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# Higher Education at Weymouth College

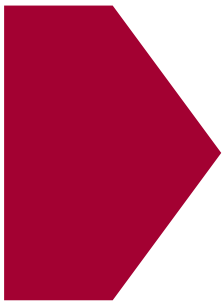
‘Transforming the lives and economic prosperity of local people by providing the opportunity to access learning delivered to the highest standards.’

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# Presentation Aims



**Overview of current Higher Education Provision at Weymouth College**



**Explain how to apply/ find further information on HE courses**

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# Your Study Choices



- ▶ FdA Creative Media Production
- ▶ FdA Art and Design Practice
  
- ▶ FdSc Health and Social Care
- ▶ FdSc Sport; Coaching, Health and Fitness
- ▶ FdSc Public Services
  
- ▶ HNC Engineering
- ▶ HNC Construction
- ▶ HNC Business (Service Industries pathway)
- ▶ HNC Performing arts
  
- ▶ HND Performing arts (Musical Theatre)
- ▶ HND Computing
- ▶ HND Creative Media (Visual Effects)
- ▶ HND Business
- ▶ HND Music

# Overview

## Why study a foundation degree or Higher National Diploma?



- ▶ A Foundation degree or HND gives opportunities to those who would like to progress their academic studies, expand their knowledge and earn money at the same time.
- ▶ A Foundation degree or HND provides the opportunity for students to continue their studies in a familiar and **less financially demanding environment** progressing from their current studies.

### University of Plymouth

- ▶ Recently shortlisted for one of the most coveted and prestigious awards in the national higher education sector.
- ▶ The institution has been placed second in the UK in the 2018 Times Higher Education Young University Awards.
- ▶ Guardian University Awards: 2015 winner for Social and Community impact
- ▶ Teaching Excellence Framework : Silver Award

### BTEC Higher National Diplomas

- ▶ Largest awarding organisation offering academic and vocational qualifications that are globally recognised and benchmarked.
- ▶ 74% of employers want new hires with practical knowledge and skills combined; 90% of BTEC students are employed full-time after graduating;

# Why Weymouth College?

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1

Students from all backgrounds **achieve outstanding outcomes** for employment, highly skilled employment or further study, notably exceeding college benchmarks.

2

Outstanding student satisfaction **90.32%** (NSS 2019/20 with a Sector average 83.48%)

3

Outstanding academic support at **90%** (8.1% above the benchmark, in the **top 10%** of absolute performance)

4

The College has a **dedicated** Higher Education centre and HE Registrar allowing students **access** to a range of facilities and **highly qualified** staff for HE.

# Benefits of studying a Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma



## Learner Experience

- ✓ BSc (Top up year) of degree offered from September 2020.
- ✓ HE Identity and culture
- ✓ Additional qualifications whilst studying
- ✓ High quality local provision alongside access to all the benefits of the University of Plymouth's resources (campus based and online).
- ✓ Close links with a range of organisations to provide off site visits / guest speakers / work placement opportunities.
- ✓ Enables access to HE locally (without the need to travel / move).

## Financial Benefits

*"Tuition fees aside, college students are currently graduating with **£17,500 less debt** than their university counterparts because of lower living costs, according to our latest research"*

**Davy, 2011**

Weymouth College have confirmed they will **charge £6,650** for students starting their University of Plymouth partner college Foundation degrees in September 2021.

This means you could **save £3,000 a year** by continuing your studies here at Weymouth College (in partnership with University of Plymouth).

## Mgmt of HE Provision

- ✓ Flexible delivery enabling students to work and learn at the same time.
- ✓ More cost effective as less expense if studying locally (no maintenance / accommodation fees for living in student housing etc).
- ✓ Smaller class sizes providing more focused student delivery and support (& enabling transition from A level to degree level).
- ✓ Professional and inspirational staff from a wide range of employment backgrounds (trained to University of Plymouth

# Enrichment on the course



In addition to studies, students can participate in a wide range of visits, trips and guest speakers specific to their higher education course.

Students can also undertake paid or voluntary work within their subject area that supports their studies.

- ▶ Visits to the Photography show at the NEC, guest speakers on image pixel MOS sensor inventor and Tonkin Liu - Light Weymouth.
- ▶ Visiting professional theatre companies such as Smoking Apples and Milk
- ▶ Visiting guest artists including Bea Haines, Semiotics and Fiona Robinson
- ▶ Visits to Forston Clinic (Mental Health unit), Guest speakers on diabetes, residential to London to the Old Operating Theatre and Museum of Pathology
- ▶ Level 2 gym instructors qualification alongside visits to the Nuffield health Centre in Yeovil, Horfield Leisure centre in Bristol, Principality Stadium in Cardiff

# After your FdSc or HND.....



Complete the final year of a Bachelor's Degree at the University of Plymouth



Name: Jack Mitchell  
**HND Music Performance**

Jack built a music tuition company for the local educational settings and is a private percussion tutor.

Go straight into industry



Name: Sarah Stephens  
**FdSc Health and Social Care**

Sarah completed her FdSc in Health and Social Care and went to Winchester University to complete a top up degree in Health and Community Studies. She has achieved a 2:1.

Complete the final BSc (Hons) Professional Studies (Health and Community) at College



Name: Matthew Bancroft  
**FdA Actor Training**

Matthew is a freelance T.V. and radio actor





# What to do next



## Courses

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## Entry Requirements

UCAS Points Range:



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# **Any Questions / Discussion Points**