

BRINGING YOU NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL UNIVERSITIES

COMMUNITY

BOLD CREATIONS AND

Spring
2025

See the work of Falmouth University's brightest new talents before they embark on their creative careers, at our annual Degree Shows.

We open our doors **24-31 May** to showcase the inspiring achievements of our graduating students, in disciplines ranging from art, design and architecture to film, photography and fashion. Exhibitions are free, at our Penryn and Falmouth Campuses. Gaming fans can play the latest, greatest games at our epic Games Academy Expo, where our final-year students exhibit their work and compete for awards – like a real industry trade show. Drop in to the Expo on **Sat 24 May**, at our AMATA performance centre at Penryn Campus, for a day of gaming action.

Create your own works of art at our Community Day on **Sat 31 May**. This free event at Falmouth Campus, Woodlane, features creative workshops, family games, fabulous food, live entertainment, plant sales and tours of our tropical gardens. Find details of the week's events at falmouth.ac.uk/local-community

BIG IDEAS



HELP US RECORD THE MOST WILDLIFE EVER!

Take part in Bioblitz Penryn's 10th anniversary on **Sat 3 May** on Penryn Campus and help the University of Exeter's conservation students record as much wildlife as possible at this fun, family-friendly day. Join in with bat walks, moth trapping, ponding dipping and more. There'll be a variety of stalls from organisations including Newquay Zoo and Cornwall Wildlife Trust. Follow [@bioblitzpenryn](https://www.instagram.com/bioblitzpenryn) on Instagram for updates.



**MAJOR PERIOD COSTUME ARCHIVE
MOVES TO FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY**
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SCHOOLCHILDREN CREATE INSPIRING ARTWORK

Children from King Charles and St Just schools have taken part in the Schools Across the Ocean international learning and school twinning programme, with counterparts in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which highlights our connection with the sea and the urgent need for action on climate change. The children, aged 9-12, co-created a piece of artwork and poetry called *We Are The Ocean* with writers, scientists and educators at the University of Exeter and the Met Office and academics in the UAE. The poems can be read alongside vibrant illustrations of marine life that have transformed Grove Place, near the National Maritime Museum in Falmouth, into an open-air exhibition.



We Are The Ocean display in Falmouth.



L-R: Catherine Lucktaylor, Angeline Morrison, Libita Sibungu (image credit), Maria Christoforidou and Caroline Deeds.

CREATING SPACE FOR MIXED-HERITAGE ARTISTS

The University of Exeter's Arts and Culture team has launched Reimaginings, a project which brings together five female mixed-heritage artists in Cornwall, giving them the space to connect with each other and their own individual practice to research, reflect and experiment. The artists' work explores ancestral and indigenous knowledge, diasporic identity and the historical presence of people of African descent in Europe.

Visit artsandcultureexeter.co.uk/arts-commission/reimaginings

NEW CRITICAL MINERALS EQUIPMENT HUB

A multimillion-pound project involving Camborne School of Mines on Penryn Campus will offer equipment and expertise to businesses in Cornwall's critical minerals sector. The Critical Minerals Equipment Hub aims to expand technical capabilities and economic growth in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly by creating a nexus of key equipment and expertise in minerals processing.



Members of Cornwall Council and Camborne School of Mines. From left: Councillor Martyn Alvey, Councillor Louis Gardner, Dr Ben Keverne, Councillor David Harris, Prof Frances Wall, Dr Hadi Mohammadi and Dr Rich Crane.



CALLING CREATIVE TEENS

Our new summer holiday short courses offer an unmissable opportunity for teenagers aged 14-17 to build confidence and skills in a new area or enhance their portfolio in a subject they love. Taught by our experienced staff and using incredible studio spaces and facilities on our University campuses, these one-day courses encourage creativity and experimentation in a fun and friendly setting. All levels welcome.

falmouth.ac.uk/study/short-courses



BUILD A BASKET SHARK

Play your part in the creation of a 20ft-long basking shark made from sustainably grown willow and bamboo, to highlight environmental issues. The life-size 'basket shark' will be built at community workshops this spring through a collaborative project headed by Falmouth University, before visiting the National Maritime Museum in Falmouth and taking up temporary residence at Gyllyngvase beach.

