

# PLYMOUTH COLLEGE

## PLYMOUTH, UK



Age Range  
11-18



Private  
Boarding  
School



EU Students  
accepted



NON-EU  
Students  
accepted



Term  
3-4 months



Semester  
5-6 months



Academic  
Year



London  
Heathrow  
Airport



### AN EXCELLENT INDEPENDENT BOARDING SCHOOL BASED IN THE VERY HEART OF PLYMOUTH, BRITAIN'S OCEAN CITY.

At Plymouth College they believe their purpose is to educate, enrich and empower every single one of their pupils in an environment that is intellectually and emotionally stimulating, progressive and adventurous.

First and foremost, Plymouth College is a place of learning. Exceptional teaching and support in very small classes help to ensure that every pupil fulfils and often exceeds their academic and intellectual potential. Their pupils achieve great exam results and secure places at Oxbridge and Russell group universities or top-flight apprenticeships.

Beyond the classroom, the personal development of their students is at the heart of everything they do at Plymouth College. Their pastoral care and wellbeing support are second-to-none and, through their wonderfully enriching programme of co-curricular activities, pupils learn to develop qualities such as resilience, humility and compassion, and skills such as leadership, communication and team-working.

### Where is Plymouth College?



### Facts about Plymouth

- Population: 264,727
- 1 hour from Exeter
- Closest airport: London Heathrow Airport
- Plymouth is on the sunny South Coast in the beautiful county of Devon.



SCHOOL TYPE	
State (Public)	
Private Day	
Private Boarding	●

QUALIFICATIONS AVAILABLE	
A Level (1 year intense)	
A Level (2 year)	●
GCSE	●
T Levels	
BTEC	●
Extended Project Qualification	●
University Foundation	
IB	
Other (iGCSE)	



**Total Number of Students Enrolled**  
**675**

**Specialised Elite Sport Programmes**

**Small Class Size**

**Average number of different nationalities**  
**30**

**Most recent ISI Inspection graded quality of pupils personal development as 'Excellent'**

**Total Number of International Students Enrolled**  
**95**

- University Acceptances**
- Bath University
  - Cardiff University
  - University of California, Berkeley
  - Durham University
  - Princeton University, USA
  - King's College, London
  - Bristol University

- FAMOUS ALUMNI**
- Tom Daley** - World Champion Diver
  - Dawn French** - Comedian & Actress
  - Ruta Meilutyte** - World Champion Swimmer
  - Richard Deacon** - Turner Prize Winner

**School Uniform**  
**YES**

**A\* - C Grades**  
**91%**



## CORE SUBJECTS

Maths	●
English Language	
English Literature	●

## SCIENCES

Biology	●
Chemistry	●
Agricultural Science	
Environmental Sciences	
Statistics	
Sport Science	
Physics	●

## LANGUAGES

French	●
Spanish	●
Russian	
Mandarin	
Italian	
Turkish	
German	●
Latin	

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

Psychology	●
Religious Studies	
Business Studies	●
Sociology	
History	●
Government & Politics	
Physical Education	●
Classics	●
Geography	●
Economics	●
RE & Philosophy	●

## PRACTICAL/BTEC

Sport	
Sport Baccalaureate	●
Home Economics	
Hospitality	
Hair & Beauty	
Business Studies	
Physical Education	

## MUSIC AND ARTS

Music	●
Art	●
Drama	●
Photography	

## TECHNOLOGY

Product Design	●
Computer Science/IT	
Graphic Design	
Fashion & Textiles	



## BOARDING AT PLYMOUTH COLLEGE

Plymouth College replicates the best qualities of family life in the boarding house. They endeavour to create a close-knit community where life-long friendships are formed. The school is warm and welcoming; the pupils are happy and absorbed in their work and play and enjoy the opportunities that they simply would not have elsewhere. They often hear students, within days of starting at the school, saying that the boarding house feels like a second home. The Plymouth College boarding experience is both stimulating and enriching. Investment in boarding facilities has resulted in an excellent standard of accommodation. Leisure and study areas create both a sense of community and growth in independence, as pupils progress from childhood to adulthood in a wonderfully caring environment. They are hugely proud that Plymouth College boarding has been recognised as part of the Independent Schools of the Year shortlist under the International Student Experience category. The whole community, staff and students make significant efforts to welcome students from all around the world into the community at Plymouth College. The learning about and celebration of different cultures within their community is a very important part of Plymouth College boarding and the diversity that they foster there.

## PERFORMING SWIMMING

Plymouth College is proud to be in a partnership with Plymouth Leander - one of Great Britain's leading Swimming Clubs - to provide one of the world's best swimming programmes. This partnership allows talented athletes from all over the UK - and indeed the world - to meet the demands of a Performance Swimming programme coupled with first-class support to achieve academic success. Athletes who join Plymouth College and Plymouth Leander will become more than just better pupils and faster swimmers. They will learn and develop values that will benefit them for the rest of their lives helping them to become well-rounded young people. Team spirit, respect, discipline, compassion, organisation, decision making under pressure, attention to details, humility and commitment are key to their learning journey. Swimmers have access to the 10-lane 50m and 6-lane 25m pools at Plymouth Life Centre, the school's own 5-lane 25m pool and the 4-lane 25m pool at the Leisure Centre in Plympton. The programme offers 30 hours of high-performance swimming a week over 12 sessions, held before, during and straight after school. A further 90 hours of swimming time complete the programme, making this one of the most comprehensive pool programmes in the UK. Land work takes place in the Strength & Conditioning Suite onsite, after swimming or during free periods.

## SPORTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Discoverers Club
- Yorkshire Trip
- Explorers Club
- Three Peaks Challenge
- Ten Tors
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Sailing Club
- CCF
- Music and Singing
- Female Leaders
- Business School
- Performance Swimming
- Pentathlon & Fencing
- Diving
- Basketball
- Choir
- Creative Writing
- STEM Club
- Chess Club
- Our Planet Club
- Jewellery Making
- Politics Society
- Golf Club
- Robotics Club

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed application returned to Educatius
- Previous 2 years grade transcripts
- Teacher reference
- Plymouth College English & Maths assessments
- Interview with Plymouth College



## WHY CHOOSE PLYMOUTH COLLEGE?

### DIVING

Based at the world-class Plymouth Life Centre, the club and its team of coaches offer diving programmes from entry-level right through to elite international divers such as former Plymouth College pupil, Tom Daley. The dry gym is set up for the practice of technical skills on somersault blocks, trampolines, into the foam pit and potentially using overhead harnesses. Divers are able to train together, attend the same school, and in many cases board together. The programme at Plymouth College allows young divers to flourish and gain the best of both worlds - diving at the UK's premier diving club and an excellent personalised education programme.

### PERFORMANCE SPORT

Plymouth College's impressive accolades and achievements by pupils, while still at school, include Olympic, World, European and Commonwealth champions at both junior and senior levels. If Plymouth College was a country, it would have been in the top 50 on the medal table during the London Olympics! They have had over 160 athletes represent 47 different nations in 15 different sports since the turn of the century, showcasing their track record of success and their internationally recognised performance sport culture.