020

The new academic year on our campuses

September sees the beginning of term like none we've seen before. It has been a challenging time for our country, for Cornwall and for our students and the pandemic has brought many changes for all of us.

Over the summer, we have been working on new initiatives that mean we can return to campus, deliver an excellent student experience and continue to protect the health of our students, staff and wider community.

To support ongoing social distancing, both universities will be delivering a blended model of teaching from September. That means that teaching will be delivered both on campus and online. Students will still have access to facilities and resources, but the number of staff and students on campus throughout the day will be greatly reduced.

New measures, including one-way routes through buildings, strict social distancing, new hand sanitiser points and the recommended use of face coverings inside most buildings and externally where social distancing cannot be maintained, have also been introduced.

We have been working closely with our local councils and community groups to maintain joined-up planning, proactive responses to residents' concerns and appropriate advice and guidance for our students.

If you would like to discuss any community issues, you can call the dedicated line on **01326 370737** or email **community@fxplus.ac.uk**.



Medical students joining fight against COVID-19 honoured in first Exeter virtual graduation

Medicine students who opted to graduate early to accelerate becoming junior doctors during the COVID-19 crisis fashioned home-made mortarboards to take part in the University of Exeter's first virtual graduation in April.

Ninety five final year students chose to graduate three months early so that they could join NHS colleagues in Exeter and the South West in fighting the disease. Cassie Brewer, a 23-year-old Medicine student from Fowey, said: "The decision to graduate early was easy, I feel ready to step up as a doctor. After experiencing several healthcare systems throughout the world, I know that our beloved NHS is something to be proud of.

It will be an absolute honour to become a member of the NHS team a little early." Cassie is working as a junior doctor at the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust.



University of Exeter student receives prestigious award for her work on tackling plastic waste

Emily Stevenson, who is studying a Masters in Conservation Science and Policy at the Penryn Campus, was honoured with The Diana Award for the social action she has been doing to tackle plastic waste.

The Award is the highest accolade a young person can achieve for social action or humanitarian efforts. Growing up by the beach in Cornwall, for over half her life Emily has been picking up plastics from beaches. She now motivates, inspires and supports others to take care of their marine environment through the Non Governmental Organisation she co founded Beach Guardian. Her social media video series 'Tune In Tuesday' has reached over 2 million people worldwide, and she has

delivered over 60 presentations to community groups as well as being a guest reporter for BBC Spotlight.

You can follow Emily and her blog on Facebook @BeachGuardian



Emily Stevenson. Credit: Jody Daunton

Team secure prestigious Knowledge Exchange award

The Innovation, Impact and Business (IIB) Team for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly were recently named 'Team of the Year' at the KE Awards, celebrating and recognising the ways universities contribute to the renewal of the UK's economy.

Over the last three years the team has worked to deliver over £100 million of investment into Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Its Research, Development & Innovation Hubs have supported over 750 businesses, driving innovation and supporting businesses to create new jobs.



Falmouth Showcase goes online

This year, the pandemic meant that we were unable to hold the annual Summer Shows on campus.

However, we didn't want to miss this important opportunity to celebrate and promote the work of our final year students, so we took the exhibition online.

You can discover some of the country's best emerging talent at **showcase.falmouth.ac.uk**

The site is packed full of inspiring photography, illustration, video games, music, showreels and more, along with links to students' professional websites, where more of their work can be explored.



Thomas Pullin



Proud to support our NHS

At the start of the pandemic, our staff were determined to lend their skills and use our facilities to help support the NHS and frontline workers.

A team from the Fashion & Textiles Institute joined up with Cornwall Scrubs to produce NHS-standard scrubs for staff in hospitals in the county. In our workshops, colleagues used 3D printers to produce face shield components for distribution to the NHS and essential services.

Falmouth students scoop awards

It's awards season and students from across the institution are winning accolades from industry.

Graphic Design, Creative Advertising and Illustration undergraduates and postgraduates are celebrating success at the global D&AD New Blood Awards. Celebrating emerging talent, 16 students were named as ones to watch and eight 'pencil' awards were received.

Press and Editorial Photography 2020 graduate Elliot Counce received Best in Show for his entry in the Association of Photography Student Awards. Elliot's winning entry features Davey McDonald who has lived off grid in the remote mountains of Scotland for 12 years following a serious health diagnosis.

Eloise Malone, an Advertising Strategy and Planning MA student and founder of Plymouth creative agency Effervescent, has been shortlisted in the Purpose Awards, a competition that recognises

excellence in positive campaigning. Her 'Lonely Not Alone' campaign, created for the Co-op Foundation and the UK Government, tackles youth loneliness.

Games students have also been celebrating being listed as finalists in the The Rookies, an international competition for emerging talent in design and media entertainment.



Image by Elliot Counce

Help us Keep Our Beaches Safe

Falmouth Town Council and Safer Falmouth are asking for everyone's help in keeping Falmouth's beaches safe for residents, visitors and marine life.

Falmouth's beaches offer a spectacular environment for recreation and support the town's tourist economy. Problems like open fires, dog fouling and littering can threaten the public's safety and could lead to the loss of a beaches' Blue Flag status.

By working together to keep the sand safe, we can ensure a safer, cleaner and greener environment for everyone.

Sand Safe, the new campaign from Falmouth Town Council and Safer Falmouth, aims to improve beach safety by promoting these three simple rules:

1. **No open fires on the beaches**
2. **Clean up after your dog and adhere to summer dog restrictions**
3. **Bin your litter and leave only footprints**

Please report any concerns about safety on our beaches to Falmouth Town Council at info@falmouthtowncouncil.com and Cornwall Council at publicprotection@cornwall.gov.uk, online at [cornwall.gov.uk/report-it](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-it), or over the phone on 0300 1234 212.



Dates for the diary:

Open Days

If you're interested in studying in Cornwall, visit us:

Falmouth University:

This year, we're offering small, socially distanced Open Campus Days:

Wednesday 23 September 2020
Friday 9 October 2020
Wednesday 28 October 2020
Friday 13 November 2020
Friday 27 November 2020
Wednesday 9 December 2020

We're also launching virtual Open Days soon. You'll be able to find more information at:

falmouth.ac.uk/experience/open-days

University of Exeter:

Our online Open Days are designed to help you find out about studying at the University of Exeter and learn about the subjects we offer. You can live chat to staff and students and explore a range of web and video resources.

Friday 30 October 2020 – 9.00-12.00 / 14.00-17.00
Saturday 31 October 2020 – 9.00-12.00 / 14.00-17.00
Find out more at exeter.ac.uk/studying