Instagram: [@brokensharkcage](https://www.instagram.com/brokensharkcage)



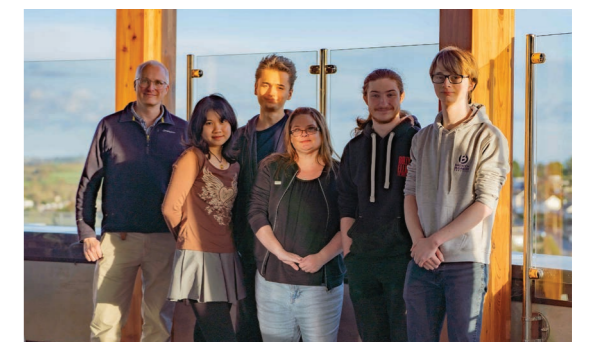
Falmouth University's Vice-Chancellor Professor Emma Hunt with Julia Fox, Honorary Curator of the collection.

NEW HOME FOR COSTUME ARCHIVE

One of the largest private clothing collections in the country, with items dating back to the 1600s, has found a home at Falmouth's Fashion & Textiles Institute. Trustees of the Devonshire Collection of Period Costume turned to the University when they needed new custodians to safeguard the vast archive. In February, the prestigious items were relocated and will now be unboxed, catalogued and integrated into teaching and research. The University also plans to explore public access to the collection, both in person and online.

STUDENTS DEVELOP A 'GAME FOR GOOD'

A groundbreaking digital game aimed at supporting the personal development and mental health of young people was tested by players at the Cornwall Tech Festival in February. Four students from Falmouth University's Games Academy joined local startup Spysquad HQ to develop the game, through the Launchpad Futures internship programme. "They've worked in the same manner as required by any profitable UK game studio to deliver a creative, quality product for a targeted market segment," said Tim Bowerbank from Pendigital, who mentored the students.



Pendigital's Tim Bowerbank, left, with Falmouth's game development team.

EVENTS

Falmouth University's arts centre AMATA at Penryn Campus offers an exciting programme of performances and productions. This season's highlights include...



PERFORMANCE 29 May

Discover the fun side of fungi in *The Mushroom Show*, with puppetry, games and music for all the family.



DANCE WORKSHOP 26-27 July

Grace Murdoch leads a two-day creative workshop for new and current dance students in school years 7-13.

MUSICAL THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL 18-23 August



An opportunity to join a six-day summer school at AMATA, in partnership with Hall for Cornwall, culminating in a public performance of Disney's *Newsies Jr.* Young performers (school years 7-13) will work with professionals in singing, acting and dance.

Visit falmouth.ac.uk/arts-centre for info and booking.



FITNESS

Park Run. Free and fun! Every Saturday at 9am, Penryn Campus. parkrun.org.uk/penryncampus

BAGS OF SUPPORT FOR CHARITY

Students leaving their accommodation in Falmouth and Penryn in 2024 donated 637 bags of unwanted items to the British Heart Foundation's Pack for Good campaign, an initiative that sees reusable preloved items such as stationery, kitchen appliances, books, clothes and bedding sold in the charity's shops. The items, with a value of around £9,500 and weighing more than five tonnes, might otherwise have ended up as landfill.



LGBTQ+ RUGBY CLUB WELCOMES MEMBERS

A new LGBTQ+ inclusive rugby club has been set up in Falmouth. The mission of the Kernow Piskies is to create a safe and welcoming space where players can be themselves, make friends, keep fit and enjoy rugby.

kernowpiskies.com



EXPERT'S CORNER

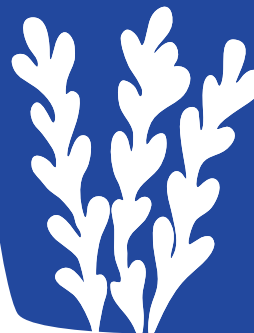
A love of the outdoors has seen Toby Nanning, Head Gardener at Penryn Campus, develop a new area of expertise.

Toby and his teenage daughter Nancy are trained recorders for the Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Marine Strandings Network (MSN), collecting vital information about dead marine animals found on our local beaches and coastline – including dolphins, seals, sharks and seabirds. "Volunteering helps us feel more connected to the environment," says Toby, who attended more than 40 strandings last year. "It's good to give something back."



Toby's tips for marine strandings

"The MSN investigates stranded marine wildlife to determine the cause of death and identify threats to their survival," says Toby. "If you find a stranded animal, call the hotline immediately on **0345 2012626**. Don't touch the animal; follow the advice given, which might include sending photos



or videos. Where possible, an MSN recorder will attend to collect information such as measurements and condition, providing valuable data for marine life protection."

- If you find a **live** stranded marine animal, call the British Divers Marine Life Rescue on 01825 765546.

OPEN DAYS

Book an online or in-person Open Day to learn about studying at our universities:

University of Exeter, Cornwall

Penryn Campus

On-campus Open Day: Wed 28 May (undergraduate)
exeter.ac.uk/study

Falmouth University

On-campus Open Day: Sat 24 May (undergraduate)
falmouth.ac.uk/experience